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# Comprehensive Evaluation

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What grade level are you in?

High School	Middle School	No Answer
16	12	2

What is one thing you learned today that you did not already know?

- Carfentanil is 10,000x more potent than heroin
- How bad drugs are
- Really liked the drug talk
- Pay attention to suspicious activities
- Healthy/unhealthy relationships
- Drugs are way more than it seems
- Different types of bad relationships
- The effects of drugs
- I learned that drugs can be disguised as things like candies and stuff.
- How much substances can affect your brain
- How stuff affects your brain
- To be aware of my surroundings
- I learned a lot about the safety of drugs
- Recovery position
- How to deal with relationships and how to be aware of my surroundings
- Cigarette to Vape ration
- How to tell the differences from legal and illegal drugs
- Relationship help
- How deadly drugs are
- The effect/amount that narcotics can do to end someone
- How big the drug epidemic was
- I should stay safe in relationships
- How many packs of cigarettes are in vapes

What is an idea you would like to try at your school to share what you learned today?

- Don't trust random bags
- Would like to have the drug lady talk to my school for everyone to know more
- Assembly with same info for the entire school
- Unhealthy relationships
- Make a better communication system
- Being more aware of everything around us
- I would like to try to be more upstanding
- What's substances do to your brain
- Involving more people
- Paying attention to what's going on around
- I want to be more observant
- The drug thing for criminology
- Try and spread kindness
- Create a ripple effect
- Stations with lessons
- That the victim gets to know what happens to who bullied them
- Bullying
- We need more drug awareness
- Make a slideshow about it
- Suicide awareness
- Be smart and stay away from drugs
- What substance is due to your brain

## What safety concerns would you like to talk about with adults at your schools?

- Taking care of yourself
- Bathroom privacy
- The problem with fent
- Drug and substance problems
- Drug and brain stuff
- Try to intervene in fights
- Principal
- Making students feel more included
- Relationships
- Bullying, relationships, paying attention to what's going on around you, and drug use
- Safer outside school
- Illegible response
- Deadly drugs
- Bullying
- Mental health awareness

## What safety topics would you like to see us consider for next year's Summit?

Topic	Count
Anxiety	18
Depression	18
Self-Harm	18
Gun Violence	17
Sexual Harassment	17
Suicide Prevention	17
Eating Disorders	16
Marijuana	14
Tobacco Use/Vaping	14
Sexting	13
Artificial Intelligence (AI) in School	12
Bullying	12
Fighting	12
Gangs	12
Responding to Community Violence	12
School Engagement	12
2SLGBTQIA+ Concerns and Support	11
Healthy Relationships	11
Gambling	10
Hazing	10
Online Safety	10
Safe Driving	9
Positive School Culture	8
Emergency Preparedness	6

# Healthy Relationships

Please select how much you agree with the following statements:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
The school has prepared me to identify healthy and unhealthy relationships.	3	9	10	7	0
My parents or guardians have had helpful conversations with me to identify healthy and unhealthy relationships.	3	4	7	8	6

How often have you seen examples of unhealthy relationships in your school?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once a Quarter	Once a Year
9	6	8	3	3

Where do you get your expectations for relationships? (Check all that apply)

My life and experiences	Parents and Guardians	Movies/TV	Songs	Books	Tiktok/YouTube	Famous Couples
25	24	11	11	8	7	1

Select all that apply for the following questions:

	Be direct and address the person about being healthy	Check in with me privately	Document to tell others what happened	Give advice or tells me what they should do	Listen to me without judgment	Seek advice from adults
What do your friend(s) do to help you make healthy decisions in relationships?	14	19	2	14	20	8
What do your friend(s) do to help you avoid unhealthy relationships?	15	14	3	14	14	8

**Who would you go to for help for you or a friend?**

Parent/Guardian	21
Teacher	16
Mental health/counselor	15
Other Relative	9
School Resource Officer (SRO) or law enforcement	9
Another adult at school	7
Community Resources like Hilltop	7
Minister/priest/rabbi/imam or other spiritual advisor	4
Coach/club sponsor	3
Online	2
Friend	1

**What can schools do to help with healthy relationships? (Rank from most important to least important)**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	Average
Guest Speaker for the entire school	5	2	2	1	4	7	10	4.9
Guest Speaker for small classes	1	7	4	1	4	10	4	4.5
Classroom lesson plans more than once	0	0	5	8	11	5	2	4.7
Start talking about healthy relationships in High School	4	6	5	11	4	0	1	3.3
Start talking about healthy relationships in Middle School	7	6	9	5	3	1	0	2.8
Flyers and social media awareness	2	6	4	4	3	6	6	4.4
Have the school counselor or mental health professional talk about it individually	12	4	2	1	2	2	8	3.5

# Physical Safety

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## How do you know you are physically safe?

