

Fall 2020 Return to School Survey

July 2020

Introduction

In June 2020, the NYCDOE launched surveys to families (3K-12) and students (grades 6-12). The surveys were online, anonymous and available in all DOE-supported languages. The surveys closed on Monday, June 30.

Topics included: importance of health and safety precautions, comfort with wearing a mask in DOE buildings, scheduling preferences, and prioritization of activities for remote and in-person learning.

	# of Responses
Families	301,138
Students	117,700

Responses by Borough

	Families		Estimated % of Responses
	PK-12 Enrollment	Surveys Submitted	
Bronx	188,006	41,112	22%
Brooklyn	273,633	78,540	29%
Manhattan	142,619	46,283	32%
Queens	278,143	89,117	32%
Staten Island	62,015	23,033	37%

	Students		Estimated % of Responses
	Grades 6-12 Enrollment	Surveys Submitted	
Bronx	96,014	19,639	20%
Brooklyn	144,739	30,503	21%
Manhattan	88,216	17,782	20%
Queens	146,319	38,224	26%
Staten Island	32,301	6,896	21%

Health & Safety Precautions

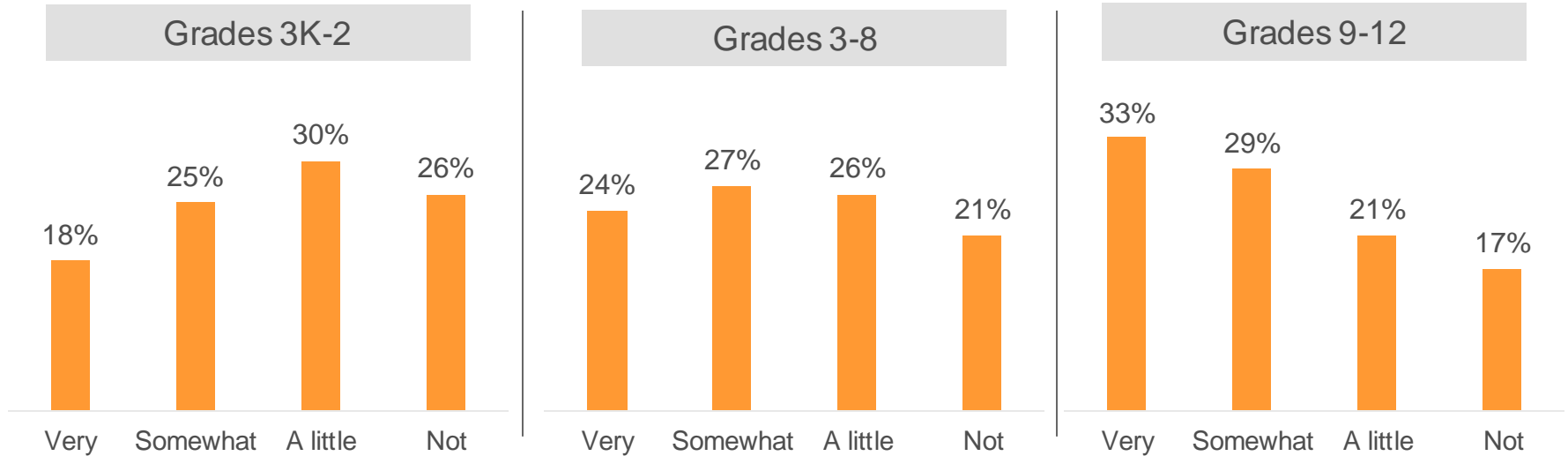
Families: Please indicate how important the following precautions are in sending your child back to school.
 Students: Would the changes below make you more or less comfortable going to school in person?

Percent who answered “Very important”/ “More comfortable”

