

# 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.

	Number 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

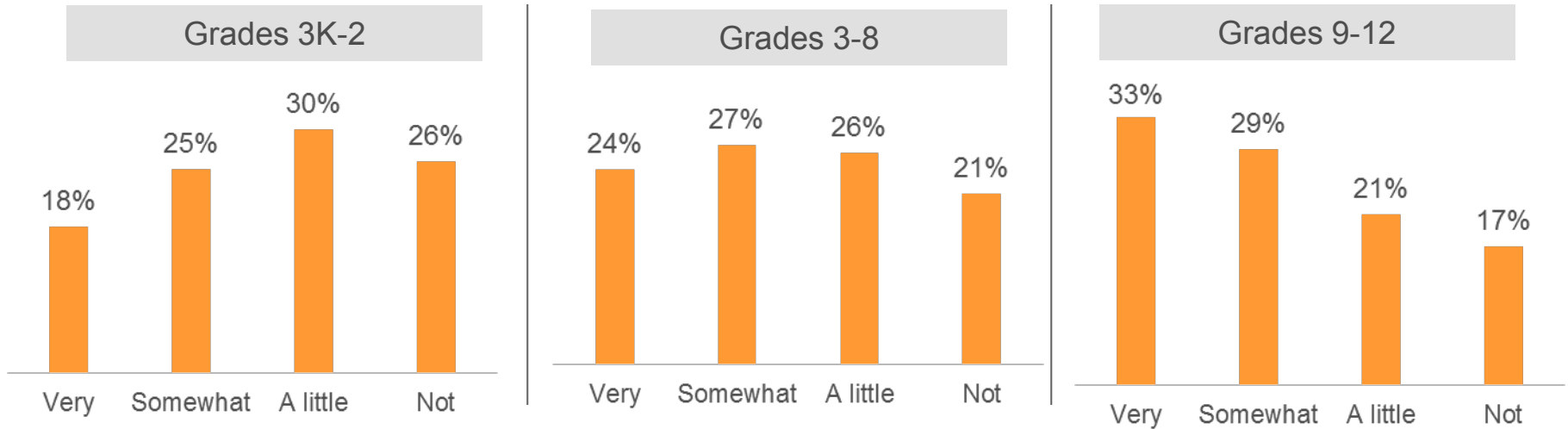
Families: Please indicate how important the following precautions are in sending your child back to school.  
 Students: Would the changes below make you more or less comfortable going to school in person?

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

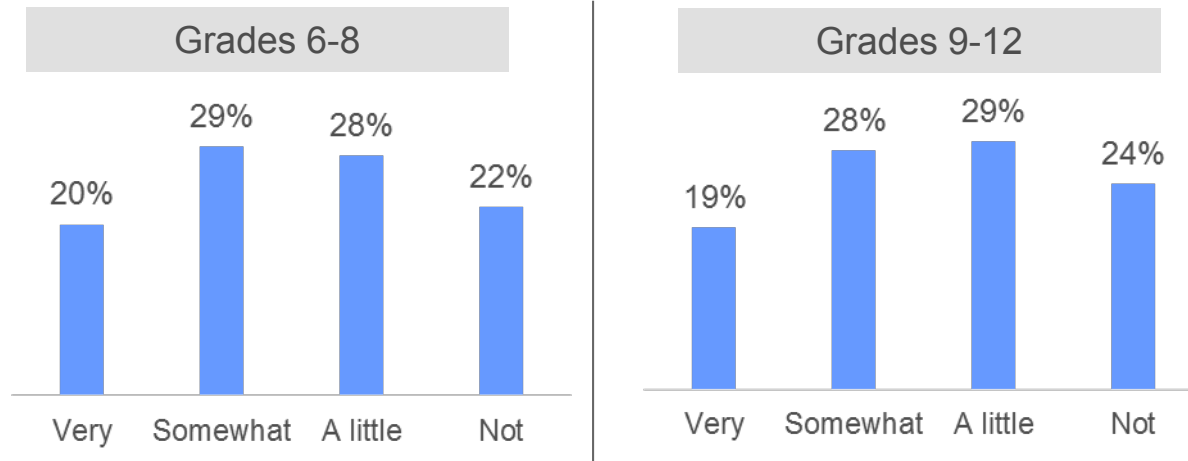
	Families	Students
Students and staff regularly wash hands.	95%	88%
Hand sanitizer is provided in each classroom.	92%	90%
The school is thoroughly cleaned at least once a day.	91%	79%
Materials shared among students are cleaned in between use.	83%	N/A
Temperatures are checked before entering the school.	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?

