

Survey of High School Students' Views on Social Participation

The National Institute for Youth Education is conducting this survey in several countries,
including the United States, Japan, China and Korea.

The goal of this survey is to utilize its findings for future educational purposes

Instructions for completing the survey

- (1) All answers are completely anonymous. **DO NOT SIGN YOUR NAME ON THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.**
- (2) Please answer every question yourself.
- (3) There is no right or wrong answer to any question. Just **CIRCLE THE ANSWER or WRITE DOWN THE NUMBER** that best describes your opinion or situation.
- (4) Each question indicates the number of answers needed. Please follow the instructions.
- (5) Based on your answer, you may be instructed to skip some questions. Please follow the instructions.
- (6) When you choose "Other", please explain your answer in the parentheses,
(Please do not add answers unless parentheses are provided.)

Thank you very much for your participation.

Q1 What grade are you in?

1. 10th 2. 11th 3. 12th

Q2 Are you male or female?

1. Male 2. Female 3. Other 4. I don't want to answer

Q3 Have you participated in any of the following since you were in elementary school? Please circle All that apply.

1. Student government member, committee member.
2. Class committee member
3. Club leader, captain at the school
4. Leader in any clubs or organizations outside of school
5. I have not participated in any of the above

Q4 Are you actively participating in any of the following at your school? Please circle ONE number for each row.

	Active	Somewhat active	Not so active	Not active
a. School events	1	2	3	4
b. Classroom discussions	1	2	3	4
c. Sharing your opinion on school or class management.	1	2	3	4
d. Clubs	1	2	3	4
e. School competitions	1	2	3	4

Q5 Would you like to participate in student government activities at your school?

1. Very much so 2. Somewhat
 3. Not so much 4. Not at all 5. No opinion



Q5 SQ. If you answered number 3, 4 or 5 on question Q5, what are the reasons you don't want to participate in student government activities? Please circle ALL that apply.

1. I don't have the time
2. They don't provide enough information
3. My parents and people around me do not let me participate
4. My school does not let me participate
5. I'm not interested in it
6. I don't have the opportunity to participate.
7. It takes too much time and effort
8. I lack the confidence to participate
9. Nothing will change even if I participate.
10. I don't have friends who will participate with me
11. Other

Q6 Do you think schools need to ask students' opinions on school management or any future policy creation? Please circle ONE.

1. Definitely 2. Somewhat 3. Not so much 4. Not at all

Q7 Do you think the following statements apply to your school? Please circle ONE number on each row.

	Applies	Sometimes applies	Doesn't really apply	Not at all applies
a. Teachers do not interfere with student led activities.	1	2	3	4
b. A certain grade point average is required to become a student government officer.	1	2	3	4
c. The school secures the place and time for any student activity.	1	2	3	4
d. Teachers respect students' thoughts on politics and social issues.	1	2	3	4

Q8 Do you think your school regulations reflect students' opinions?

1. Yes 2. No 3. I don't know

Q9 Does your school give students a chance to explain before they are punished?

1. Yes 2. Not so much 3. Never 4. I don't know
 5. No students have ever been punished at my school.

Q10 Have you ever participated in the following activities outside of the school?

Please circle **ONE** number on each row.

	I have participated in the last year or I am participating now.	I have participated but not in the last year,	I have never participated
a. Activities related to my hobbies. (including cultural, art, music, sports activities)	1	2	3
b. Children and youth exchange activities in the community. (ex. Kids club etc.)	1	2	3
c. Fundraising activities	1	2	3
d. Environmental and nature conservation activities	1	2	3
e. Animal protection activities	1	2	3
f. Activities related to social welfare	1	2	3
g. Activities to revitalize a town or preserve traditional local arts.	1	2	3
h. Activities related to disasters.	1	2	3
i. Activities related to international cooperation and exchanges.	1	2	3
j. Activities to voice your opinion on government policies.	1	2	3
k. Part time job	1	2	3

Q11 How much interest do you have in the following activities?

Please circle **ONE** number on each row.

	Very interested	Somewhat interested	Not so interested	Not interested at all
a. Activities related to my hobby. (including cultural, art, music, sports activities)	1	2	3	4
b. Children and youth exchange activities in the community.(ex. Kids club etc.)	1	2	3	4
c. Donation and fundraising activities	1	2	3	4
d. Environmental and nature conservation activities	1	2	3	4
e. Animal protection activities	1	2	3	4
f. Activities related to social welfare	1	2	3	4
g. Activities to revitalize a town or preserve traditional local arts.	1	2	3	4
h. Activities related to disasters.	1	2	3	4
i. Activities related to international cooperation and exchange.	1	2	3	4
j. Activities to voice your opinion on government policies.	1	2	3	4
k. Part time job	1	2	3	4

Q12 How much interest do you have in the following issues? Please circle ONE number on each row.

