
Do you feel welcome at Burroughs? Why or why not?

Everybody is really nice. If it's your first day, they will show you around and what we do here. We had a new student this year. Our whole class showed what we do and field trips

My brother helped me and supported me. He and his friends showed me around. When I got sad.

I kind of felt welcome. Cuz this girl was being mean to me. The teachers didn't do anything about it because I didn't tell them about it. It was too scary.

I feel welcome because when it was the first day of school, I walked inside and someone said "can I be your friend?" so that made me feel welcome.

Even though you have a hard time spelling and saying stuff, you have a lot of friends to help you spell and say stuff. (She agrees)

Got a lot of friends, I do feel welcome

I feel welcome because I have a lot of friends, teachers are really nice
Have a lot of friends, staff is nice

Lot of friends, teachers are nice, specialist teachers

Have some friends, teachers and staff are really nice

I've always felt welcome everyone here is nice. The teachers are nice and almost all the students are nice. There are always a few times people will not be but most of the time yes

I feel welcome. You make friends quickly. Every so often people will not be the best they can be.

I feel like I am welcomed- even if they don't say they want you to do something with them that affects their path or personality here. (Students make a big difference)

I've never really been discluded or anything

I feel welcome because the teachers really want to know you better. The students here treat you like really good friends even if they don't know you

How do adults make you feel welcome?

When I was 5 went to South Africa did kindergarten there. Teachers were welcoming when I came here

I seen the movie Wonder where a student goes to another school and the principal helps him make friends, teachers are just nice to them

Teachers always try to get you to keep going and try your best, they won't be disappointed as long as you're trying your hardest

Does everyone feel a part of the classroom community? Why or why not?

Like they support you.

I feel like they are my family really. Sometimes they be mean, but I feel like they are family.

(Agreement)

We all support each other. We help them if a person really needs help and the teacher is working with somebody else someone jumps in to help them. Like if they're behind. Help them with math, literature, reading.

In my class today, I feel like they are my family.

I feel discluded and included sometimes. Because there is this one girl that keeps going whenever I try to go by her, she walks away and ignores me. I don't want to go to anyone for help. It's too scary.

No

When I was new I didn't know anyone but it got better

When I got here in second grade I didn't know anyone but then I got to know my best friend and felt more comfortable

How challenging are your classes? Too easy? Too hard? Or just right?

For math class, it's a bit too easy. Regular class is just right.

For math class, sometimes it's easy and sometimes it not. Regular classes are ok.

Math class is easy and hard sometimes. Depends on the pages. Normal class is hard. Because it's hard to read. 99% that I won't go to this school next year (going to Groves).

Math class is kind of easy, not too easy. Regular class is not that easy. Writing and easy.

Reading class - get booklets, observing nature, transcontinental railroad. Excerpts from stories. You summarize it.

Math class - we did this really fun quiz called kahoot. First person who answers it right gets the most points and you want to be in top 5.

We do work alone, sometimes with a person.

In math class, sometimes our teacher lets us work together.

In reading he will do the first paragraph with us and then let us go on our own.

We have lit circles.

It depends on which class. Math is fun, but can be challenging in some parts. Definitely!

The other ones are just right. Not too hard or easy.

I agree for everything. It's not like everything is just right. Some stuff is more challenging, some easier -- it evens out.

It depends on what you're good at, like if you're good at math then you work on something else. I agree with them - some things will be just right but there are people who are just naturally good at things so it makes them easier.

I feel like every class is medium.

For me, during math time, math has always been such a challenge for me. During tests, its very difficult for me to control my emotions. Its not like that for all subjects, but for me its hard to have fun during my tests. I dont enjoy sitting still and its difficult.

We're doing a new thing called Benchmark- it's pretty challenging for everyone in my class- since we've been doing it for a while it's gotten easier. Annotating and finding the key details and main idea. Underliningtext. That was hard.

It was kind of difficult because the curriuclum if you started in kindergarten there were other things in grades that would have made it easier to understand but we started at 5th grade

Most other things pretty okay

New spelling packet-s grammatical errors

Math class

Kind of easy for me because I learned everything in the past year

I think math class is pretty helpful learned a lot of new things this year

Math class once it gets easy the teacher makes it more challenges

My whole family knows a student who gives me a hard time about work but it's fun-- He gives us easy and hard work, starts with basic but then makes it harder

Math class- start each unit gives reading pages to explain then notes on the right ways to do it then writing pages

My teacher, he'll first explain something then he'll say do you understand it then he'll explain it better to you

He always makes sure everyone understands it. They always make sure you understand.