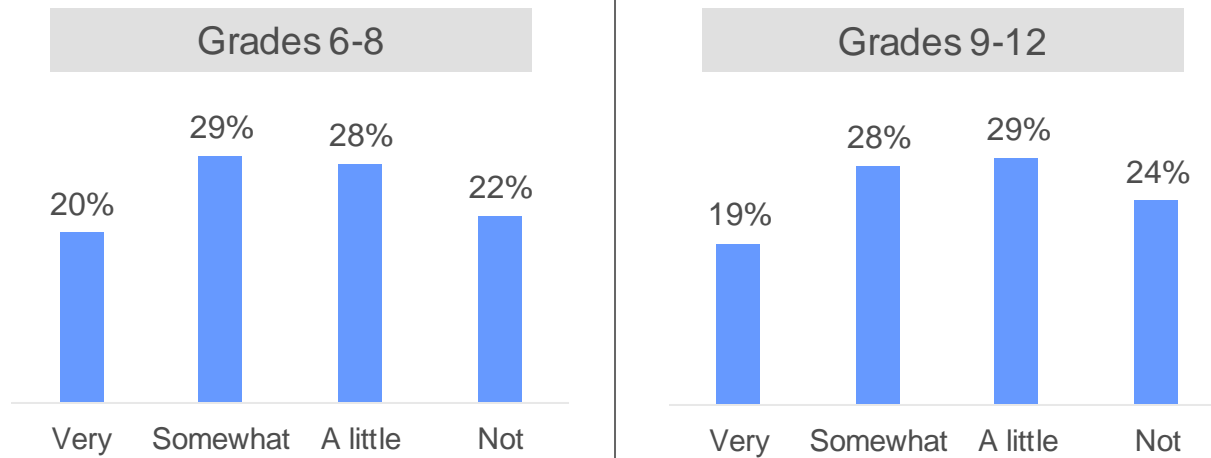
	Families	Students
Students and staff regularly wash hands.	95%	88%
Hand sanitizer is provided in each classroom.	92%	90%
The school is thoroughly cleaned at least once a day.	91%	79%
Materials shared among students are cleaned in between use.	83%	N/A
Temperatures are checked before entering the school.	77%	57%
Visitors and volunteers are limited on campus.	76%	56%
Bus driver and attendant wear masks.	75%	65%
Students and staff are required to wear masks.	73%	52%
The number of students in each class is reduced by 50%.	66%	45%
Students only interact with those in their class(es).	59%	31%
School buses run at half capacity.	55%	44%

Comfort with Wearing Masks

Families: How comfortable would your child be with wearing a mask to school?

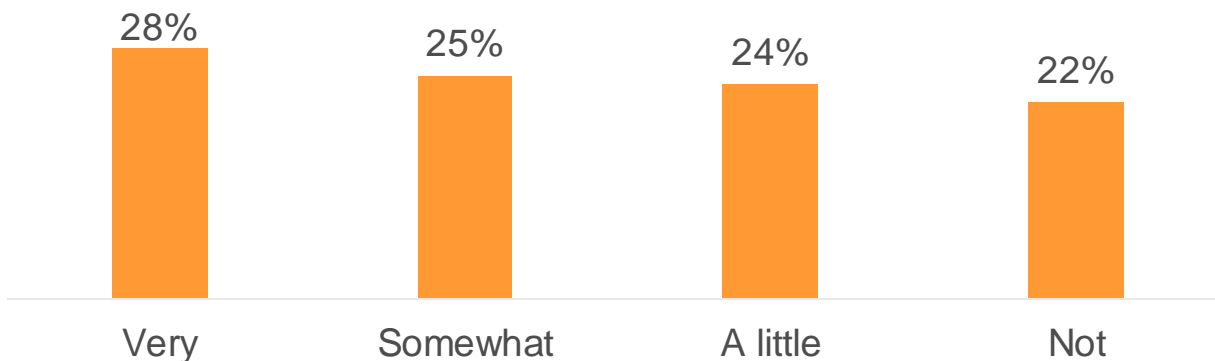


Students: How comfortable would you be wearing a mask to school?

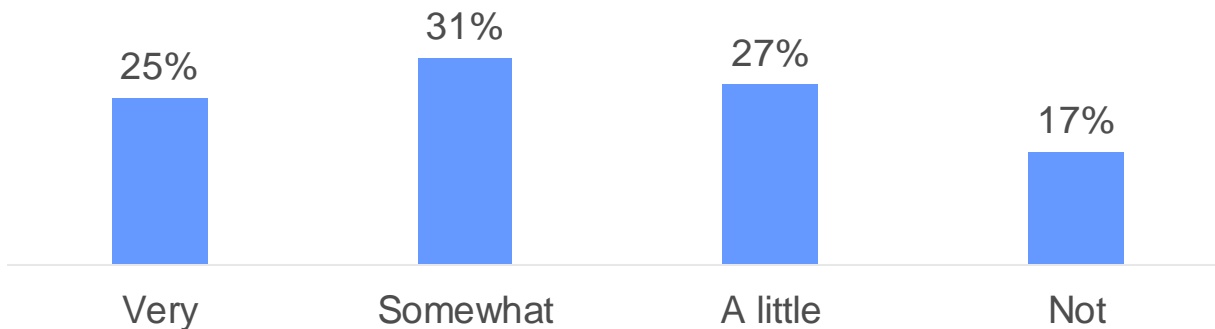


Comfort with Coming Back to School Buildings

Families: How comfortable are you with sending your child to a school building every day this fall, if recommended health and safety measures, such as social distancing, are in place?



