# **MN Student Community Profiles:** Exploring Developmental Skills, Supports, & Challenges

A new look at what youth bring to families, schools, and communities

# A Focus on American Indian Students

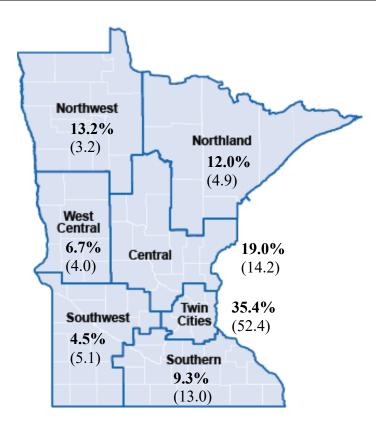
Analysis of the 2013, 2016 , & 2019 Minnesota Student Survey

MN Youth Development Research Group



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From 2019 data, the top number in each region is the percent of American Indian students participating in the MSS located in that region; the number in parentheses is the regional location of 17 year olds or younger in the MN population.

Population data source: http://www.mncompass.org/

In the 2019 MSS, students within each racial/ethnic group were able to identify with ethnic communities within each larger community. American Indian student participants in 2019 identified as

43% Anishinaabe/Ojibwe19% Dakota/Lakota36% Other tribal affiliation

#### *The MSS provides us with an opportunity to* <u>listen</u> *and* <u>hear</u> *our students.*

In total across the three administrations of the MSS, 23,534 American Indian students in grades 5, 8, 9, and 11 participated. This includes American Indian students who identify with any other racial groups (about 66% do so), but not Latino, Somali, or Hmong. American Indian students account for 4.7% of participants across 2013 to 2019.

American Indian students in the MSS are located in each region of the state and all 87 counties. This is evident in the numbers on the map to the left.

Less than half of the American Indian students participating in the MSS (40%) reside in the Twin Cities; about half of youth 17 years old or younger in the population (52%) reside in the Twin Cities seven county region.

About 85% of school districts participated in each administration. Also, in some schools, nearly all students in grades 5, 8, 9, & 11 participate in the MSS. In other schools, students are sampled from these grades.

Counts of American Indian students participating in the MSS by region and year.

Region	2013	2016	2019
Central	1398	1574	1272
Northland	806	813	804
Northwest	884	1006	884
Southern	747	860	625
Southwest	295	355	299
Twin Cities Metro	3595	3521	2379
West Central	436	533	448
Total	8161	8662	6711

#### **Positive Youth Development**

We base this work on the principles of Positive Youth Development.<sup>1</sup> This is informed by positive psychology and the developmental asset approaches. This provides us with a strong set of principles through which to be better equipped to meet the needs of youth across diverse communities.

- Youth have an inherent capacity for positive development
- That is enabled and enhanced through multiple meaningful relationships, contexts, & environments
- Where community is a critical delivery system
- And youth are major actors in their own development

#### **Equipped for Learning**

To be equipped for learning on Developmental Skills & Supports, students must score at the point where they report that the characteristics of the measure (values, beliefs, behaviors) are more like them than not. This is essentially an average of three out of four on a 4-point rating scale. The items measuring Developmental Skills & Supports function similarly across years and for students from different grades and different racial or ethnic backgrounds.

#### Does it make a difference?

Students who are equipped in the Developmental Skills & Supports report higher school grades, are more likely to have higher aspirations to go to college, and have higher participation in afterschool activities.

#### **Developmental Skills**

#### Commitment to Learning

I care about doing well in school, pay attention in class, go to class prepared, am interested in learning, find school learning useful, and being a student is an important part of who I am.

#### Positive Identity and Outlook (DAP)

I have a sense of control in my life, feel good about myself and future, deal well with disappointment and life's challenges, and think about my purpose in life.

#### Social Competence (DAP)

I say no to dangerous/unhealthy things, build friendships, express feelings appropriately, plan ahead and make good choices, resist bad influences, resolve conflicts without violence, accept differences in others, and recognize the needs and feelings of others.

#### **Afterschool Activities**

Ignite Afterschool promotes access and regular participation (3 times a week or more) in afterschool activities and programs.

The percent reporting positive experiences only includes those students with regular participation and was included in the 2016 and 2019 MSS.

For more information, see http://igniteafterschool.org/afterschool-access Those equipped for learning in the Developmental Skills & Supports are bullied less, engage in less bullying, are less likely to skip school or engage in substance use, and experience less mental distress

#### **Developmental Supports**

#### Empowerment (DAP)

I have a sense of safety at home, at school, and in the neighborhood; feel valued and appreciated; am included in family roles; and have responsibilities.