- When doors are locked, cameras are on, and using the intercom to come in
- Cameras, doors that can lock, officers who make sure we're okay
- We have the basic safety at my school including an officer which makes it feel safer
- There are locked doors, cameras, a resource officer, and people are kind
- Locked doors, cameras, and staff
- Doors are locked, cameras, Student Resource Officer, people must check in before entering the building if not a student.
- I know I am physically safe because there are multiple adults ready to help and just because of the way the school is built, with locks and cameras.
- New kiosks. Locked doors. New camera system
- If I am aware of my surroundings, if there's safety equipment, thick doors, reinforced glass.
- Locked doors and teachers
- Locked doors during school hours, cameras, security guard who walks around the building
- No harm around me
- My gut feeling
- Cameras, friends, dogs or pets, doors, blinds to cover windows.
- I am aware of my surroundings and when I'm around people I trust.
- When I know what's around me and when i'm in a safe, locked room in a dangerous situation
- We have cameras in every hallway and our school just installed more walls to keep the school more closed off
- Security doors

## Where at school do you NOT feel safe?

Location	Count
I feel safe at all locations at school	19
In the hallways	5
In the lunchroom	4
At school events/activities	3
In classrooms	3
In the parking lot	3
Other	1
In the restroom	0

**If you selected that you feel unsafe at school, please explain why you feel that way.**

- Because students can be unpredictable
- Lots of people in one area.
- A lot of people and rough and unaware of their surroundings
- There's a lot of rough housing—people are unaware of their surroundings
- I'm just always paranoid
- I feel like our youth are struggling and that makes me feel unsafe. I feel like my school has not had proper training on major events. Especially compared to training I had at a previous out of state school.

**Do you feel the adults at your school are concerned about your safety?**

Yes	17
No	2
Maybe	9

**What are adults doing at school that make you (or others) feel safe?**

- Keeping eyes open
- They check on you
- They care and they make sure we know and when we do lockdowns and stuff they're proactive
- They care about the students and do training for circumstances
- Doing drills and explaining what can happen and what to do
- Doing drills and making sure they know where students are at all times
- Paying attention to what I'm doing
- They check in on me and are always there when I am struggling.
- I can trust them
- Telling us a plan if something does happen
- They cut off rough behavior
- Giving me own place to learn
- They make me feel safe just by caring about me
- Reassurance
- Close door when class starts
- Actually checking in with students
- They listen and are at every entrance
- Providing that safe class environment for students.
- They are fostering relationships with each and every student
- In the halls, relationships with students.
- They try their best to prevent fights
- They show that they care about us. Sometimes asking about our day or if we need help with anything. Teachers and staff are always ready to help.

## What would you like your school to **START** doing to help students feel physically safe at school?

- To practice school lockdowns more
- Maybe fix the camera in the back parking lot
- Have a realistic drill
- Having more resources available for students who are too scared to speak up.
- More drills
- Actually dont assume by their race or how they dress
- More mental health resources. Better training for major events.
- Stop treating us like all of us are on drugs
- Intervene more often and put genuine consequences behind their words and warnings.
- Pay more attention and try to intervene when anything seems unsafe
- Start hammering down on the kids that bully or make students feel gross about their bodies
- Bulletproof walls

## What would you like your school to **CONTINUE** doing that helps students feel physically safe?

- Being aware
- Officer going around the school to see if everything is safe
- Having the officer at school
- Drills
- Keeping a eye on us
- The security doors
- Relationship building
- Letting them take breaks whenever they need
- Reassurance
- Resource officer, everyone loves saying hi to them!
- Being by the bathrooms
- Going over the safety rules for their classroom.
- I would like them to continue to put lockdown drills in place to prepare students.
- I like their security system
- Fostering relationships

## What would you like your school to **STOP** doing because it does not help students feel physically safe?

- Taking phones
- Being racist
- Treat everyone like criminals that use the bathroom
- Having double standards
- I would like them to stop encouraging roughhousing in the hallways.
- Stop just standing by when there is rough housing going on

## What else would you like to share about the safety at your school?

- We have a really good resource officer and they come in to explain their job for some of our classes and demonstrate their tools and what they're used for
- I think schools make most if not all students feel safe
- I feel pretty safe at school there's nothing I would really change

# Emotional Safety

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Are there adults at your school that you trust?

