



Anthropologist Survey Method 2: Assess your school environment

You spend a lot of time at school every week. How do you think the school campus, meals and environment affect your choices? In this survey, you will examine your school to determine the factors that may contribute to your choices and behaviors. Before completing the survey, you may need to walk around your school and possibly interview your principal before making your decision. Once you understand what activities your school is involved in, rank how well you feel your school does in providing a healthy environment.

Questions	Great Job! 5	Good Job 4	OK 3	Poor Job 2	Awful Job 1
1. How well does your school promote a healthy eating program?					
2. How much does your school promote physical activity beside your P.E. class?					
3. How well does your school require every student to participate in PE every year?					
4. How involved are students in helping administrators make decisions about nutrition and physical activity in your school?					
5. How well does our school offer breakfast, lunch and after school snack programs?					

1. What did you learn about your school that surprised you?
2. What three things would you change about your school environment?
3. How does your school environment affect your eating and activity choices and behaviors?


Group Work: Analyze your Results

1. Create a graph:

Once everyone in the class completes the surveys, assign two people in the group to make a master copy with all the numbers. You will need to know the score for each item as noted on the first line of the survey form (for example, the "OK" response =3). To do that, use the chart below to write down the scores each person gave each item.

Anthropologists, put your data into a graph to help you decide how your school measures up.

First, record the scores of each response from all of the surveys using the table below. **Second, add** the numbers in each column using a calculator and put the total in the bottom row.

	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5
Student 1					
Student 2					
Student 3					
Student 4					
Student 5					
Student 6					
Student 7					
Student 8					
Student 9					
Student 10					
Total score 					

Using the graph for "Survey 2 – School Environment" in the *Anthropologists Presentation Template*, replace the numbers in the datasheet with the numbers from the last line above.

2. Note special comments

Using a highlighter marker, mark comments classmates made that you feel are especially important. As a group, decide on 3-5 comments to share with the class in your presentation.

3. Discuss what you've learned

As a group, decide the most important things you've learned about your school environment. As researchers, what areas do you feel should be addressed if you are to change the behavior of your classmates? Answer the question, "If we were to change our schools for the better, we think it is most important to..."