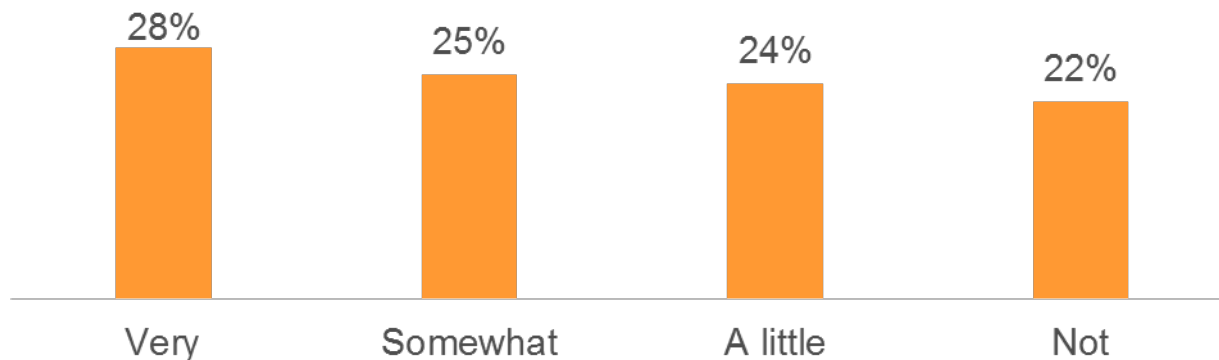


Students: How comfortable would you be wearing a mask to school?

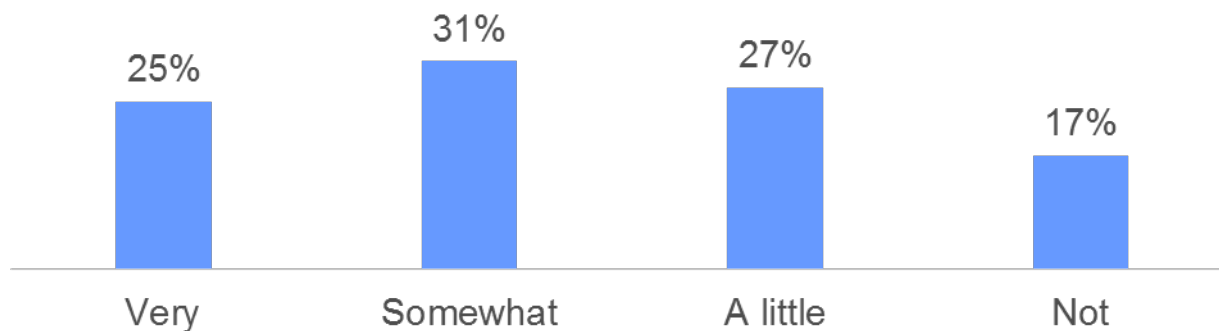


# Comfort with Coming Back to School Buildings

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?

