# Gallup Student Poll

# Engaged Today — Ready for Tomorrow

U.S. OVERALL

FALL 2017 SCORECARD

### INTRODUCTION

The Gallup Student Poll is a 24-question survey that measures the engagement, hope, entrepreneurial aspiration and career/financial literacy of students in fifth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The Gallup Student Poll includes non-cognitive metrics with links to student success. This scorecard reflects results from surveys completed in U.S. public schools.



**Engagement:** The involvement in and enthusiasm for school.



**Hope:** The ideas and energy students have for the future.



**Entrepreneurial Aspiration:** The talent and energy for building businesses that survive, thrive and employ others.



**Career/Financial Literacy:** The information, attitudes and behaviors that students need to practice for healthy participation in the economy.



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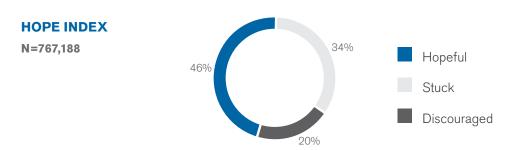


	2016	2017
ENGAGEMENT GRANDMEAN	3.88	3.85
At this school, I get to do what I do best every day.	3.57	3.53
My teachers make me feel my schoolwork is important.	4.02	3.98
I feel safe in this school.	3.89	3.88
I have fun at school.	3.49	3.45
I have a best friend at school.	4.38	4.35
In the last seven days, someone has told me I have done good work at school.	3.63	3.61
In the last seven days, I have learned something interesting at school.	3.90	3.86
The adults at my school care about me.	3.86	3.82
I have at least one teacher who makes me excited about the future.	4.11	4.08

GRANDMEA	N BY GRADI	E					
5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
4.28	4.14	3.94	3.78	3.71	3.58	3.58	3.62

ITEM RESPONSES		%1	<b>%2</b>	%3	%4	<b>%5</b>
HEM RESPONSES	TOTAL N	Strongly Disagree		ree	Strongly Agree	
At this school, I get to do what I do best every day.	756,108	6	10	29	32	22
My teachers make me feel my schoolwork is important.	779,311	4	7	18	30	41
I feel safe in this school.	773,484	6	8	19	28	40
I have fun at school.	784,299	11	13	24	27	26
I have a best friend at school.	773,272	7	4	7	12	70
In the last seven days, someone has told me I have done good work at school.	741,916	16	9	14	21	40
In the last seven days, I have learned something interesting at school.	773,622	8	8	17	27	41
The adults at my school care about me.	727,490	6	9	19	27	38
I have at least one teacher who makes me excited about the future.	761,466	7	6	12	21	54





HOPE GRANDMEAN	2016	2017
HOPE GRANDMEAN	4.24	4.20
I know I will graduate from high school.	4.68	4.65
I have a great future ahead of me.	4.44	4.40
I can think of many ways to get good grades.	4.20	4.17
I have many goals.	4.22	4.16
I can find many ways around problems.	3.91	3.89
I have a mentor who encourages my development.	3.50	3.45
I know I will find a good job in the future.	4.41	4.37

GRANDMEA	N BY GRADI	E					
5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
4.37	4.31	4.24	4.18	4.13	4.10	4.11	4.17

ITEM DECDONCES		<b>%1</b>	<b>%2</b>	%3	%4	<b>%5</b>		
ITEM RESPONSES	TOTAL N	Strongly	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree		
I know I will graduate from high school.	750,761	1	1	5	15	77		
I have a great future ahead of me.	727,877	2	2	10	25	60		
I can think of many ways to get good grades.	776,254	3	4	15	29	48		
I have many goals.	777,127	3	6	15	24	52		
I can find many ways around problems.	770,788	3	6	22	34	34		
I have a mentor who encourages my development.	718,645	15	11	19	22	32		
I know I will find a good job in the future.	727,193	2	3	11	25	60		



### **ENTREPRENEURIAL ASPIRATION**

N=577,096

ENTREPRENEURIAL ASPIRATION GRANDMEAN	2016	2017
ENTREPRENEURIAL ASPIRATION GRANDWIEAN	2.42	2.37
I will invent something that changes the world.	2.72	2.62
I plan to start my own business.	3.02	2.96
I am learning how to start and run a business.	2.39	2.35
I have my own business now.	1.55	1.55

