

# Highland CUSD 5 to Administer 5Essentials Survey

Highland CUSD 5 will work in concert with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to conduct a statewide survey of school climate and learning conditions. The survey provides opportunity for students, teachers, and parents to have a voice in improving their schools by taking a 25-minute research-based survey to help identify strengths and weaknesses in their school's learning environment. This survey serves as a reflective opportunity for schools to review progress in a variety of areas.

## 5Essentials Survey

***The Illinois 5Essentials Survey provides a comprehensive overview of each school's organizational culture in an individualized report measuring five areas for school success:***

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environment
- Ambitious Instruction

Twenty years of research at the University of Chicago in over 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of the 5Essentials were 10 times more likely to make significant gains in reading and math scores than schools that were weak on three or more of the Essentials. Generated from a rigorous analysis of survey responses, 5Essentials Reports demonstrate what students, teachers, and parents say about their schools and serve as important indicators for school success and areas to improve.

Highland CUSD 5 has consistently participated in the statewide 5Essentials Survey and is opting to administer the survey to students, faculty, and parents again this year to continue tracking and informing progress. **Your participation in the parent portion of the survey helps us understand conditions at your child's school and guides improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.**

**The Illinois 5Essentials Survey window runs Oct. 24, 2019 to Feb. 14, 2020.**

**\*\*\*\*Parents can take the survey at <http://survey.5-essentials.org...>**

**HHS students will take the 5Essentials survey later in the year.**

For more information visit: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/5Essentials-Survey.aspx>

*Thank you for your participation in the 5Essentials Survey.*