Student Engagement Survey for Secondary Students: Dunedin Highland Middle School

Results

2021-2022 School Year
## Participation

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Overall Engagement

Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements.

- I come to school prepared. (N=695)
  - Strongly Agree: 26%
  - Agree: 55%
  - Neither Disagree nor Agree: 14%
  - Disagree: 13%
  - Strongly Disagree: 0%

- I try my best in school. (N=695)
  - Strongly Agree: 38%
  - Agree: 45%
  - Neither Disagree nor Agree: 13%
  - Disagree: 6%
  - Strongly Disagree: 0%

- I enjoy what I am learning in school. (N=695)
  - Strongly Agree: 11%
  - Agree: 31%
  - Neither Disagree nor Agree: 41%
  - Disagree: 12%
  - Strongly Disagree: 6%

- I think what I’m learning in school is important. (N=695)
  - Strongly Agree: 24%
  - Agree: 35%
  - Neither Disagree nor Agree: 26%
  - Disagree: 10%
  - Strongly Disagree: 5%

- I am proud to go to this school. (N=695)
  - Strongly Agree: 19%
  - Agree: 31%
  - Neither Disagree nor Agree: 34%
  - Disagree: 9%
  - Strongly Disagree: 8%
Overall Engagement (Continued)

Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements.

- I have a lot in common with other students in this school. (N=695) 14% Strongly Agree, 34% Agree, 30% Neither Disagree nor Agree, 13% Disagree, 9% Strongly Disagree

- I spend time with at least one friend at lunchtime. (N=695) 51% Strongly Agree, 29% Agree, 7% Neither Disagree nor Agree, 6% Disagree, 7% Strongly Disagree

- I have positive relationships with adults in my school. (N=695) 23% Strongly Agree, 42% Agree, 24% Neither Disagree nor Agree, 6% Disagree, 6% Strongly Disagree
Overall Engagement: Comparison Over Time

Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements.

- I come to school prepared.
  - 2021-2022 (N=695): 81%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 83%

- I try my best in school.
  - 2021-2022 (N=695): 82%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 83%

- I enjoy what I am learning in school.
  - 2021-2022 (N=695): 41%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 30%

- I think what I’m learning in school is important.
  - 2021-2022 (N=695): 59%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 52%

Answer options: Strongly Agree, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Agree
Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements.

- I am proud to go to this school.
  - 2021-2022: 49%
  - 2020-2021: 48%

- I have a lot in common with other students in this school.
  - 2021-2022: 48%
  - 2020-2021: 52%

- I spend time with at least one friend at lunchtime.
  - 2021-2022: 80%
  - 2020-2021: 78%

- I have positive relationships with adults in my school.
  - 2021-2022: 65%
  - 2020-2021: 65%

*Answer options: Strongly Agree, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Agree*
How frequently do you feel the following statement is true?
Generally, I like school. (N=691)

- 18% Almost Always or Always
- 44% Often
- 21% Seldom
- 17% Rarely or Never
Like School: Comparison Over Time

How frequently do you feel the following statement is true?
Generally, I like school.

Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never

- **Almost Always or Always**
  - 2021-2022: 18%
  - 2020-2021: 23%

- **Often**
  - 2021-2022: 44%
  - 2020-2021: 41%

- **Seldom**
  - 2021-2022: 21%
  - 2020-2021: 14%

- **Rarely or Never**
  - 2021-2022: 17%
  - 2020-2021: 23%
Class Experience

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

My classes are fun. (N=692)
- Almost Always or Always: 12%
- Often: 47%
- Seldom: 32%
- Rarely or Never: 10%

My classes are challenging. (N=690)
- Almost Always or Always: 22%
- Often: 49%
- Seldom: 22%
- Rarely or Never: 7%

My classes let me be creative. (N=690)
- Almost Always or Always: 14%
- Often: 38%
- Seldom: 31%
- Rarely or Never: 16%

I learn a lot in my classes. (N=688)
- Almost Always or Always: 27%
- Often: 45%
- Seldom: 22%
- Rarely or Never: 6%
Class Experience: Comparison Over Time

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- **My classes are fun.**
  - 2021-2022: 59%
  - 2020-2021: 43%