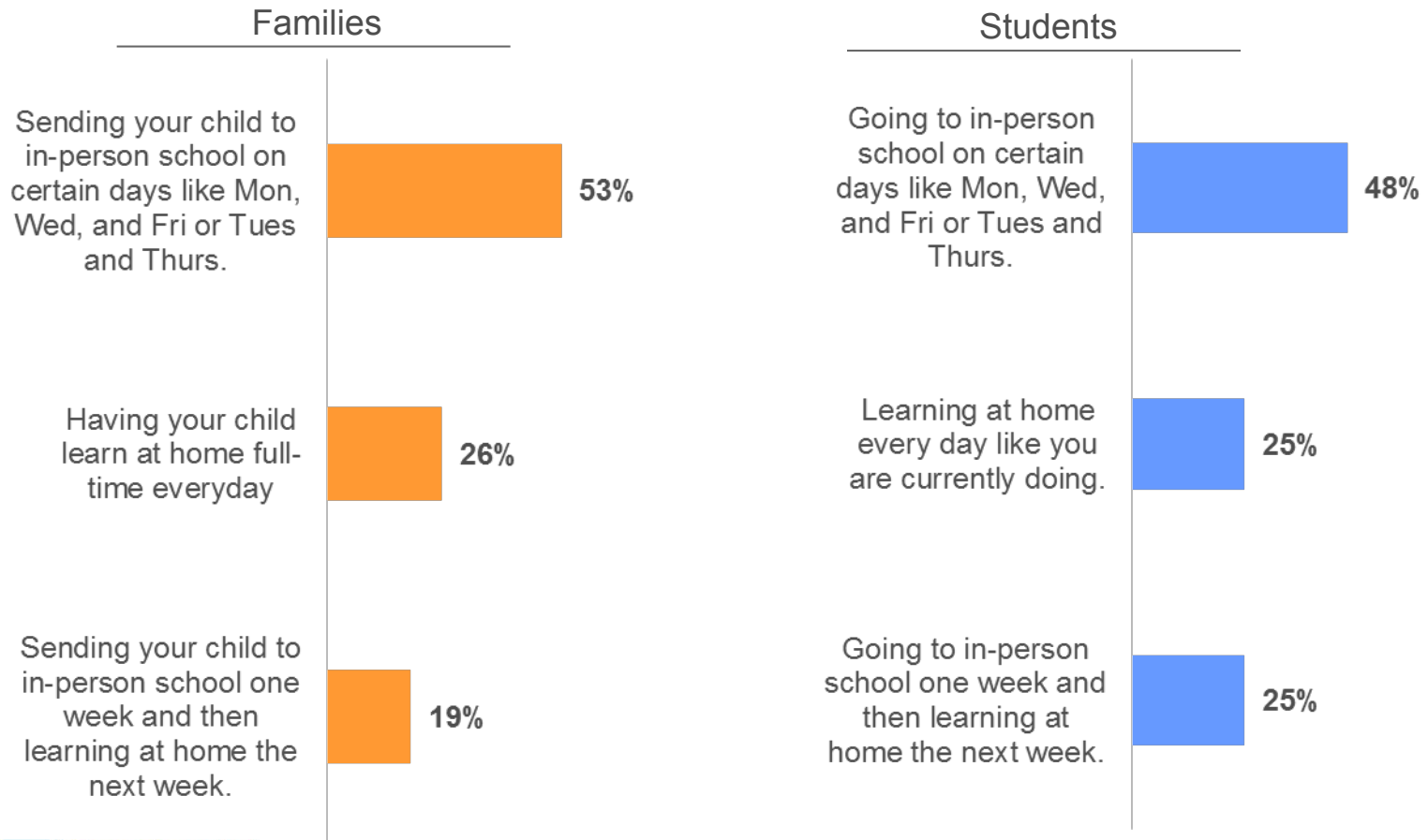


# Preferred Option for Scheduling in the Fall

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.

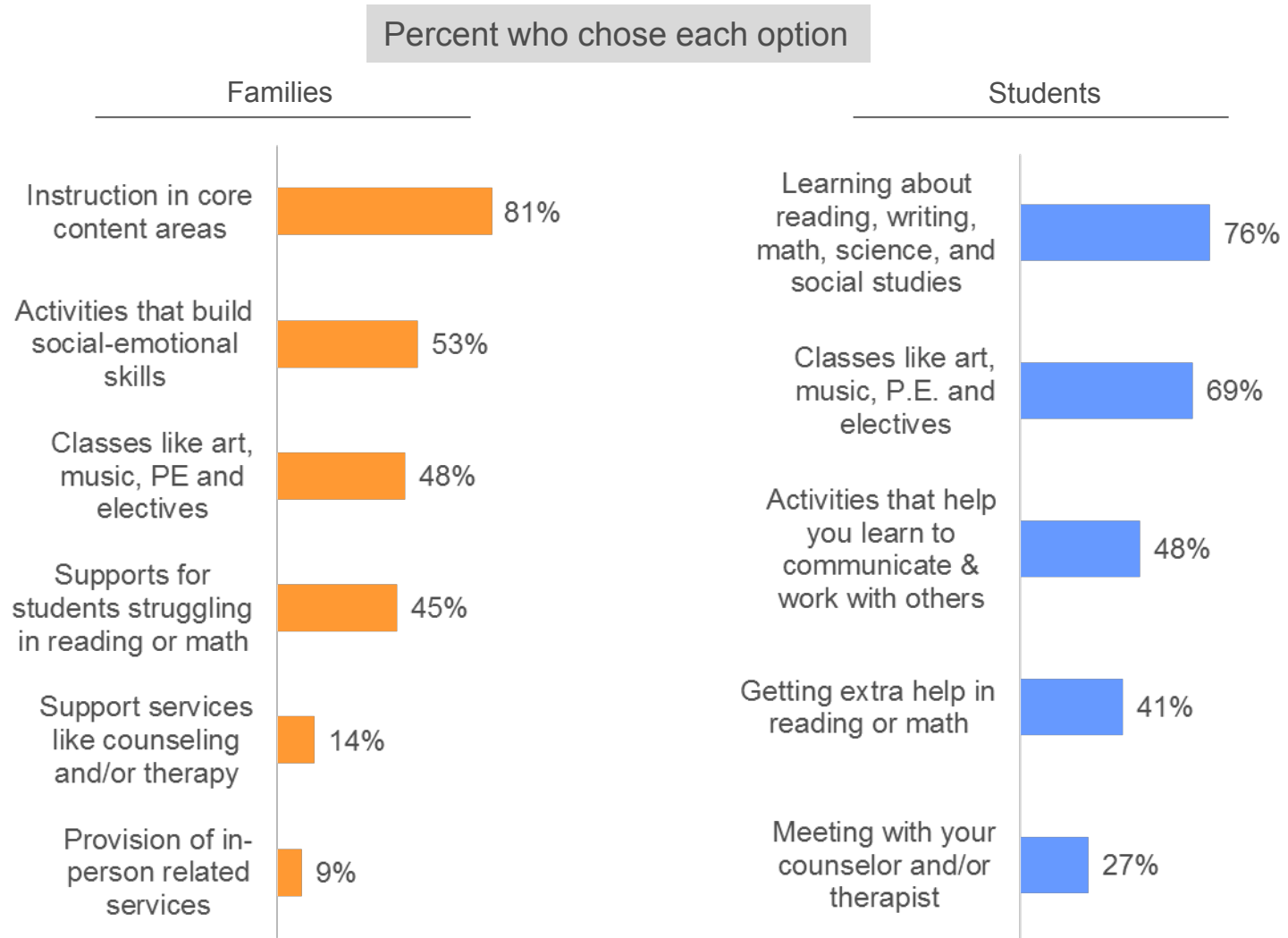
Percent who ranked each option as their first choice



# 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?