Yes	No	Maybe
21	0	3

What are those adults doing that let you know you can trust them?

- Giving advice
- They are easy to talk to and go out of their way to check up on me.
- By keeping an eye on me
- Understanding of every situation
- They're really kind and they show their support in ways that aren't always related to school
- I get along with them a lot
- These adults are just ready to help and listen
- They're helping other teens
- Listening without judgment to my needs and wants
- They don't use the fluorescent lights, they have welcoming rooms and encourage you to come in and hangout if you need to
- They show that they care about me a lot and let me express my personal feelings.
- Help me in school being a friend not yell at me but tell me what I did was wrong
- My parents
- Encouraging and reassuring me
- Just talking and being nice / trustworthy
- Getting to know me and talk to me like a person
- The need to help you when it is very personal and hard to talk about to friends.
- I know more about them, and how they act
- Show signs of care
- They let me come to them for advice
- Connecting with us
- They check up on me

Do you feel the adults at your school are concerned about your emotional safety?

Yes	No	Maybe
16	2	6

What are other students doing that make you feel safe and secure about participating in class?

- Encouraging to speak up
- They encourage me
- They make me feel included
- Well I have classes with a lot of my friends so I feel comfortable and safe around them because I spend almost all day with them
- Minding their business
- Making me feel included and not like an outcast. Plus I can be my true self and I don't have to feel judged.
- Leaving me alone or communicating
- As a whole, everyone is okay to be themselves in a large group

- Talking about random things
- I switched to online school due to the disrespect and lack of actual learning that would happen. The students were rude and selfish.
- If they have a problem they tell adults
- They listen and try to include me into the discussion.
- Be friends
- By other students not bothering me

**Is there a place in your school that you feel like you can completely be yourself?**

Yes	No	Maybe
18	4	2

**If you answered no, please explain.**

- People have different views and personality's you're bound to disagree at least once
- School is always judgemental
- Everyone acts differently at school, it's just a thing.
- It's a public place

**If you answered yes or maybe, what about that space helps you feel safe where you can completely be yourself?**

- The people in the setting
- Around my friends
- It's the library everything is quiet and is best when you need some time alone
- I feel comfortable
- When there are people I know and I'm comfortable talking to.
- I'm alone, no one else
- I can be completely myself at lunch and recess around my friends
- I get to say funny jokes
- My friends
- I can speak without fear of getting in trouble
- I just stopped caring and honestly the teachers being open and nice help
- Because the place makes me feel safe.
- Nothing really, I'm just comfortable in my own skin
- It lets me be me and helps me get to my goals in life

**What would you like your school to START doing to help students feel emotionally safe at school?**

- Not judge
- More one-on-one conversations
- Find GOOD teachers
- Check up on their students more
- I think they already do because we all show a lot of emotions at our school
- Less tolerance to bully from others
- They could start putting us in groups they know we will work well in instead of doing it randomly
- Stop acting like you gotta take control of everything but still expect us to be adults
- monthly checks
- Have the teachers understand more about the students instead of putting them in a situation where they feel unsafe or left out for being themselves.
- Actually listening
- Be more accepting of different people's

- Listen to the students
- Be more open minded
- Not be a racist
- Be more open
- Asking if you're okay

struggles in life

- I would like for there to be committed room for students to take a break or to study and have quiet

**What would you like your school to CONTINUE doing that helps students feel emotionally safe?**

- Having the counselors
- Building trust letting us have freedoms
- Offer counseling
- Creating engagement and making school more enjoyable as it is more engaging the students tend to feel more comfortable
- Keeping a eye on us
- I would like for teachers to continue being supportive of students
- Accept everyone
- Being open to other cultures
- Help more and check in
- Paying attention
- Compliments
- Continue hiring emotionally intelligent people
- Having assembly's
- Have that strong relationship for both the students and teachers.
- Including people
- Telling everyone that their okay in their own thoughts