- **My classes are challenging.**
  - 2021-2022: 71%
  - 2020-2021: 74%

- **My classes let me be creative.**
  - 2021-2022: 53%
  - 2020-2021: 61%

- **I learn a lot in my classes.**
  - 2021-2022: 72%
  - 2020-2021: 74%

*Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never*
Student Experience

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- School helps me discover my strongest skills. (N=692)
  - Almost Always or Always: 18%
  - Often: 37%
  - Seldom: 29%
  - Rarely or Never: 16%

- School helps me discover my skills that need work. (N=687)
  - Almost Always or Always: 29%
  - Often: 45%
  - Seldom: 18%
  - Rarely or Never: 7%

- I feel what I learn in school helps me become a better student. (N=691)
  - Almost Always or Always: 23%
  - Often: 41%
  - Seldom: 25%
  - Rarely or Never: 11%

Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never
Student Experience: Comparison Over Time

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- **School helps me discover my strongest skills.**
  - 2021-2022 (N=690): 55%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 43%

- **School helps me discover my skills that need work.**
  - 2021-2022 (N=690): 74%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 52%

- **I feel what I learn in school helps me become a better student.**
  - 2021-2022 (N=690): 64%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 39%

*Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never*
Academic Support

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

1. My teachers include me in classroom discussions. (N=693)
   - Almost Always or Always: 23%
   - Often: 47%
   - Seldom: 22%
   - Rarely or Never: 8%

2. My teachers encourage me to do my best. (N=695)
   - Almost Always or Always: 44%
   - Often: 39%
   - Seldom: 13%
   - Rarely or Never: 5%

3. My teachers do not give up on me. (N=688)
   - Almost Always or Always: 42%
   - Often: 37%
   - Seldom: 16%
   - Rarely or Never: 5%

4. I can count on my teachers to help me if I have difficulty in school. (N=694)
   - Almost Always or Always: 36%
   - Often: 37%
   - Seldom: 18%
   - Rarely or Never: 9%
Academic Support: Comparison Over Time

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- My teachers include me in classroom discussions.
  - Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never
  - 2021-2022 (N=693): 70%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 78%

- My teachers encourage me to do my best.
  - Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never
  - 2021-2022 (N=693): 83%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 74%

- My teachers do not give up on me.
  - Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never
  - 2021-2022 (N=693): 79%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 70%

- I can count on my teachers to help me if I have difficulty in school.
  - Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never
  - 2021-2022 (N=693): 74%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 61%

Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never
Relevance

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

I see how what I’m learning in school relates to the outside world. (N=692)

- 13% Almost Always or Always
- 33% Often
- 31% Seldom
- 24% Rarely or Never

I see how what I’m learning in school relates to my future. (N=692)

- 21% Almost Always or Always
- 35% Often
- 28% Seldom
- 17% Rarely or Never

I see how subjects relate to one another. (N=693)

- 20% Almost Always or Always
- 44% Often
- 26% Seldom
- 11% Rarely or Never
Relevance: Comparison Over Time

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- I see how what I’m learning in school relates to the outside world.
  - 2021-2022 (N=692): 45%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 52%

- I see how what I’m learning in school relates to my future.
  - 2021-2022 (N=692): 56%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 52%

- I see how subjects relate to one another.
  - 2021-2022 (N=692): 64%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 61%

Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never
Self-Management

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- I am nice to my classmates. (N=691)
  - Almost Always or Always: 49%
  - Often: 38%
  - Seldom: 10%

- I am nice to my teacher(s). (N=688)
  - Almost Always or Always: 64%
  - Often: 29%
  - Seldom: 5%

- I follow school and classroom rules. (N=690)
  - Almost Always or Always: 53%
  - Often: 36%
  - Seldom: 9%

- I put schoolwork before other activities when necessary. (N=691)
  - Almost Always or Always: 24%
  - Often: 43%
  - Seldom: 21%
  - Rarely or Never: 12%

Legend:
- Almost Always or Always
- Often
- Seldom
- Rarely or Never
Self-Management: Comparison Over Time

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- I am nice to my classmates.
  - 2021-2022 (N=690): 87%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 83%

- I am nice to my teacher(s).
  - 2021-2022 (N=690): 93%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 91%

- I follow school and classroom rules.
  - 2021-2022 (N=690): 89%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 91%