The teachers always try to explain the basics and the he'll give us a formula or something. If the problem's too hard he gives us tips about how to approach it

**Do students in your class get the support they need when they are struggling?
What types of support does the school offer kids who need extra help?**

Support -
Speech

Some people need extra help, there's teachers who do that help. Like a specialist.

Like me going to speech.

She gets help with reading and writing.

One girl didn't know anything we were doing so I helped her learn her multiplication facts. Extra teachers for helping kids with autism focus. Help them learn more (Name), for example, if some people aren't listening or behaving. Go to his room to calm down and focus more.

People with learning disabilities they have the choice, if they need to take a break. Good support for them when they are having trouble focus.

State float parade - for some students whose parents didn't have the time and resources, some teachers offered help to get that done.

During open time, or if they didn't have a wagon...

For me, i think some of the students, some people really struggle in certain subjects and then its hard for them to talk 1:1 with a teacher or adult to really share what they are feeling.

Sometimes get in trouble for that. If they don't talk or not sharing what they are thinking.

If they don't ask the teacher, some students ask friends -- like during tests. Then they get in trouble for that.

Like sometimes if there are people who don't feel comfortable asking the teacher or an adult for help on things, so they end up in hot water not knowing how to do something.

I feel like our support to the school is really get. Everybody who needs help gets the help they need.

Yeah in general it's really good. Some kids just struggle with stuff. When you get to 4th and 5th grade, the class size grows and tis more independent so you don't get as much 1:1 time with your teacher.

Well if they don't understand it how I understand it I won't give them the answer but I'll help them understand (as a student help others?) I help other students

A lot of students and teachers will ask are you okay?

Staff--- Mpls kids,

What types of support does the school offer kids who need extra help?

I used to have a friend- he used to get out of class and get speech support

Last year teacher said ask five people if you don't understand then ask the teacher (did you like that?) yes because you can get other help

If someone's falling behind they might have someone way ahead help that student. If they don't really understand they can get help from the teacher.

What does a teacher do to help you understand?

They break it down into little pieces

They make it fun, break it down

Having break, not working all the time that just gets tiring

What about reading?

We have to write a six page life story unexpectedly- oh no. It was okay just long.

For reading beginning example. In second grade they let me just start with small books then bigger books

Each year, in kindergarten easy books, first grade just harder and up to big books in 5th grade

Teachers are good at teaching at everybody's pace- if someone is more ahead they will have stuff for them

Do you feel like if you need help you could get it at Burroughs?

Easily

Lots of nods

Helping for middle school?

Not asking to go to the bathroom all the time- not having to ask

Do some of the middle school work

Switching for other classes like science (even for a day)

BizTown--- help being an adult for a day, (Junior Achievement) we go to this place for a day...find out our jobs tomorrow

- Why do you want to do that?
- A lot of people don't get the experience of writing resumes until they are an adult
- Learn about economics and business
- Make stuff easier when they are older, checks and resumes
- Experience it how your students experience it
- They ask if you're most comfortable working with others or by yourself
- Find out what you're good with, about yourself and your future

What would you tell students from another school about how it feels to go to school at Burroughs?

Nice

Great fun place where you can learn a lot

Nice place

Lots of kids that will support you

They do stuff we can understand and they help us

It's safe

I can't imagine a school better than Burroughs

This school is huge--- great place because you won't get lost or anything; looks big on outside but inside it looks small on inside

No sharing rule- don't like that. No sharing food. Don't like that. All the classes are separated. Don't like that.

(Other students agree). If you have friends in another class don't get to talk to them

(How do rules make you feel?) I brought those up cause I don't like that other schools don't have those rules. Never really been a problem if someone isn't following the rules but they can get in trouble

This school is great but the rules are very strict. Schoolmates don't like to follow them

It's a good school. There are some rules a lot of students don't enjoy.

What is the best part about going to school at Burroughs?

You get to learn a lot and experience new things you haven't experienced before in school

We're doing more things other schools don't do- preparing for middle school, learning how to be adults not what elementary schools usually do will be helpful in our life

All really helpful- love specialists like art class and writing get to work on projects of free write

Learn new things and meet new things and know more about my teachers-- sometimes teachers tell stories about themselves (you like that?) nodding

I really like specialists because we get to switch and get different teachers and math class

Spending time with friends and meeting new friends and being prepared for the future

AMAZING! And the field trips

Students are nice to me and they support me

Amazing

OK - some parts are bad. Recess is good.

30 minute recess

In the past- chocolate milk (in that spare moment best thing!)

