

ELM Student Survey Data (Collected 3/15/16 – 3/17/16)

7th Grade Respondents = 611 Students

8th Grade Respondents = 555 Students

1. Select all that apply from the choices below - How do you feel about group work in the classroom?

7th Grade Responses

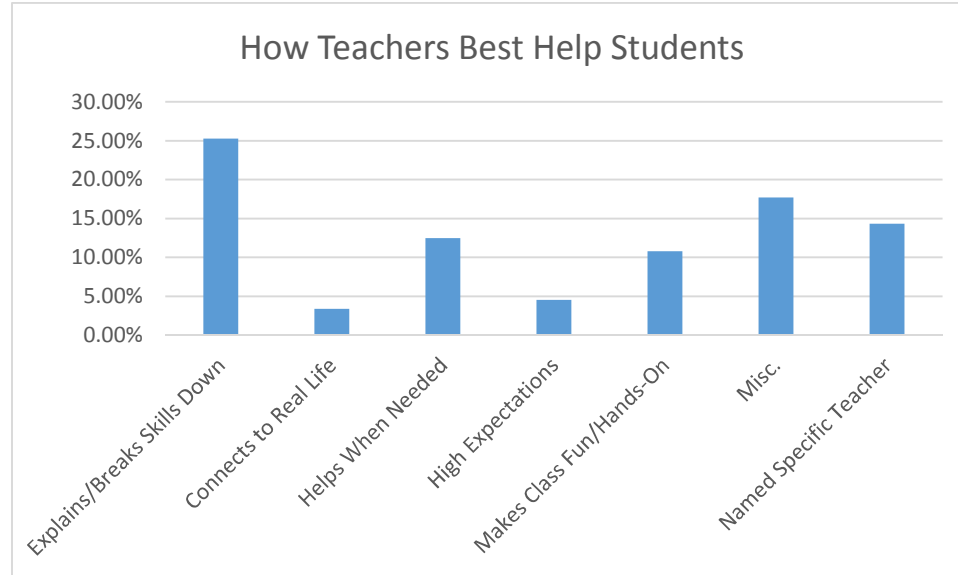
Answer Choices	Responses
I like group work because it really helps me learn	61.41% 374
I like group work because I don't have to work as hard	22.33% 136
Group work is effective in some classes, but not in others	51.56% 314
I don't like group work because group members are distracting	18.88% 115
I don't like group work because it's harder for me to learn	7.72% 47
Total Respondents: 609	

8th Grade Responses

Answer Choices	Responses
I like group work because it really helps me learn	61.09% 336
I like group work because I don't have to work as hard	22.18% 122
Group work is effective in some classes, but not in others	46.55% 256
I don't like group work because group members are distracting	14.36% 79
I don't like group work because it's harder for me to learn	5.82% 32
Total Respondents: 550	

2. Please think, then type your answer below: Think about the teacher you LEARN THE MOST from. What does this teacher do that helps you to learn?

7th Grade Responses



Several students (14.33%, to be exact) got overly excited about the question, and just listed the name of their favorite teacher or subject. “Mrs. Marquez is the best!” or “Mrs. Rowen.”

“Miscellaneous” replies included: teacher is very organized (7), teacher uses group work (6), teacher is strict (5), teacher takes time with lesson and does not rush (4), teacher is calm with a peaceful learning environment (3), I’m just interested in this class more than others (3), my teacher is really smart (3), teacher has tutoring in the morning, teacher uses projects and videos, teacher helps keep me organized, gives me more homework than other teachers, teacher sends reminders, helps me analyze my answer before answering, provides visual and kinetic demonstrations.

8th grade students responded in similar patterns as 7th grade students.

