

## SECTION C. - COMPARISON OF ALL STUDENT RESPONSES

Of a possible total of 1918 students, 393 (20.49%) were surveyed for this report. This section will compare the top three and bottom three responses to each question.

### 1. PRIORITY ISSUES FACING YOUTH.

**Question: Please check the three most important issues facing you as a young person.**

Students were given sixteen pre-written choices and three blank lines. They were asked to select or write in the three most important issues facing them as young people. A total of **1022 responses** to this question were received. A comparison of the **top three choices** by grade group, in descending order, are:

#### Grades 6 through 9

**11% budget cuts in education (54 students)**

11% teen sexuality (53 students)

10% alcohol and drug abuse (50 students)

#### Grades 10 through 12

**18% stress and career/college pressure (96 students)**

13% alcohol & drug abuse (70 students)

10% teen sexuality (54 students)

A comparison of the **bottom three choices** by grade group, in descending order, are:

#### Grades 6 through 9

3% hunger (15 students)

2% housing/homelessness (10 students)

**2% racial tension (9 students)**

#### Grades 10 through 12

3% environmental issues (14 students)

3% hunger (13 students)

**1% housing/homelessness (3 students)**

**The combined total responses to the question of priority issues are as follows:**

**13% stress and career/college pressure (137 students)**

**12% alcohol & drug abuse (120 students)**

**10% teen sexuality (107 students)**

9% budget cuts in education (94 students)

8% lack of opportunities/activities outside of school (81 students)

8% smoking (78 students)

6% negative adult perception of youth (60 students)

5% transportation (55 students)

5% safety (55 students)

5% lack of youth-related organizations and programs (50 students)

4% discrimination (44 students)

4% health issues (40 students)

4% environmental issues (36 students)

**3% hunger (28 students)**

**2% racial tension (24 students)**

**1% housing/homelessness (13 students)**

## 2. ACTIVITIES PERCEIVED BY YOUTH AS BEING HELPFUL.

### Question: How helpful are these types of activities in helping youth?

Students were offered twenty-one activities and asked to rank them as to whether they are very helpful, somewhat helpful, or not helpful. Each student was asked to rank each activity.

The activity perceived to be **most helpful** for youth by all grades was **Competitive Sports**. (55% overall, 59% with grades 6 - 9, 49% with grades 10 - 12).

The activity perceived to be **least helpful** for youth in grades 6 - 9 was **Leadership Training and Activities** 43% (83 students) found this activity to be Not Helpful. The activity perceived to be **least helpful** for youth in grades 10 - 12 was **Brochures, Videos, and Pamphlets that inform youth of risks**. 38% (69 students) found this activity to be Not Helpful.

The combined total of all responses are as follows:

	Types of activities: (Total # of student responses)	Very Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Not Helpful
1.	390 Competitive sports (not school-based)	213 (55%)	151 (39%)	26 (6%)
2.	383 Homework assistance or tutoring programs	150 (39%)	126 (33%)	107 (28%)
3.	389 "Drop-in" or neighborhood centers	70 (18%)	201 (52%)	118 (30%)
4.	380 Arts, writing, or music-focused activities/workshops	168 (44%)	162 (43%)	50 (13%)
5.	390 Clubs/groups with specific focus (environment, running, "girls only," etc.)	122 (31%)	162 (42%)	106 (27%)
6.	389 Recreation (including non-competitive sports, games, crafts)	181 (47%)	173 (44%)	34 (9%)
7.	393 Mentoring type programs (Big Brother/Big Sisters)	163 (41%)	156 (40%)	75 (19%)
8.	386 Brochure, videos, pamphlets, that inform about risks or where to find help	63 (16%)	197 (51%)	126 (33%)
9.	385 Classes or groups to help quit smoking or using drugs	138 (36%)	155 (40%)	92 (24%)
10.	373 Programs that teach self-defense strategies or martial arts	134 (36%)	190 (51%)	49 (13%)
11.	386 Programs that explore job or career options or job preparation	174 (45%)	167 (43%)	45 (12%)
12.	393 "Real life" learning experiences (Baby-Think-It-Over, drunk driving goggles)	152 (39%)	147 (37%)	94 (24%)
13.	390 Outdoor experiences, camps, or challenge courses	166 (43%)	158 (40%)	66 (17%)
14.	388 Programs that focus on teaching a skill or a hobby	115 (30%)	202 (52%)	71 (18%)
15.	388 Programs that involve parents or the entire family	88 (23%)	189 (49%)	111 (28%)
16.	386 Professional counseling programs or crisis intervention	106 (27%)	180 (47%)	100 (26%)
17.	391 Motivational speakers or presenters in school	84 (21%)	198 (51%)	109 (28%)
18.	383 Leadership Training/Activities	91 (24%)	159 (42%)	133 (34%)
19.	387 Transportation programs	98 (25%)	203 (52%)	86 (23%)
20.	369 Community Service Opportunities	83 (22%)	198 (54%)	88 (24%)
21.	379 Social Activities	164 (43%)	177 (47%)	38 (10%)