They make the work challenging but not so hard that you can't know it

In regular classes you don't get homework at all- you do in math class, kids are really busy with other stuff

I really like, Friday Fun- go to different classes and hang out with friends- if you get your hw done on time etc

Describe Burroughs -

A great community school

If someone is picking on you, you can always ask your classmates or teachers to help you out with that person who is bullying you or picking on you. If someone is being mean to you, just ignore and take other peoples advice to ignore them.

It feels like you have a lot of friends and you're not alone. Everybody gets bullied in their life. Nobody is perfect.

They let everybody into the school

Even if you have full classes. They'll just let you into the school.

It feels scary and kind of safe.

Sometimes it feels safe and sometimes scary.

Safe and it's nice. Everybody knows everybody and everybody is friends.

I feel like it's safe, we get help if we want it, we have the resources to do stuff like projects.

Burroughs is a really safe, secure location and it has great resources, great materials, great teachers, great staff. It's an amazing school and the lessons are hard, but it pushes our brains to work hard and know stuff more in later life.

I think if you follow the rules, you will feel safe and comfortable. We have all the drills and code yellow and code red. So its a safe place.

Yeah you feel safe and it's a fun place to learn. Instead of doing a packet in math, you made paper airplanes and measured how far it went.

I like the amount of effort teachers put in to helping students and protecting students. It makes it feel safer.

The code reds and yellows and tornado drills and fire drills -- it makes me feel safer to know that we would know what to do, if say someone came to our school with a gun or a tornado happens. It makes me feel safer knowing we are prepared.

If you could change something at Burroughs what would it be?

Also Mpls Kids should be more strict. Some people aren't strict at all. Right now I'm getting picked on by 2nd graders. I also have anger problems. I get mad and start to punch them. I wish the teachers were more strict and had better rules

That's really hard.

Small thing - I feel like it would make kids more excited to come to school. This is really weird, but I feel like it would be better if kids were allowed to chew gum at school. Whenever I do homework, I chew gum...when you're doing something frustrating, you can chew and it helps me calm down instead of ripping paper, vigorously chew gum.

For me, I feel like we don't have enough lunch time. We used to have 15 minutes, this year raised to 20 minutes. It's way better and easier, but I still feel like there could be more. Time to talk and socialize. We always talk during our lunch. All of a sudden, they say two more minutes and our table is still eating. They don't time the minutes well so 30 seconds later we have to stand up.

_____ came for the read-a-thon told us we could chew gum at Justice Page when we go there. In middle school, you can sit wherever you want for lunch. One of my best friends is in a separate class, and I don't get to see her very often except when we go to Mathnasium after school which isn't my favorite and we don't get to talk there. I wish we could socialize with other classrooms.

Next year, it should be you can sit wherever you want at lunch (for everyone) sit by your friends I don't think it should be all the grades but maybe 4th and 5th grade or trying to prepare for middle school more

Already helping us--- put locks on our lockers

Changing the recess time and lunch too how long it goes for. Have a longer lunch or recess time. It's gotten better. (Would you still change?) Decent amount of time.

They always at lunch you have to raise your hand just to get a fork or something. I don't like that because it's really easy and you don't need all that just to use a fork or use the bathroom.

During lunch there are lots of people if you forgot something sometimes the adults don't notice your hand for a long time

I would do no sharing but I would say wash your hands first and share some food but not allergies. Sit wherever you want. Recess only time to hang out with friends

I would change knives- should use plastic knives. Also sit wherever we want. Probably would change that. Recess isn't that long.

During the winter at recess teachers get really mad if you throw snowballs you should be able to play with that if you want. (Suggestion of outer rim for snowball fights)

Classes could be smaller because then teachers can talk to smaller group- more attention. When you're doing sports helps to have individual work

I think in 5th grade shouldn't have to sit on the floor (makes you feel like a little kid?) yea

When you're going to the bathroom the teacher gives you a stare down and it's sort of (embarrassing)

Kind of annoying if they think we're acting like little kids and pressuring us you're the big kids people look up to you and stuff like that

Complaint about food- some is kind of good but some mac and cheese had to spit it out

Don't like the wheat bread!

What makes a class fun?

Friends

Anything else we should know?

What you're most comfortable with--- you work harder if you're more comfortable, you know you're surroundings

- Right when I got here I didn't feel comfortable but I week later I felt comfortable
- They introduced me to stuff and made me feel like I could fit in

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hey didn't treat you like a baby just treat you like other kids

- Teachers and students
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Came in kindergarten- didn't know what was going on, teachers were encouraging

I like that just because you're young they don't let you get better treatment - they're actually teach you. I like that they push you.