Students: How comfortable are you going to in-person school every day this fall, if there are health and safety measures like social distancing?

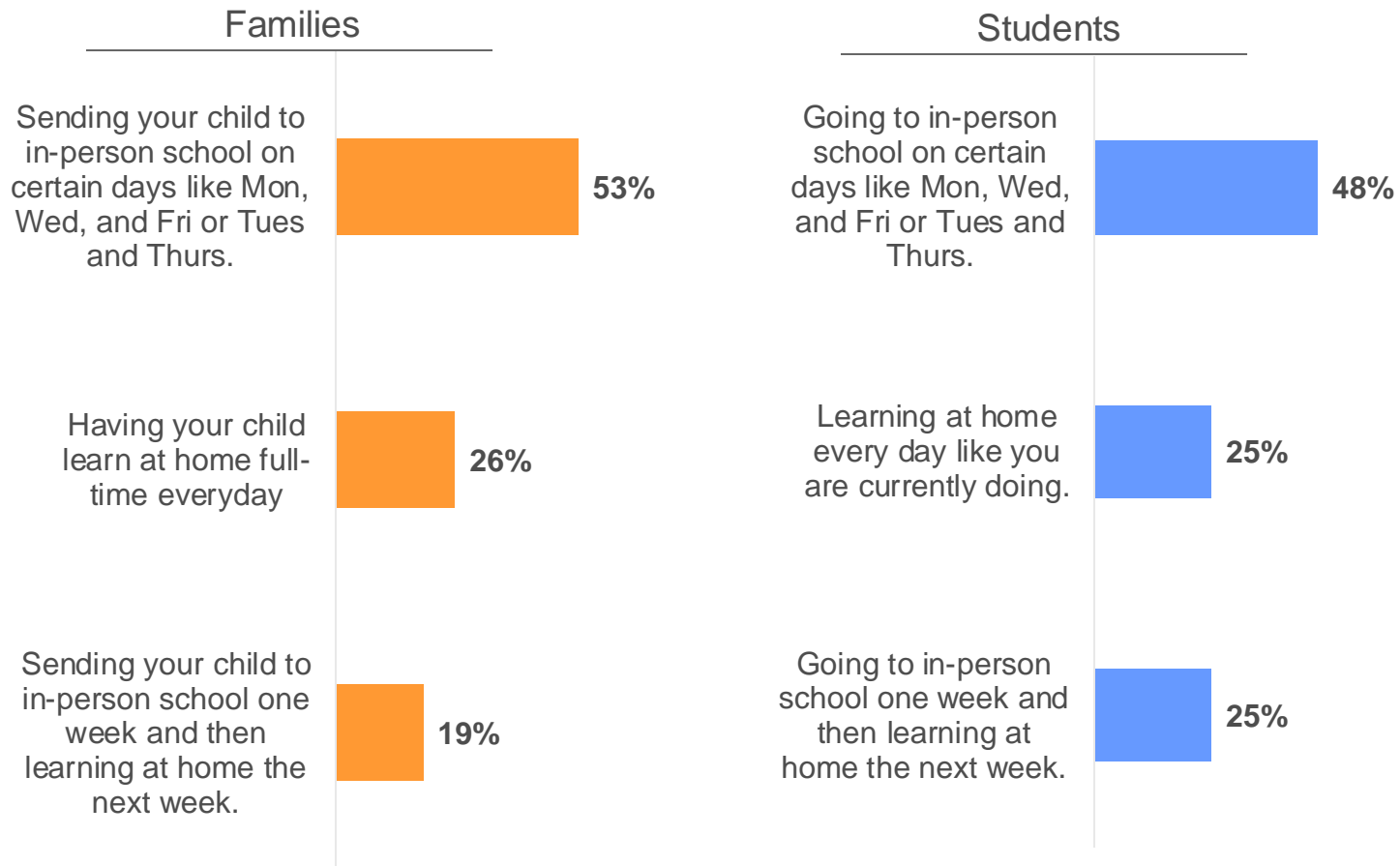


Preferred Option for Scheduling in the Fall

Families: Please rank the scheduling options presented below from most preferred (1) to least preferred (3).

Students: Below are some options for what school could look like. Please rank your 1st choice, 2nd choice, and 3rd choice option.

