

# *Student Survey*

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Student surveys were delivered to schools served by Youth Leaders for Vital Communities in April 2005. Participating schools include: ISD #318 and ISD #319.

Total usable responses: 975  
 ISD #318: 772  
     Female: 377  
     Male: 395  
 ISD #319: 203  
     Female: 101  
     Male: 102

Total 7<sup>th</sup> grade responses: 269  
 ISD #318: 221  
     Female: 94  
     Male: 127  
 ISD #319: 48  
     Female: 26  
     Male: 22

Total 11<sup>th</sup> grade responses: 108  
 ISD #318: 88  
     Female: 41  
     Male: 47  
 ISD #319: 20  
     Female: 12  
     Male: 8

Total 8<sup>th</sup> grade responses: 286  
 ISD #318: 254  
     Female: 131  
     Male: 123  
 ISD #319: 32  
     Female: 13  
     Male: 19

Total 12<sup>th</sup> grade responses: 102  
 ISD #318: 91  
     Female: 48  
     Male: 43  
 ISD #319: 11  
     Female: 5  
     Male: 6

Total 9<sup>th</sup> grade responses: 51  
 ISD #318: 6  
     Female: 4  
     Male: 2  
 ISD #319: 45  
     Female: 23  
     Male: 22

Total 10<sup>th</sup> grade responses: 159  
 ISD #318: 112  
     Female: 59  
     Male: 53  
 ISD #319: 47  
     Female: 22  
     Male: 25

Current Grade Point Average Range (GPA):

	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
0.0 – 1.0	3	4	0	4	0	0
1.0 – 2.0	18	13	5	15	7	5
2.0 – 3.0	43	44	17	44	34	34
3.0 – 4.0+	126	131	19	80	52	55
I don't know	82	78	11	16	8	9

What are your favorite classes? (Check all that apply)

	Total	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Math	414	168	112	26	48	29	31
Science	435	86	207	18	55	40	29
Social Studies	296	81	80	14	48	33	40
English	262	97	62	11	43	24	25
Computer Rel.	292	118	90	14	37	18	15
Art Related	343	84	113	8	51	41	46
Elective Classes	47	95	17	82	24	57	

Elective Classes: Please list

- Grade 7: Study Hall-7, Art, Gym-7, Tech Ed-3, Lunch-4, FACS-2
- Grade 8: Shop-8, Gym-3
- Grade 9: Home Economics-2, Shop-6, Auto
- Grade 10: Spanish-7, Gym-12, Metals-4, Auto-12, Quilting, Psychology, Art, Economics, Study Hall, Shop, Welding-11, Woodworking-5, Carpentry-4, Basic Electricity, Spanish-8, Machine Shop, Interior Design, Pottery-2, Accounting, Small Engine, Child Studies, Large Mammal Wildlife, Electricity-2, CADD-3, Woodland Stewardship, Painting-2, Drawing, Lunch, German, Snowmobiling, Racing, Web Design, Fitness for Life, French-2
- Grade 11: Auto-3, Shop-5, Art-2, Lunch, Welding-5, Future Studies, Parenting, Gym-4, Metals-3, Language, Spanish, Electricity-3, Engineering Design, PFM, Business Math, Entrepreneurship, Advanced Fitness, Relationships, Foods-2, Art, Website Design-2, Multimedia Mania, Study Hall, Auto Mechanics, Accounting, Sculpture, Pottery, Painting, Carpentry-2, Child Studies, Art, Forestry-2, Wildlife, Early Bird Fitness for Life
- Grade 12: Lifetime Activities-3, Shop-2, Auto, Carpentry, Gym-3, Art-2, Mini Restaurant-3, Anatomy-3, Painting, Mult. Cult. Hand Crafts, Autobody-9, Engineering, Small Animals, Welding-2, Personal Law, Pottery, Spanish-4, Fitness for Life, Global Issues, Silviculture, Machine Shop, Physics, Journalism, Economics-2, Foods, German, Child Studies, French-5, Youth Service-2, Electricity, Business Management, PFM-2

Which classes do you struggle with the most? (Check all that apply)

	Total	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Math	390	50	133	21	81	56	49
Science	320	114	83	18	47	23	35
Social Studies	330	124	84	16	55	25	26
English	403	123	147	24	40	35	34
Computer Rel.	72	28	22	1	8	6	7
Art Related	55	13	25	0	9	3	5
Elective Classes:	3	27	1	8	10	7	

Elective Classes: Please list

- Grade 8: Shop-8, Gym-3
- Grade 9: Algebra
- Grade 10: Spanish-11, Shop, Auto, German, French, Gym
- Grade 11: Spanish, Shop, Auto, Spanish II, Chemistry, Economics, anatomy, Foreign Language, Physics
- Grade 12: Chemistry, Drama, German, Spanish, French, Economics

Are you involved in activities/clubs? (Check all that apply)

	Total	7th	8th	9th	10 <sup>th</sup>	11th	12th
School Related Sports	551	179	162	32	83	53	42
School Related Clubs	141	27	18	8	36	22	30
Non-School Related Sports	363	137	107	10	55	27	27
Non-School Related Clubs	136	31	36	5	22	23	19
Church Related	301	96	94	13	49	25	24

School Related Clubs/Associations: Please list:

- Grade 7: Student Council, Junior Math Team, Chess Club, Academic Triathlon, Science and Tech, Technology Club, Math Counts
- Grade 8: Student Council, Jazz Band, JO Volleyball, Youth Council, YAC, Speech, Band, Youth Council, Knowledge Bowl
- Grade 9: Spirit Squad, Band, Math Team, Knowledge Bowl, Tennis
- Grade 10: Knowledge Bowl, Spanish Club, Band, Math Team, NHS, Student Council, Spirit Squad, FCCLA, Pep Club, Key Club, Choir, Speech, Drama Club, Marching Band, FFA, C.A.R.E., BPA
- Grade 11: FCCLA, Spirit Squad, NHS, Concert Choir, Marching Band, Economics Team, Pep Club, Speech, Drama, Theatre, BPA, Key Club, Student Council, FFA
- Grade 12: Knowledge Bowl, Student Council, Math Team, NHS, Spirit Squad, Campus Life, Drama, Concert Band, FFA, Pep Club, Acapella Choir, Speech, Debate, Student Congress, BPA, Color Guard, Symphony Band, Pep Band, Marching Band, Choir, French, Jazz Band, Key Club, Band, Int. Lesbians Society.