- I put schoolwork before other activities when necessary.
  - 2021-2022 (N=690): 67%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 65%

Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never
Grit

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- I’m willing to try new activities. (N=694)
  - Almost Always or Always: 29%
  - Often: 45%
  - Seldom: 20%
  - Rarely or Never: 6%

- I continue to try, even when an activity is difficult. (N=693)
  - Almost Always or Always: 29%
  - Often: 46%
  - Seldom: 19%
  - Rarely or Never: 6%

- I finish activities that I start. (N=692)
  - Almost Always or Always: 24%
  - Often: 45%
  - Seldom: 24%
  - Rarely or Never: 6%

- I ask for help when I don’t understand something. (N=693)
  - Almost Always or Always: 24%
  - Often: 39%
  - Seldom: 20%
  - Rarely or Never: 17%
Grit: Comparison Over Time

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- I’m willing to try new activities.
- I continue to try, even when an activity is difficult.
- I finish activities that I start.
- I ask for help when I don’t understand something.

### Comparison Over Time

**2021-2022 (N=693)**

- 73%: I’m willing to try new activities.
- 74%: I continue to try, even when an activity is difficult.
- 70%: I finish activities that I start.
- 63%: I ask for help when I don’t understand something.

**2020-2021 (N=23)**

- 74%: I’m willing to try new activities.
- 78%: I continue to try, even when an activity is difficult.
- 74%: I finish activities that I start.
- 48%: I ask for help when I don’t understand something.

**Answer options:** Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never
Involvement

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

I participate in class activities and discussions. (N=692)
- Almost Always or Always: 25%
- Often: 48%
- Seldom: 19%
- Rarely or Never: 7%

I attend school activities/events. (N=692)
- Almost Always or Always: 16%
- Often: 32%
- Seldom: 28%
- Rarely or Never: 24%

I share my ideas to make this school better. (N=691)
- Almost Always or Always: 10%
- Often: 22%
- Seldom: 33%
- Rarely or Never: 34%

I encourage other students to get involved in school and activities. (N=691)
- Almost Always or Always: 12%
- Often: 24%
- Seldom: 30%
- Rarely or Never: 34%
Involvement: Comparison Over Time

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- I participate in class activities and discussions.
  - 2021-2022 (N=692): 57%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 39%

- I attend school activities/events.
  - 2021-2022 (N=692): 49%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 39%

- I share my ideas to make this school better.
  - 2021-2022 (N=692): 32%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 26%

- I encourage other students to get involved in school and activities.
  - 2021-2022 (N=692): 36%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 39%

Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never
Future Goals

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- I feel good about my future opportunities. (N=692)
  - Almost Always or Always: 32%
  - Often: 42%
  - Seldom: 19%
  - Rarely or Never: 7%

- I believe I will be successful after I graduate high school. (N=691)
  - Almost Always or Always: 44%
  - Often: 36%
  - Seldom: 14%
  - Rarely or Never: 6%

- I believe that I will have a career that interests me. (N=691)
  - Almost Always or Always: 47%
  - Often: 35%
  - Seldom: 13%
  - Rarely or Never: 5%
Future Goals: Comparison Over Time

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- I feel good about my future opportunities.
  - 2021-2022 (N=691): 74%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 70%

- I believe I will be successful after I graduate high school.
  - 2021-2022 (N=691): 80%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 78%

- I believe that I will have a career that interests me.
  - 2021-2022 (N=691): 82%
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 77%

Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never
Post-High School Plans

Which of the following best describes your plans for after high school? (N=693)

- I plan to go to college. 62%
- I plan to go to a technical school. 3%
- I plan to enter an apprenticeship program that combines on-the-job training with academic instruction. 3%
- I plan to enlist in the military. 4%
- I plan to join a volunteer organization. 1%
- I don't plan to go to school. I plan to work full time. 1%
- I don't know. 18%
- Other (Please specify) 9%
Acceptance

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- **I feel good about myself at school. (N=686)**
  - Almost Always or Always: 24%
  - Often: 40%
  - Seldom: 22%
  - Rarely or Never: 14%

- **I feel respected in this school. (N=688)**
  - Almost Always or Always: 21%
  - Often: 36%
  - Seldom: 28%
  - Rarely or Never: 15%

