

DISCOVER – Sampling of Deming High School Student Questionnaire Responses

During the Stories of Learning one-day intensive, filmmaking session at Deming High School, students answered questionnaires as a means to begin thinking about different stories for the day. Some answers from the questionnaires are listed below.

My favorite kind of classroom environment is...

- Calm because I don't like loudnes but still not too quiet
- Talkative because I like when everyone is involved and discussing real topics
- Involved and engaging because some teachers just go through the motions, but others enjoy it
- Inside a room because it feels safe
- One with many of my friends because I feel more comfortable, so I pay attention
- An interactive one because I like to enjoy talking with a lot of people
- A structured one because we are able to discuss in class and express ourselves
- Quiet and straight-forward because I accomplish more when I understand the task at hand
- Quiet because I have less distractions and learn more
- Peaceful becaue there is no violence

If I could start school over again I would...

- Get better grades
- Waste less time being negative and enjoy it
- Probably live my life the same
- Avoid some of the problems
- Work harder in other areas and less in my strong ones
- Do more community service
- Get invovled in more activities
- Be more involved with sports*
- Take it more serious

These are the most significant moments I experienced as a student

- Bullying*
- Changing from Columbus to Deming
- Getting to senior year all together
- Baseball
- Talking in front of class
- Learning what I want to do with my life
- Making a lot of friends
- Diversity
- Graduate
- Becoming a mariachi
- Girls

If I could learn one thing in school, I would learn...

- How to get scholarships because I can't get any and I wish I would've started earlier
- Life skills more often because those are very important and needed
- How to be a kinder person because I sometimes have a hard time being kind to others
- Another language because I want to improve myself
- To be yourself because if you can't accept yourself, no one will

Bold and italicized responses received 4+ similar answers

Bold responses received 3 similar answers

Italicized responses received 2 similar answers

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Something that happened or I learned in school that really engaged/concerned me was:

- To not take everything so serious - I have to get a good education -Bullying
- That no matter what happens I have people who support me in all my many issues

These are the things I love most about school:

- **Friends** - **Sports** - Computers/games
- **Learning** - Growing up - Activities (pep rallies, games)
- Singing – choir - Meeting new people - Getting closer to my final goal
- Working with people - Education - People who help me out
- Cool teachers - Athletic training - Lunch

These are the things I struggle with most about school:

- Grades - Work - *Money/ for college*
- Computer work - Math - Slow learner
- *Too much homework* - Being a procrastinator - *Keeping high grades*
- Dealing with people - College - *Bullying*
- Seeing people who took a part of me with them - Staying focused
- Making everyone to not believe the rumors
- Making time for my family when I have too much homework to get done

My family's belief about education is:

- To work hard, strive for success and go to college -*It is important*
- Great because they couldn't have that for themselves -Just get through high school
- That it will take you far in life and success -Applying it is most important
- That it is the key to success – life is so much easier when you are doing what you love
- That education is necessary. My parents have pushed me to get good grades and they are pushing me to go to a good college
- Strong and supportive. They want us to give it our best at everything we can do
- Harsh on the students and tough to understand

Something I learned in school after making a mistake was:

- *You can't just forget about things* -In order to succeed you have to fail
- *Life goes on; live and learn* -You are wiser
- The experience of the effects -*You can always try again/ have second chances*
- To know who your real friends are

Money affects my education because:

- *Without it – no education* -*It is my ticket to college*
- I plan to attend a great college but the tuition is very high and my parents still have 2 children to support

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