Non-School Related Clubs/Associations Please list:

- Grade 7: 4-H, Replay, Dance, YMCA, White Oak Rendezvous, MN Quarter Horse Association, Piano, Flute, Gopher Weelman Bike Group, Soccer, Star of the North Skating Club, Civil Air Patrol, Gas Plane Flying, Dance, Animal Shelter, Dirt Biking, Tree Planting for Blandin Paper Company
- Grade 8: Forget Me Not Foundation, Summer Baseball, Horse Bowl, Steps of Success, Group Homes, 4-H, Awana's, Biathlon, Biking, Summer Baseball, Gymnastics, Softball, New England Role Playing Organization, Star of the North Skating Club, Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scouts, Girls Book Club, MDHA, YAC, Theater, Northwood's Soccer, Girl Scouts, Grand Rapids Players
- Grade 9: American Legion, Orchestra, People to People, Student Ambassadors, Itasca Orchestral Society
- Grade 10: Car Club, Fishing Club, YLVC, 4-H, WSA, ABA, Soccer, ISSC, Music Lessons, Figure Skating, MN Piano Orchestra, National Federation of Music
- Grade 11: Free at Last, Iron Range Racing Association, Boy Scouts, Jobs Daughters, YLVC, Biathlon, Chess Club, Local Band, Dance, Dumb Finger Club, KKK, Tai Kwon Do, Youth Group, Itasca Community Chorus, Mentoring
- Grade 12: Theater, AMA, Archery Club, Upward Bound, Children's Theatre, MN Forest, Historical Society, CARE, Piano, Youth Group, Reif Dance Company, YLVC

What are your plans after graduation?

Total	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
27	24	5	20	20	12	
38	36	14	29	19	37	
147	165	23	87	84	47	
31	35	6	16	9	3	
24	33	2	10	11	6	

1-2 yr technical college 108  
 Community college 173  
 Four-year university 553

Military	100						
Work	86						
Other:		41	107	9	20	8	9

- Grade 8: Cosmetology, Singer/Artist, Buying own RV, Law degree, Fishing Guide, Police Academy, Get a scholarship, Work then go to school, Work on cars, Fashion

Have you received formal career planning information?

	Total	7th	8th	9th	10 <sup>th</sup>	11th	12th
Yes	350	48	49	15	95	82	61
No	653	223	231	38	64	56	41

From where/whom have you received formal career planning information?

	Total	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
School Counselor	116	3	6	2	24	41	40
Teacher	167	9	17	11	74	34	22
Parent/Guardian	173	49	40	12	38	19	15
Employer	31	3	5	0	12	7	4
Internet	40	4	4	6	10	10	6
Local Agencies	9	1	1	0	4	2	1
Other:	90	21	30	2	12	12	13

- Grade 7: Friend, Books, None, Don't want to
  - Grade 8: Summer Youth Program, Nobody, Myself, Cousin, DNR, Dad's friend who is a forest fighter
  - Grade 9: Peace Corps
  - Grade 11: Career Fairs
- Internet: Which sites: California State, University of Northridge

In what location would you like to live and work?

	Total	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Itasca County Area	272	90	84	10	43	26	19
Northeastern Minnesota	119	32	23	5	22	24	13
Twin Cities Metropolitan Area	182	40	42	12	33	25	30
Outside the state of Minnesota	349	87	101	16	55	53	37
Other:	204	55	55	11	31	28	24

- Grade 8: North Carolina, Nashville, Europe/Spain/Romania, Atlantis, Canada, Miami, Hawaii, CA, Around US where my job takes me, Germany, Alaska, Montana, MN somewhere, International, MN/WI, Los Angeles, UK or Ireland, Colorado/Wyoming, Florida, Rochester, AZ
- Grade 11: Wherever, Doesn't matter, Not in the city, Undecided
- Grade 12: Leave country in 10 years, Wherever, Southern California

Are you interested in starting a business in the Itasca County area in the future?

	Total	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Yes	252	79	70	11	42	29	21
No	713	179	203	45	110	100	76

Yes: What type of business?

- Grade 8: Beauty shop, Jason's Jump Jet, Slippery Nipple Bar and Grill/Restaurant, Skate Shop, Fishing guide, Housing, Sell drugs, Mechanics, Construction, A little bait store, Logging/trucking, Auto shop, Bike shop, Good fishing store, Computer
- Grade 12: Paintball field/store

No: Why not?

- Grade 8: Family business, Too hard to start, Money, Bigger city, Want to get out of this town, Going to college, Bigger town, Want to try something new, Want to live in a foreign country, NBA, Going to college, Too small, Costs too much, It's not worth it cuz of Walmart, Work for somebody, Want a business in a larger community, I want to move, Few people, Too cold, Too few people, Leaving the state, Rather be a doctor, Moving
- Grade 11: Not part of plan, Don't want to, Not enough people, Not a business person
- Grade 12: Don't feel safe enough, Don't want one, An actor

Are you interested in participating in a focus group about this subject with the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce this summer?

	Total	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Yes	70	15	11	5	16	9	14
No	856	242	223	45	138	122	86