- **I feel accepted in this school. (N=686)**
  - Almost Always or Always: 25%
  - Often: 40%
  - Seldom: 24%
  - Rarely or Never: 11%

- **I feel like I belong in this school. (N=687)**
  - Almost Always or Always: 21%
  - Often: 37%
  - Seldom: 26%
  - Rarely or Never: 16%
Acceptance: Comparison Over Time

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- I feel good about myself at school.
  - 2021-2022: 64% (N=687)
  - 2020-2021: 61% (N=23)

- I feel respected in this school.
  - 2021-2022: 57% (N=687)
  - 2020-2021: 61% (N=23)

- I feel accepted in this school.
  - 2021-2022: 65% (N=687)
  - 2020-2021: 65% (N=23)

- I feel like I belong in this school.
  - 2021-2022: 58% (N=687)
  - 2020-2021: 57% (N=23)

Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never
Relationships with Peers

How frequently do you feel the following statement are true?

I work in class with students other than my friends. (N=692)
- Almost Always or Always: 14%
- Often: 39%
- Seldom: 29%
- Rarely or Never: 18%

I spend time with at least one friend from school outside of school. (N=694)
- Almost Always or Always: 34%
- Often: 29%
- Seldom: 17%
- Rarely or Never: 20%

I interact with students other than my friends outside of class. (N=692)
- Almost Always or Always: 15%
- Often: 28%
- Seldom: 27%
- Rarely or Never: 30%

I can talk about problems with my friends from school. (N=691)
- Almost Always or Always: 26%
- Often: 31%
- Seldom: 23%
- Rarely or Never: 19%
How frequently do you feel the following statement are true?

- I work in class with students other than my friends.  
  - 2021-2022: 53%  
  - 2020-2021: 35%

- I spend time with at least one friend from school outside of school.  
  - 2021-2022: 63%  
  - 2020-2021: 48%

- I interact with students other than my friends outside of class.  
  - 2021-2022: 43%  
  - 2020-2021: 30%

- I can talk about problems with my friends from school.  
  - 2021-2022: 58%  
  - 2020-2021: 57%
Perceptions of Peers

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

My friends take school seriously. (N=694)
- 20% Almost Always or Always
- 45% Often
- 26% Seldom
- 9% Rarely or Never

My friends try their best in school. (N=694)
- 26% Almost Always or Always
- 48% Often
- 20% Seldom
- 6% Rarely or Never

My friends like school. (N=693)
- 13% Almost Always or Always
- 31% Often
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Perceptions of Peers: Comparison Over Time

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- **My friends take school seriously.**
  - Almost Always/Always or Often: 65%
  - 2021-2022 (N=694)
  - 2020-2021 (N=23)
  - Percentage Almost Always or Always or Often: 78%

- **My friends try their best in school.**
  - Almost Always/Always or Often: 74%
  - 2021-2022 (N=694)
  - 2020-2021 (N=23)
  - Percentage Almost Always or Always or Often: 83%

- **My friends like school.**
  - Almost Always/Always or Often: 44%
  - 2021-2022 (N=694)
  - 2020-2021 (N=23)
  - Percentage Almost Always or Always or Often: 26%

*Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never*
Relationships with Adults

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

I feel supported by my teachers. (N=695)
- 33% Often
- 40% Seldom
- 19% Rarely or Never
- 8% Almost Always or Always

I feel supported by other adults who work in this school. (N=693)
- 25% Often
- 36% Seldom
- 27% Rarely or Never
- 12% Almost Always or Always

I am comfortable being myself around adults at this school. (N=694)
- 23% Often
- 34% Seldom
- 25% Rarely or Never
- 18% Almost Always or Always
Relationships with Adults: Comparison Over Time

How frequently do you feel the following statements are true?

- I feel supported by my teachers.
  - 2021-2022 (N=694): 73% (Almost Always or Always)
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 61% (Almost Always or Always)
- I feel supported by other adults who work in this school.
  - 2021-2022 (N=694): 61% (Almost Always or Always)
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 43% (Almost Always or Always)
- I am comfortable being myself around adults at this school.
  - 2021-2022 (N=694): 57% (Almost Always or Always)
  - 2020-2021 (N=23): 48% (Almost Always or Always)

Answer options: Almost Always/Always, Often, Seldom, Rarely/Never