**What would you like your school to STOP doing because it does not help students feel emotionally safe?**

- Not care
- Pick on speakers
- Acting like they know what we need and just ask
- Being judgmental
- Taking away our phones for the whole day
- Racism
- Stop being rude
- Stop being objective about punishments
- Treating us like kids/criminals
- Putting students in a spot they feel unsafe in.
- Admin peeping into the bathroom stalls
- Having huge assemblies that only happen once a year that doesn't help down the line

**What else would you like to share about feeling emotionally safe at school?**

- I think most students feel emotionally safe in school

# Belonging

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## What helps you feel like you belong?

- Just being around people that are accepting and kind
- Trust and being welcomed
- Talking to people
- My friends
- Being included in activities
- The people around me
- Everyone is more open arms
- My friends and teachers helping me all around
- Being with one person at a time instead of a group of people
- Having people like my friends there to talk to me
- My parents
- People interacting with me
- Encouraging teachers
- Being wanted
- Convos
- People you love and be around

## Are there clubs/activities/athletics/groups that help you feel a part of the school?

Yes	No	Maybe
14	6	2

## If yes, please explain who/what makes you feel a part of the school and why you think it feels that way.

- Made me feel more included
- It's just something we all have in common and then we make connections and bonds
- The people also in those groups
- Sports are always a good way to talk to new people even if you're new they always make you feel like family
- The staff, by including everyone
- My friends and staff
- The students, teachers, clubs I am in like key club and outdoors clubs
- Clubs help me feel included because I am very passionate and they make sure I have something to do so I am very involved
- The people I hang out with help me feel a part of the school because they talk to me and try to include when I not talking or am serious
- Team worked together even if students weren't friends
- Being with people
- Makes you welcome

## If no, what do you think is missing?

- It is missing the fun
- I don't like joining groups or sports
- I just don't like joining groups

**Do you feel the adults at your school are focused on making sure students feel like they belong?**

Yes	No	Maybe
9	5	6

**Do you think there are students that don't feel like they belong at your school?**

Yes	No	Maybe
12	2	5

**If you answered yes, please explain why you think that there are students that feel like they don't belong?**

- A lot of kids get shamed for being themselves
- Bullying
- Not all kids find a spot to be at in school they feel uncomfortable or don't have anyone to talk to and don't know how too
- I think they might just feel like they don't fit in and or don't have people to encourage them whether it's true or not they have those feelings
- Our school has a lot of closed circles
- They leave school or never come
- People are left out just because they like different things or look differently
- The teachers target kids
- I'm trans and they support me
- They have odd interests
- Everyone has groups
- They just don't really want to that's why they don't
- There is a lot of bullying due to differences between people
- They get treated like they're aliens, constantly made fun of, and mocked

**What would you like your school to START doing to help students feel like they belong at school?**

- Doing something about bullying
- Nothing that would be forcing a student to do stuff. They give opportunity but no one goes to such things
- I think schools do as much as possible to make students feel like they belong
- Offer more variety of activities that will fit different types of groups
- Make them meet other people
- More involving things
- Listen to their students
- Just include them in more activities
- Become supportive towards others
- Mixing up groups
- Discipline MORE for bullying situations

**What would you like your school to CONTINUE doing that helps students feel like they belong at school?**

- Include everyone
- Continue with clubs and sports because we have a lot of them
- Asking for student voices
- Making clubs
- Doing events anyone can participate in
- Supporting students
- Keep putting people in groups—maybe with people similar to them
- Mixed lunches
- Continue to encourage people to get involved and participate. That encouragement is why I feel like I belong
- Give tours at the school
- Games
- Everything they're doing now
- Share love and joy towards others
- Groups and sports can help people find friends and feel belonging

**What would you like your school to STOP doing because it does not help students feel like they belong?**

- Making a bunch of rules made to strip you of who you are
- I don't think schools really do anything to make students feel like they don't belong
- Judging everyone
- Single grade events
- I would like them to stop trying to force others to get along, it only makes it worse.
- Just sitting there when they see someone that's lonely

**What else would you like to share about the safety and belonging at your school?**

- Teach teachers how to connect with a student
- More actives together
- I think most people feel like they belong at school