

JLS Middle School

General Highlights

The majority of students in Palo Alto are making healthy decisions and express healthy attitudes when it comes to alcohol, drug use and related high risk behaviors.

The majority of students are overestimating the degree to which their school peers are involved in these behaviors.

Middle school students perceptions of bullying are not the same as the reality.

Most JLS Middle School students do not think that bullying is normal behavior:

2008	2009	What JLS Students think about bullying
76.1%	80.8%	... of JLS students report that in their group of friends, bullying is not okay.
75.3%	77.5%	... of JLS students agree or strongly agree that they are "encouraged to help and respect other students."
75.2%	77.1%	... of JLS Middle School students did something kind for someone at school this week
69.4%	74.4%	... saw another student do something kind for someone at school this week
74%	75.9%	... of students "feel that their teachers care about them."
71.9%	77%	... of students "feel that other students care about them."
80.2%	76.3%	... of students reported that "teachers really try to stop kids who are bullies."
	92.8%	... agree or strongly agree that students should not tease in a mean way, call others hurtful names or spread unkind stories about other students. (verbal and social bullying)
	92.8%	... agree or strongly agree that students should not shove, kick, hit, trip or pull another student's hair. (Physical bullying)
	86.1%	... agree or strongly agree that students should not threaten to hit another student even if they don't actually do it.
	85.3%	... agree or strongly agree that students should always try to be friendly with students who are different than themselves.
	71.9%	... of students report they have a "good number of adults they can talk to when I need help with a problem.
57.4%	57.6%	... of JLS students do not agree (strongly disagree or disagree) that being <i>bullied</i> is just a normal part of being a kid
65.4%	69.6%	... of JLS students do not agree (strongly disagree or disagree) that being <i>a bully</i> is just a normal part of being a kid.
69%	73.3%	... report never being physically bullied in the last year
87%	84.6%	... report never being electronically bullied in the last year.

2008	2009	What JLS students think of drugs & alcohol
98.7 %	94.2%	... of student alcohol use is limited to a few times a year or not at all.
96.4%	98.4%	... of students report never being drunk in the last 12 months
97.4%	98%	... of students say they never use marijuana.
98.7%	98.5%	... of students say they never use other illegal drugs.
95.6%	95.5%	... of students say their parents do not allow them and their friends to drink alcohol in their home
51.4%	50.2%	... of students say someone in their family had talked with them about alcohol and drug use.