3. When you think about homework, how do you feel most of the time?

7th Grade Responses

I have a manageable amount, and am not overwhelmed		I sometimes feel overwhelmed, but usually manage to complete the work		I usually feel overwhelmed by my homework, and have trouble completing the work	Total	Weighted Average
6.87% 42	12.11% 74	42.88% 262	16.04% 98	22.09% 135	611	3.34

8th Grade Responses

I have a manageable amount, and am not overwhelmed		I sometimes feel overwhelmed, but usually manage to complete the work		I usually feel overwhelmed by my homework, and have trouble completing the work	Total	Weighted Average
12.73% 70	13.64% 75	36.73% 202	14.55% 80	22.36% 123	550	3.20

4. Select all that apply from the choices below - Which of the following have you participated in this year?

7th Grade Responses

Answer Choices	Responses
Spirit Dress Days	89.55% 523
Lunch Activities	25.68% 150
School Field Trip	54.45% 318
School Fundraiser	23.46% 137
School Club (after school or during TSP)	19.01% 111
Intramural Sports at Lunch	2.74% 16
School Sports Team	9.76% 57
Total Respondents: 584	

8th Grade Responses

Answer Choices	Responses
Spirit Dress Days	86.31% 435
Lunch Activities	20.44% 103
School Field Trip	37.30%

Answer Choices	Responses
	188
School Fundraiser	18.65% 94
School Club (after school or during TSP)	21.83% 110
Intramural Sports at Lunch	16.87% 85
School Sports Team	17.66% 89
Total Respondents: 504	

5. Please think, then type your answer below. What improvements could the school make to Spirit Days, Lunch Activities, the Morning Announcements, or other school programs, to improve school culture?

7th Grade Responses (major trends)

Students would like Intramural Sports during 7th grade lunch as well at 8th grade lunch; not everyone owns Nike or Adidas products – make Spirit Days possible for all to participate, more school field trips, more topical Spirit Days like “Dress Like a President Day,” and finally, celebrate all cultures by informing the student body about important events (Black History Month was entirely omitted this year).

8th Grade Responses (major trends)

The morning announcements (on speaker and TV) aren’t clear, offer more sports, appeal to different groups of students with ASB activities, let students vote on/have a say in activities, institute raffles, make *all* students feel welcomed and included in activities (by not selecting the same students), add music to lunch time, just say, “Make it a great day.”

6. Select all that apply from the choices below: How are your parents/guardians involved with your academics?

7th Grade Responses

Answer Choices	Responses
My parents/guardians check Jupiter Grades once a week (or more)	82.46% 503
My parents/guardians occasionally e-mail my teachers to ask questions	38.20% 233
My parents/guardians encourage ME to e-mail my teachers to ask questions	54.43% 332

Answer Choices	Responses
My parents/guardians attend events held at school, outside of school hours	22.30% 136
My parents/guardians do not do any of these	7.54% 46
Total Respondents: 610	

8th Grade Responses

Answer Choices	Responses
My parents/guardians check Jupiter Grades once a week (or more)	81.15% 439
My parents/guardians occasionally e-mail my teachers to ask questions	36.23% 196
My parents/guardians encourage ME to e-mail my teachers to ask questions	50.09% 271
My parents/guardians attend events held at school, outside of school hours	25.88% 140
My parents/guardians do not do any of these	9.80% 53
Total Respondents: 541	

7. Please think, then type your answer below. What kinds of family events have you seen at other schools, or family events you would like us to consider, that you think might be fun to try at ELM?

7th Grade Responses

Halloween party/Fall Festival, family picnic, movie night, bingo night, sports challenge, family camp out, family dances (i.e. father/daughter dance), Olympics with fun/creative events, BBQ.

8th Grade Responses

Mother and daughter classes, Career Days, middle school prom, 5K or 10K running event, haunted house, a family heritage week, food competition, Family Feud.

8. Select one from the choices below: How do you get to and from school?

7th Grade Responses

Answer Choices	Responses
I walk from home	10.98% 67
I ride my bike	2.30% 14
A parent or family member drops me off	47.70% 291
I get a ride with a friend or neighbor	5.90% 36
I get dropped off near the school, then walk the rest of the way	11.15% 68
I take the bus	21.97% 134
Total	610

8th Grade Responses

Answer Choices	Responses
I walk from home	8.89% 48
I ride my bike	4.07% 22
A parent or family member drops me off	47.04% 254
I get a ride with a friend or neighbor	9.44% 51
I get dropped off near the school, then walk the rest of the way	9.44% 51
I take the bus	21.11% 114
Total	540

9. Please think, then type your answer below. Given your answer to question #8, what improvements could the school make, that would cause your trip to or from school to be better?

