

Discover: Valencia County Student Questionnaire Responses

During the Stories of Learning one day intensive, filmmaking sessions at Los Lunas High School and the School of Dreams Academy, 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 is...

- Comfortable and open because it makes you feel at home and you can be open-minded
- Close together because I felt comfortable
- A classroom with pictures because I feel like my teacher is fun and outgoing
- A decorated room because it makes me know what the teacher kind of likes
- *An AP class because all or most [of] the students in that class want to learn as much as I do*
- A fun and hands on learning environment because I feel that students/people in general learn better when it's fun hands on experience
- Relaxed/collaborative because it gets everyone involved
- Open space with a lot of people because I like to interact with people and not feel so closed up
- A free and energetic one because it makes me interested in the learning and I actually learn
- Relaxed and informative because it provides the most learning to me
- Explorative and fun because when I'm having fun I actually learn things
- With a lot of students because you can hear everyone's opinions
- *Gear Up/AVID classroom because you give your opinion, talk and solve problems in a group*
- A talkative, working class because it'll be good if everyone works and has fun at the same time
- Interacting with students because I like to speak my mind and meet new people
- A sociable one because that's how students grow
- A small classroom because I don't feel like nobody cares, that the teachers want to be there
- Somewhat relaxed but serious because it helps to not be stressful and I get work done
- Quiet because I can focus
- Controlled chaos because I love socializing and being around others
- To be interactive because I feel it gives an amazing learning experience
- Fun, calm and exciting because it makes me feel at ease
- Active environment because I like projects and hands-on activities
- Happy and fun because it makes school fun and it makes learning fun
- Interactive because if the students and teachers can't discuss things together it's hard to learn
- Art because it's a way to express your feelings
- Relaxed because no pressure
- Active environment because you always get to learn something new

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

- Do it the same way I did before
- Take it more seriously
- ***Try harder and focus more on math and science***
- I don't think I would like to start school again
- Never get suspended or expelled
- Talk to way more girls
- Really try to learn
- Take advanced classes
- Do my best at everything
- Be a better student
- Learn more about writing
- Take more time to appreciate it
- Start doing all my work
- Definitely not
- Try to talk to everyone
- Learn from my mistakes
- Make different friends
- Start over in middle school
- ***Pay more attention***
- Take opportunities I have passed up
- Take advantage of naptime
- Have more people around me

Bold and italicized responses received 4+ similar responses

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These are the most significant moments I experienced as a student:

- **Having a teacher there to help me** - My grades dropping from having hard times
- *Having sports to help me escape* - Having to maintain my grades for sports
- *Making the school sports teams* - Moving to a lot of different schools
- **Being involved in extra-curricular activities** - **Meeting new people and friends**
- Meeting my favorite teacher - *Being bullied*
- Watching "Predator" - The first time I got in a fight
- Learned to write in cursive - First love and heart break
- Realizing school doesn't prepare you for reality - Learning so many new things in Chemistry
- *Being exposed to great literature* - Losing friends
- Having to put up with bad teachers - Learning to be myself
- Education does matter - You're not getting younger
- Always take notes - Get on your teacher's good-side
- Don't be absent - Getting sent to the principal
- Passing the Government end of course exam - Getting accepted to UNM
- Being homeschooled - Going to an actual school
- Doing a lot of writing and entering contests - Being put down by a teacher
- Becoming an influential person in my class - Accomplishing good things
- Meeting amazing people - Getting suspended
- Finding four Fs on my report card - Being the leader of choir
- It's hard for me to learn English and writing - I'm learning things I know but deeper
- In school, just have fun - Ridiculed for being gay

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

- Real life situations because we need it and it would be fun
- To be open to others because the more people you know the better you'll be
- Filmmaking because I like to make memories - Math because [it's] my favorite subject
- More calculus and physics because it [is] what I want to do when I have a career
- About animals and the outdoors because I love animals and the outdoors is where I feel free
- Music theory because I'm interested in how harmony is created
- Sound engineering and music production because that's what I want to do later on
- A trade because algebra is not real life; it's not life after school
- Chemistry because I love Chemistry and always want to learn more
- How to be a good significant because that is the most important to me
- More math (calculus) because I want to become an engineer
- How to fix cars because in case of an emergency and to become a mechanic
- How to work with others because it's an important part of learning and accepting
- Anatomy because it's an investment in my human capital because I want to go pre-med
- Writing and drama because I want to do these for my career
- How to balance a check book because I need to know that
- How to help people because I like to help people - Art because it is my passion
- To play guitar because that is my favorite instrument - How to rely on myself
- How to be a good mother (for the future) because my mom is the first person I look up to and I'd like someone to look up to me as a good role model

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Something that happened or I learned in school that really engaged/concerned/mattered to me was...

- The dash - Filming because a video can tell a lot
- To have someone along the way to help me - Being introduced to physics
- **Joining Gear UP** - **Being in AVID**
- Learning how to write really well - *Chemistry*
- The human brain and how we think - US History and Dance
- English and science - People judge you no matter what
- The rape crisis prevention program - Being on a competitive dance team
- Getting into good habits for my future - *The Holocaust*
- My art teacher taught me Anime
- Everyone's different and not everyone is going to like you

These are the things I love most about school:

- **Friends** - **Sports** - **Boyfriends/girlfriends**
- **Learning something new every day** - **Math and science** - **Gear UP**
- **Favorite teachers** - Falling asleep - *Clowning around*
- Building my future - **Lunch** - AVID
- **Dance** - Reading - Rehearsals
- **AP Art** - Broadcasting/film class - Having fun
- Being motivated by teachers and peers - My school is small - English
- The advantages we have - Digital art

These are the things I struggle with most in school:

- Stress - *Overwhelm myself* - **Having a lot of work**
- Not wanting to be there - Caring what others think - My handwriting
- Keeping up my reputation - Paying attention in class - **Preparing for college**
- Not being outgoing - *Not having friends* - **Bullying**
- Getting here on time - Our generation just sucks - Chemistry
- Motivating [myself] to do mindless and useless [stuff] - Respecting authority
- *Understanding math* - Prepare for testing - **Waking up**
- Not understanding what's taught - Walking to class - Grades
- My pre-quitting because of my fear of failing - Economics
- Some of my teachers - The language - The worldliness
- *Math* - *Work I don't understand* - *Tests and quizzes*
- Not being good enough to do anything - Reading - Time management
- Getting caught up in girl drama

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