



Modesto City Schools
LCAP Feedback
Downey Long Term English Learners (LTEL)

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Two groups of 20 students

Majority attended Elementary and Junior High in Modesto City Schools

What can the district do to make you want to come to school/make school better?

- Cafeteria food needs more variety; Students that use cafeteria find food unappetizing.
- Change start time to a later time (only one in favor)
- Longer lunch (lunch line is too long)
- Homework; Often have difficulty completing homework due to the amount from six different classes or not being able to understand the work students are asked to complete.
- The morning bus pickup is too early (before 7 a.m.)
- Pay us to come to school
- More information about programs starting in 9th grade (Many students did not know academy offerings at other schools)
- Increase career pathways

What do you like most about school?

- Hanging out with friends
- Getting out early

Do you have you have one adult on campus you can talk to?

- Yes (unanimous)

Do you have an elective or class of interest?

- Yes (majority of students)

Should school be one hour longer in order to take an elective?

- No

How many of you participate in sports?

- One

How many of you participate in clubs?

- One

What prevents you from completing homework?

- Majority: can't complete it because don't understand or can't remember how to complete it
- Then guess at answer
- One student: has a child and busy
- Too much homework when every teacher gives you some
- Many teachers (not all) allow you to turn in late homework for partial credit
- Can do well in class yet have a bad grade with homework
- Two students shared that tests count for too much of grade and can fail class due to one bad test
- Tutoring after school can help
- Go to school longer day and have no homework
- Requested from teachers how to study or how to prepare for test. If don't get it many say,
- "You should have listened."

Do you have one teacher that you like a lot?

- All did. Many stated that teacher respects all students
- Most teachers are pretty cool

Do all your teachers know your name?

- About half of the students felt that half of their teachers did.

Can you go through an entire day and never have to answer question all day?

- No, with the exception of one student that stated only half the day.

Do teachers explain the material?

- Sometimes

Do you have good Math teachers?

- Half said yes

Have you talked to the college counselor?

- Only one senior had met with college counselor

Have you talked to your counselor?

- 5 had seen their counselor this year
- 6 don't know who their counselor is
- Walk in only – cannot get appointment
- Only during 1-7 period
- Most 9-10th graders have not seen nor met their counselor
- Counselors don't help
- Counselors job is to be here and meet with students, but if they aren't and don't

Parents:

- How many come to meetings? One
- Why don't they come to meetings? Busy, working
- How can we get them to meetings? Parents do come when it is directly about their student or their student's grade

What do you want to do after graduating?

- Work - construction
- Not sure (5)
- Law enforcement
- College
- Cooking
- Business
- Nurse
- Video gaming
- Does the school have the responsibility to help students figure this out? Yes, you have us for 13 years.

How many have a computer at home?

- About half

How many think that 1:1 devices is a good idea?

- Yes
- Why?
- Less to carry home
- No papers in backpack
- No papers to lose
- What about stealing?
- Good idea if student maintains 2.0 GPA to sell 1:1? Yes

Reclassification

- How many of you know about it? Only 1-2

Do you like your ALD class?

- Most said so-so

How many of you feel safe at school?

- All

How are the Campus Supervisors doing?

- Basically good. Not all of them are good
- Do they stay in one spot or all over the campus? All over
- Is it easy to get drugs? Those that know how would say it is easy

How many of you know who the Principal is?

- The 9th graders did not.

Do you know you have the right to complain and to whom?

- No one listens
- It's always the teacher's word
- The counselors just tell you to talk to the teacher