7th & 8th Grade Responses

Decrease morning traffic, use more crossing guards, start a safety patrol, increase drop-off zones and entrances for students, increase parking spaces, increase supervision – drivers and students

constantly break traffic rules...students cross the street at random, increase student entrances, have gate by bike racks open, remove old locks that remain on bike racks, bike racks are overly crowded after school, offer the use of bikes for a monthly fee, allow the use of skateboards as transportation, place campus assistants around park, students on bus should be more quiet, parents can't afford the bus passes, more busses needed – three students to a seat is too crowded, keep the bus gate open until the second bell, let the bus driver get involved with student problems, do not assign detention if there is traffic, plant trees for more shade, use helicopters, install a ski lift at the top of the hill.

10. How SAFE do you feel during these times of the day?

7th Grade Responses

	Least Safe		Somewhat Safe		Most Safe	Total	Weighted Average
Inside your Classrooms	3.61% 22	1.15% 7	9.34% 57	19.84% 121	66.07% 403	610	4.44
Outside at Nutrition Break & Lunch	5.14% 31	4.64% 28	24.38% 147	28.69% 173	37.15% 224	603	3.88
In the P.E. Locker Room	6.68% 40	8.51% 51	21.37% 128	25.38% 152	38.06% 228	599	3.80
Out on the P.E. Fields	5.99% 36	4.99% 30	20.80% 125	24.63% 148	43.59% 262	601	3.95
Getting to and from School	5.63% 34	7.12% 43	19.37% 117	23.34% 141	44.54% 269	604	3.94

8th Grade Responses

	Least Safe		Somewhat Safe		Most Safe	Total	Weighted Average
Inside your Classrooms	6.23% 34	2.56% 14	12.09% 66	20.51% 112	58.61% 320	546	4.23
Outside at Nutrition Break & Lunch	7.73% 42	4.79% 26	20.44% 111	25.97% 141	41.07% 223	543	3.88
In the P.E. Locker Room	9.36% 51	4.77% 26	20.55% 112	23.30% 127	42.02% 229	545	3.84
Out on the P.E. Fields	7.51% 41	7.88% 43	17.58% 96	24.91% 136	42.12% 230	546	3.86

	Least Safe		Somewhat Safe		Most Safe	Total	Weighted Average
Getting to and from School	10.81% 59	5.13% 28	16.85% 92	22.71% 124	44.51% 243	546	3.85

11. Is there at least one teacher at ELM with whom you have a positive relationship?

7th Grade Responses

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, I have a positive relationship with at least one teacher	75.21% 455
No, I do not have positive relationships with any teachers	4.79% 29
I am not sure if my relationships with teachers are positive or not	20.00% 121
Total	605

8th Grade Responses

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, I have a positive relationship with at least one teacher	74.36% 406
No, I do not have positive relationships with any teachers	7.33% 40
I am not sure if my relationships with teachers are positive or not	18.32% 100
Total	546

12. I would feel confident going to my counselor if I had a problem - either an academic problem, or a more personal one.

7th Grade Responses

Answer Choices	Responses
I would feel confident	30.69% 186
I would feel somewhat confident	48.51% 294

Answer Choices	Responses
I would not feel confident	20.79% 126
Total	606

8th Grade Responses

Answer Choices	Responses
I would feel confident	30.83% 168
I would feel somewhat confident	40.37% 220
I would not feel confident	28.81% 157
Total	545

13. I feel I would like some more help learning how to use my iPad.

7th Grade Responses

Answer Choices	Responses
I could use a lot of help with the iPad	5.11% 31
I only need a little help with the iPad	18.78% 114
I don't feel I need any extra help with the iPad	76.11% 462
Total	607

8th Grade Responses

Answer Choices	Responses
I could use a lot of help with the iPad	7.69% 42
I only need a little help with the iPad	15.38% 84
I don't feel I need any extra help with the iPad	76.92% 420

Answer Choices	Responses
Total	546
