



What's Important to Learn About in School?

HELLO! We want to find out what real world topics you think are important to learn about in school so we can create more meaningful curriculum projects and learning activities. Please complete this survey and let us know what you think. Thank you!

1) What **urban issues** do you want to learn more about in school? Rank the **TOP 5** by placing a #1 next to the one you want / need to learn most about, then a 2, 3, 4, and 5 for other important issues. Add your own too... see **Other**.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> violence in the community | <input type="checkbox"/> schools need more resources | <input type="checkbox"/> environmental pollution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> moving too much | <input type="checkbox"/> school fighting / bullying | <input type="checkbox"/> lack of father figures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> police profiling / police abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> kids not trusting adults | <input type="checkbox"/> homeless / evictions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> people need \$\$ and jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> poor health or no healthcare | <input type="checkbox"/> not respecting our elders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> not enough youth programs | <input type="checkbox"/> family having a hard time | <input type="checkbox"/> parents too busy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> racism / discrimination | <input type="checkbox"/> sexism against girls / women | <input type="checkbox"/> adults not trusting kids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> too many people in jails | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation problems | <input type="checkbox"/> mass media influences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> low quality food / food deserts | <input type="checkbox"/> disconnected w/ church or community | <input type="checkbox"/> reducing child abuse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> too much attention on material items | <input type="checkbox"/> domestic violence / abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> high unemployment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> drugs / alcohol abuse issues | <input type="checkbox"/> discrimination against gays/lesbians | <input type="checkbox"/> need more parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> feeling hopeless/sad about life | <input type="checkbox"/> low quality schools / education | <input type="checkbox"/> need more elderly service |

Other (please specify) _____

Is there a store nearby you where your family can get FRESH fruits, vegetables, and meats? **__YES __NO**
 Do you think most of the topics above are important to learn more about and help solve in school? **__YES __NO**

2) If you could choose any topics to learn more about in school based on your culture/history, your personal interests, and your life needs, what would they be? Think about it and write down a few ideas for each.

Your Culture / History	Your Personal Interests	Your Real Life Needs
Idea #1	Idea #1	Idea #1
Idea #2	Idea #2	Idea #2

3) What are some **real world skills** you think schools should emphasize to prepare all students for **community leadership, cooperation, and social justice**? Think of three (3). Brainstorm with your neighbor or facilitator if needed.

Idea #1	Idea #2	Idea #3

4) Do you want your school learning to help prepare you to solve **real world problems, become a community leader, and make the community and city a better place to live**? Circle one # below.

Yes, I want my school to prepare me -- 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 – No, I don't want school to prepare me in this way

5) What kind of *classroom and learning environment* do you prefer? Please circle a number on the scale the represents your preference. Choose "0" if you think a balance is important. Otherwise, show your preference.

- A. I like the environment... **more serious** 5 4 3 2 1 **0** 1 2 3 4 5 **more fun and relaxed**
- B. I like to... **work alone more** 5 4 3 2 1 **0** 1 2 3 4 5 **work more in groups**
- C. I like to... **learn quietly more often** 5 4 3 2 1 **0** 1 2 3 4 5 **learn more with discussion**
- D. I like a teacher to... **ask me to speak** 5 4 3 2 1 **0** 1 2 3 4 5 **let me speak on my own**
- E. I like... **activity stations in class** 5 4 3 2 1 **0** 1 2 3 4 5 **everyone does one thing**
- F. I like... **students to lead class** 5 4 3 2 1 **0** 1 2 3 4 5 **teachers to lead class**
- G. I like... **moving around in class** 5 4 3 2 1 **0** 1 2 3 4 5 **sitting for the entire class**
- H. I like... **learning from textbooks** 5 4 3 2 1 **0** 1 2 3 4 5 **learning from many sources**
- I. I like doing... **hands-on projects** 5 4 3 2 1 **0** 1 2 3 4 5 **worksheets / textbook work**

6) Real talk, what are your academic and school goals? Check off 1 or 2 statements.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I never really thought about it – I just go cuz I have to. | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to graduate from high school and get a job. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to graduate from high school and join the military. | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to graduate from college and have a good career. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to get a scholarship to college to play sports. | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to graduate college - then get a Masters or Ph.D. | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to _____ |

Name _____ **Grade** _____ **Date** _____