Issues	Very interested	Somewhat interested	Not so interested	Not interested at all
a. Politics and social issues of my country.	1	2	3	4
b. Politics and social issues of other countries	1	2	3	4
c. Politics and social issues between countries.	1	2	3	4

Q13 Do you read the newspaper or watch the news often? Please circle ONE that applies.

1. Almost everyday 2. Sometimes 3. Rarely

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Q13sq. If you circled number 1 of 2 on any of the above questions, what kind of news are you interested in? Please circle All that apply.

1. Social news 2. Political news 3. Financial news
 4. Cultural news 5. Sports news 6. Entertainment news
 7. Other

Q14 How often do you use the internet for any of the following? Please circle ONE number on each row.

	Often	Sometimes	Rarely
a. Research social or political information.	1	2	3
b. Create posts on social or political information.	1	2	3
c. Communicate with friends in person.	1	2	3
d. Communicate with online friends you've never met.	1	2	3
e. Create or participate in online groups or forums related to your hobbies.	1	2	3
f. Online voting	1	2	3
g. Share a video that you shot and edited online.	1	2	3
h. Sell items online.	1	2	3
i. Volunteer activities	1	2	3
j. Follow someone or respond to comments on bulletin board systems or chat, SNS.	1	2	3
k. Cheer someone or some organization as a fun.	1	2	3

Q15 How often do you help with household chores? Please circle ONE.

1. Often 2. Sometimes 3. Rarely 4. Never

Q16 How often do you talk to your parents (or guardians) about your thoughts and opinions? Please circle ONE.

1. Often 2. Sometimes 3. Rarely 4. Never

Q22 Do you think it's good that children and youth express and voice their opinion on society and politics? Please circle ONE.

1. Definitely 2. Somewhat 3. Not so much 4. Not at all

Q23 Do you think it's easy for children and youth to express their opinions on social issues and politics? Please circle ONE.

1. Very easy 2. Somewhat easy 3. Not so easy 4. Not at all easy

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Q23 SQ. If you answered 3 and 4 on Q23, why do you think it's hard for them to express their opinions? Please circle ALL that apply.

1. They don't have time
2. They don't have enough information
3. Their parents and people around them oppose it.
4. Their schools oppose it
5. They are not interested in expressing their opinion
6. They don't have the opportunity to express their opinion
7. It takes too much time and effort
8. They don't have confidence in themselves
9. They don't think anything will change based on their opinion
10. They don't have peer support to be able to express their opinion
11. They won't be understood by society
12. Other

Q24 In American society, do you think the rights of young people to participate in solving youth related problems is protected? Please circle ONE.

1. It's protected 2. Somewhat protected 3. Not so protected
4. Not protected at all 5. I don't know

**Q25 Do you agree with the following statements?
Please circle ONE number that applies on each row.**

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree
a. My participation may change the social situation that I want to change.	1	2	3	4
b. Society is so complicated that I don't want to get involved.	1	2	3	4
c. I cannot influence government decisions by myself.	1	2	3	4
d. What is around me is more important than politics or society.	1	2	3	4
e. It is better to accept the current situation as it is rather than trying to change it.	1	2	3	4
f. Social issues have nothing to do with my life.	1	2	3	4
g. It is bothersome to think about political and social issues.	1	2	3	4
h. I don't want to spend my time on other people's issues.	1	2	3	4
i. Even high school students can change society for the better.	1	2	3	4
j. I want to do my best for my country	1	2	3	4

Q26 Do you agree with the following statements? Please circle ONE number on each row.

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree
a. Parents (guardians) and teachers should make decisions for minors.	1	2	3	4
b. The student government acts as the representative for the student body of a school and solves school problems.	1	2	3	4
c. Everyone has the right to express their opinion freely	1	2	3	4
d. People should be guaranteed equal rights in all respects, regardless of gender	1	2	3	4

Q27 What do you think your family's financial situation is ? Please circle ONE that applies.

1. Wealthier than many families
2. Wealthier than average
3. Average
4. Poorer than average
5. Poorer than many families

**Q28 How would you rank your school performance?
Please circle ONE that applies.**

1. Top
2. Upper middle
3. Midle
4. Lower middle
5. Bottom

Thank you very much for your cooperation!