### 3. WHAT YOUTH RELATED ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS WOULD YOUTH FUND.

**Question: If you had the money to fund programs, which youth-related programs or activities would you fund? Please check those that interest you.**

This question received a total of **1827** responses. A comparison of the **top three choices** by grade group, in descending order, are::

#### **Grades 6 through 9**

**13% after school sports (133 students)**

10% art classes (98 students)

9% fitness classes/workshops (96 students)

#### **Grades 10 through 12**

**12% after school sports (95 students)**

9% fitness classes/workshops (76 students)

9% after school recreation (76 students)

A comparison of the **bottom three choices** by grade group, in descending order, are:

#### **Grades 6 through 9**

4% community social activities (42 students)

3% counseling services (33 students)

**3% mentoring programs (29 students)**

#### **Grades 10 through 12**

3% counseling services (28 students)

3% mentoring programs (26 students)

**3% transportation services (23 students)**

The combined total of all responses are as follows. The top three responses, representing 30% of the total responses received, are in bold print. The two types of programming receiving the least responses are also in bold print

**13% after school sports (228 students)**

**9% fitness classes/workshops (172 students)**

**8% after school recreation (154 students)**

8% music classes (152 students)

8% art classes (149 students)

7% job development/employment programs (126 students)

7% social activities at local community centers (122 students)

7% school social activities (117 students)

6% tutoring programs (107 students)

4% community social activities (87 students)

4% skill building workshops (79 students)

4% community service opportunities (78 students)

4% leadership activities (75 students)

4% transportation services (66 students)

**3% counseling services (61 students)**

**3% mentoring programs (55 students)**

### Question: When is it most important that activities be available?

For this question the students were given three choices. We received **477 responses** to this question which indicated that some students felt that more than one time was important to them. A comparison of the choices by grade group, in descending order, are:

Grades 6 through 9	Grades 10 through 12	Combined Total
<b>Summer: 53% (141 students)</b>	<b>Summer: 40% (86 students)</b>	<b>Summer: 47% (227 students)</b>
Weekends: 34% (90 students)	Weekends: 30% (63 students)	Weekends: 33% (153 students)
Evening: 13% (34 students)	Evening: 30% (63 students)	Evening: 20% ( 97 students)

## 4. CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

### Question: What do you currently do during your free time? Check all that apply.

Students were given fourteen pre-written choices and three blank lines. They were asked to select or write in activities that they participate in during their free time. A total of **2357 responses** to this question were received. A comparison of the **top three choices** by grade group, in descending order, are:

Grades 6 through 9	Grades 10 through 12
<b>14% hang out with friends (200 students)</b>	<b>15% hang out with friends (138 students)</b>
11% spend time on the computer (167 students)	9% fitness classes/workshops (76 students)
9% fitness classes/workshops (96 students)	9% after school recreation (76 students)

A comparison of the **bottom three choices** by grade group, in descending order, are:

Grades 6 through 9	Grades 10 through 12
4% community social activities (42 students)	3% counseling services (28 students)
3% counseling services (33 students)	3% mentoring programs (26 students)
<b>3% mentoring programs (29 students)</b>	<b>3% transportation services (23 students)</b>

The combined total responses to the question of current student activities are as follows: (the top three activities and the bottom two activities are in bold print)

<b>14% hang out with friends (338 students)</b>
<b>11% spend time on the computer (258 students)</b>
<b>10% go to movies (242 students)</b>
10% sports (238 students)
9% surf the internet (206 students)
8% study (179 students)
7% music, art (176 students)
7% work (167 students)
6% read (150 students)
5% family activities (122 students)

- 4% church activities (96 students)
- 4% recreation (85 responses)
- 3% volunteer (73 students)**
- 1% take classes (27 students)**

**Question: Please check any of the following that limits your participation in after school and/or weekend activities?**

Students were given three possible for answers for this question. We received **471 responses** to this question which indicates that some students marked more than one reason that they were limited in their participation. A comparison of the choices by grade group, in descending order, are:

<b>Grades 6 through 9</b>	<b>Grades 10 through 12</b>	<b>Combined Total</b>
<b>Don't know what is going on 46%</b> (121 students)	<b>Don't know what is going on 49%</b> (102 students)	<b>Don't know what is going on 47%</b> (223 students)
Transportation 30% (79 students)	Cost of activities 29% (61 students)	Transportation 30% (140 students)
Cost of Activities 24% (63 students)	Transportation 22% (45 students)	Cost of Activities 23% (108 students)

**Question: How busy are you? Do you feel that you are:**

A total of **403** responses were received to this questions. A comparison of the choices by grade group, in descending order, are:

<b>Grades 6 through 9</b>	<b>Grades 10 through 12</b>	<b>Combined Total</b>
<b>Busy 65% (146 students)</b>	<b>Busy 58% (103 students)</b>	<b>Busy 61% (249 students)</b>
Not busy 20% ( 46 students)	Not Busy 18% ( 32 students)	Not Busy 19% ( 77 students)
Too busy 15% ( 33 students)	Too busy 24% ( 43 students)	Too Busy 19% ( 76 students)