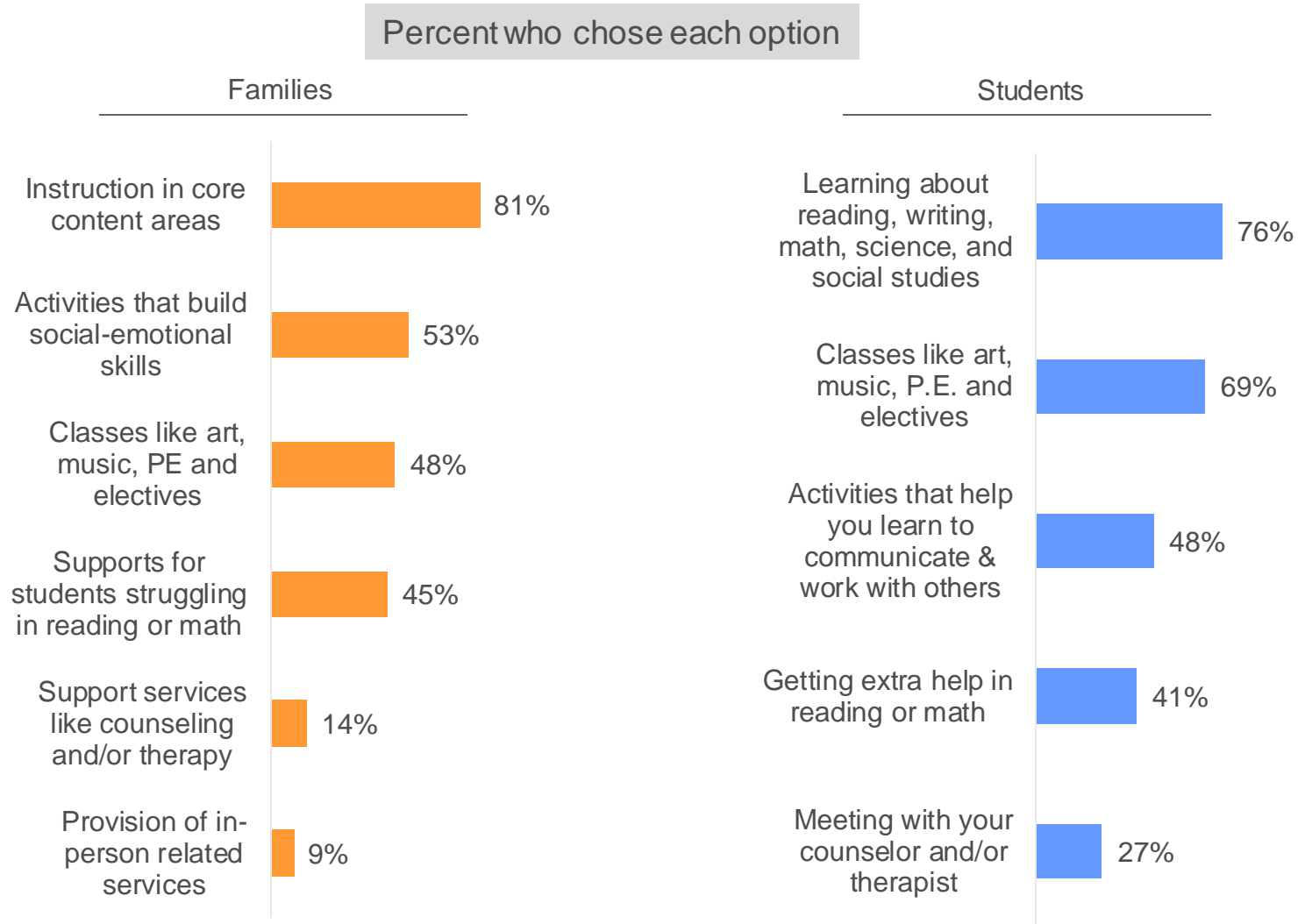
Percent who ranked each option as their first choice



Experiences to Prioritize for In-Person Learning

Families: What are the most important experiences for your child while attending school in-person? Choose 3.

Students: Choose the top 3 things you would like to do when you're learning in-person at school next year.



Supports for Remote Learning in the Fall

Families: Which of the following supports do you feel would be most helpful for students learning at home?
 Students: Which of the following supports would be most helpful to you while learning at home?

Percent who chose each option

	Families	Students
A variety of ways to learn from home (paper packets, recorded videos, live teaching, one-on-one tutoring, small group work, etc.)	69%	55%
Live instruction at least once per day	58%	36%
More access to teachers when your child has questions	39%	38%
More social interaction with classmates online	37%	41%
An easier way for you or your child to monitor their progress in school	34%	55%
Virtual extracurricular activities such as clubs	19%	35%
Hands-on materials like age-appropriate books, manipulatives, toys and games	13%	N/A
Additional supports in my child's home language	2%	N/A

Child Care

Families: If we continue with learning at home in the fall, do you anticipate needing childcare during the week when your child is not attending school in-person?