GRANDMEA	N BY GRADI	E					
5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
2.70	2.55	2.40	2.30	2.22	2.20	2.23	2.31

ITEM RESPONSES		%1	<b>%2</b>	%3	%4	<b>%5</b>
		Strongly Disagree			Strong	gly Agree
I will invent something that changes the world.	642,075	29	20	24	13	13
I plan to start my own business.	686,677	24	17	21	16	23
I am learning how to start and run a business.	740,960	41	19	17	11	12
I have my own business now.	751,334	77	8	6	3	6



## Career/Financial Literacy

The Information, Attitudes and Behaviors That Students Need to Practice for Healthy Participation in the Economy

### **CAREER/FINANCIAL LITERACY**

N=696,180

CAREER/FINANCIAL LITERACY GRANDMEAN	2016	2017
CAREER/FINANCIAL LITERACT GRANDMEAN	3.31	3.30
I have a paying job now.	2.11	2.15
I am learning how to save and spend money.	3.76	3.73
I have a bank account with money in it.	3.22	3.21
I am involved in at least one activity, such as a club, music, sports or volunteering.	4.11	4.09

GRANDME	AN BY GRADI	E					
5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
3.33	3.26	3.23	3.19	3.11	3.18	3.49	3.69

ITEM DECRONGES		%1	<b>%2</b>	%3	%4	<b>%5</b>	
ITEM RESPONSES	TOTAL N	Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree		
I have a paying job now.	763,994	60	8	8	6	18	
I am learning how to save and spend money.	777,844	11	9	18	21	41	
I have a bank account with money in it.	730,343	36	5	6	8	45	
I am involved in at least one activity, such as a club, music, sports or volunteering.	773,630	15	3	6	8	67	

### ITEMS BY GRADE

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	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
ENGAGEMENT GRANDMEAN BY GRADE	4.28	4.14	3.94	3.78	3.71	3.58	3.58	3.62	
At this school, I get to do what I do best every day.	3.82	3.71	3.58	3.45	3.49	3.34	3.34	3.40	
My teachers make me feel my schoolwork is important.	4.42	4.27	4.05	3.91	3.86	3.70	3.69	3.72	
I feel safe in this school.	4.34	4.12	3.90	3.74	3.72	3.63	3.66	3.76	
I have fun at school.	4.01	3.75	3.48	3.31	3.35	3.15	3.11	3.20	
I have a best friend at school.	4.67	4.62	4.56	4.42	4.19	4.11	4.02	3.93	
In the last seven days, someone has told me I have done good work at school.	3.96	3.90	3.74	3.59	3.49	3.34	3.31	3.34	
In the last seven days, I have learned something interesting at school.	4.26	4.14	3.91	3.76	3.72	3.61	3.65	3.66	
The adults at my school care about me.	4.43	4.18	3.91	3.71	3.58	3.46	3.48	3.60	
I have at least one teacher who makes me excited about the future.	4.44	4.35	4.17	4.02	3.87	3.83	3.87	3.95	
HOPE GRANDMEAN BY GRADE	4.37	4.31	4.24	4.18	4.13	4.10	4.11	4.17	
I know I will graduate from high school.	4.58	4.63	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.67	4.70	4.72	
I have a great future ahead of me.	4.52	4.51	4.45	4.39	4.33	4.29	4.29	4.34	
I can think of many ways to get good grades.	4.33	4.29	4.22	4.15	4.09	4.04	4.03	4.10	
I have many goals.	4.24	4.19	4.13	4.11	4.12	4.12	4.17	4.23	
I can find many ways around problems.	3.93	3.89	3.87	3.85	3.84	3.86	3.92	4.02	
I have a mentor who encourages my development.	3.92	3.67	3.46	3.34	3.29	3.23	3.26	3.39	
I know I will find a good job in the future.	4.59	4.55	4.46	4.37	4.28	4.21	4.18	4.21	
ENTREPRENEURIAL ASPIRATION GRANDMEAN BY GRADE	2.70	2.55	2.40	2.30	2.22	2.20	2.23	2.31	
I will invent something that changes the world.	3.00	2.85	2.66	2.52	2.44	2.41	2.43	2.53	
I plan to start my own business.	3.35	3.21	3.03	2.89	2.79	2.76	2.76	2.80	
I am learning how to start and run a business.	2.68	2.50	2.36	2.28	2.19	2.18	2.23	2.34	
I have my own business now.	1.74	1.61	1.55	1.51	1.46	1.46	1.48	1.54	
CAREER/FINANCIAL LITERACY GRANDMEAN BY GRADE	3.33	3.26	3.23	3.19	3.11	3.18	3.49	3.69	
I have a paying job now.	2.03	1.91	1.88	1.89	1.87	2.09	2.72	3.17	
I am learning how to save and spend money.	4.01	3.88	3.76	3.66	3.47	3.49	3.68	3.84	
I have a bank account with money in it.	3.01	3.06	3.07	3.05	3.08	3.19	3.58	3.84	
I am involved in at least one activity, such as a club, music, sports or volunteering.	4.26	4.22	4.20	4.14	4.02	3.94	3.94	3.90	

<sup>-</sup> No data available

### **DEMOGRAPHIC ITEMS**

### **WHAT IS YOUR AGE IN YEARS?\***

10 or under	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 or over
10%	14%	14%	14%	13%	12%	11%	10%	3%

### COMPARED TO MOST STUDENTS, I DO WELL IN SCHOOL.

7 4 5	20	33	32

### **WHAT IS YOUR GENDER?\***

Male	48%
Female	49%
Choose not to answer	4%

### WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES THE GRADES YOU GET AT SCHOOL:

<b>4</b> 3	24	46		22
% Don't Know	t Pod	r Average	Good	Excellent

### AFTER I FINISH HIGH SCHOOL, I WILL MOST LIKELY:

Attend a four-year college or university	59%
Attend a two-year college	9%
Attend training to learn a skill or trade	2%
Enter the military	5%
Work at a paid job	4%
Volunteer or serve on a mission	1%
Take time off	1%
Start my own business	3%
Other	5%
Don't know	12%

### HOW OFTEN DID YOU MISS SCHOOL LAST YEAR WITHOUT A GOOD REASON OR BECAUSE YOU WERE SICK?

A lot	8%
Some	19%
Not much	49%
None at all	20%
Don't know/Choose not to answer	5%

<sup>\*</sup>A minimum n size of 30 is required to report results.

### **APPENDIX**

#### SHARING GALLUP STUDENT POLL RESULTS

Gallup encourages schools and districts to share their Gallup Student Poll results with their local community and key stakeholders. Below are some guidelines for the public release of school, district and the overall convenience sample data and results.

- You can share the Gallup Student Poll participation results for your school and/or district. The n sizes on the
  scorecard represent the total number of respondents for your school or district. Your school or district participation
  rate is based on the total number of eligible students in your school or district. Students in fifth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade
  are eligible to participate in the Gallup Student Poll.
- Please include the Gallup Student Poll Methodology and Limitations of Polling. If most eligible students in fifth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade were polled, the district (or school) may indicate that the data represent a census.
- Please do not compare your school's or district's data to the overall line of data on your scorecard when publicly sharing results. Because the overall data in your school or district report is an aggregate of a convenience sample of all schools and districts that opted to participate in the Gallup Student Poll within that survey year, the data are not representative of the U.S. population of students in fifth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and are thereby not fit for data comparisons.
- You can share district or school plans to use the data to inform strategies and focus.
- If you would like more information on how to publicly share Gallup Student Poll data, please email Gallup at <a href="mailto:educationhelp@gallup.com">educationhelp@gallup.com</a>.

### **GALLUP STUDENT POLL METHODOLOGY AND LIMITATIONS OF POLLING**

The annual Gallup Student Poll is offered for a nominal fee to U.S. schools and districts. The online poll is completed by a convenience sample of schools and districts each fall. Gallup does not randomly select schools participating in the annual Gallup Student Poll or give these schools any incentives beyond receipt of school-specific data. Participation rates vary by school. The poll is conducted during a designated survey period and available during school hours Monday through Friday only. The Gallup Student Poll is administered to students in fifth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The Gallup Student Poll adds additional elements for understanding school success beyond cognitive measures.

The overall data from the annual administration of the Gallup Student Poll may not reflect responses from a nationally representative sample of students. The overall data are not statistically weighted to reflect the U.S. student population; therefore, local schools and districts should use the overall data and scorecards cautiously as a data comparison. School and district data and scorecards provide meaningful data for local comparisons and may inform strategic initiatives and programming, though the results are not generalizable beyond the participating school or district.