#### Family/Community Support

I feel cared for by parents, other adult relatives, friends, and other adults in the community.

#### Teacher/School Support

Adults at school treat students fairly and listen to students; school rules are fair; teachers care about students and care about and are interested in me.

DAP measures are from the *Developmental Asset Profile*, Search Institute, Minneapolis, MN.

#### **Additional Indicators**

- Indicators for trauma include 5<sup>th</sup> grade only in 2013 and for mental distress do not include 5<sup>th</sup> grade in any year; both indicators include grades 8, 9, & 11.
- Trauma experiences include homelessness, parent incarceration, verbal/physical abuse, sexual abuse, family alcohol/drug abuse.
- Mental Distress includes significant mental health and behavior-emotional problems; self-injury; suicidal thoughts and attempts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Benson, P.L., Scales, P.C., Hamilton, S.F., & Sesma, A. (2006). Positive youth development: Theory, research, and applications. In W. Damon & R.M. Lerner (Eds.), *Handbook of child psychology*. Wiley.

# Am Indian Students in MN for 2013



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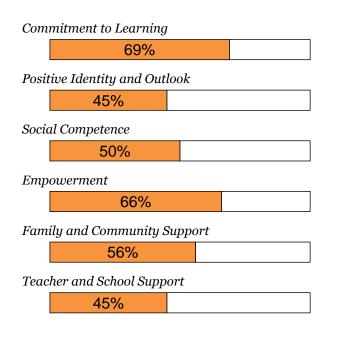


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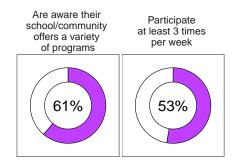
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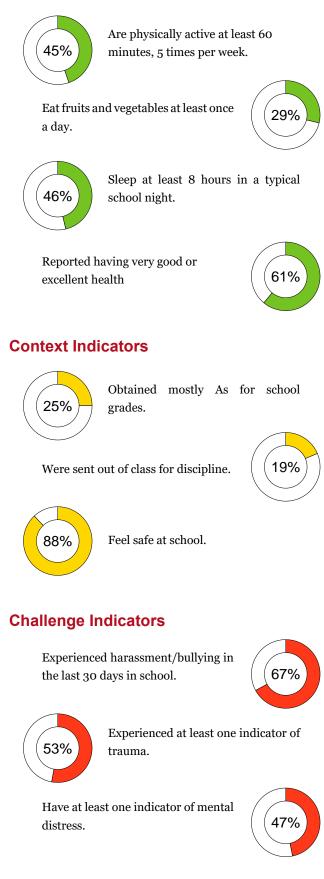
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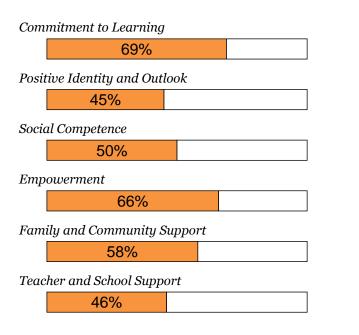


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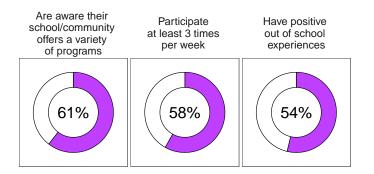
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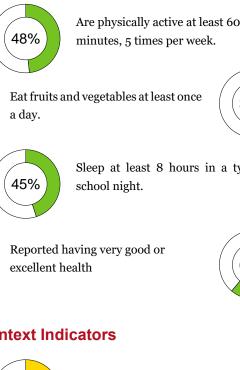


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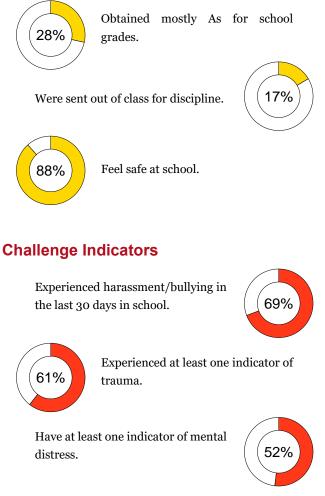
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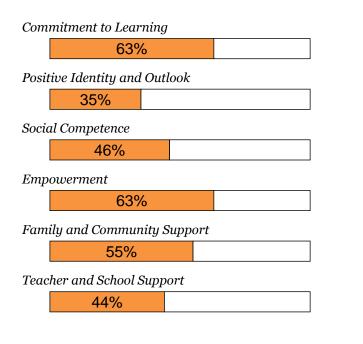


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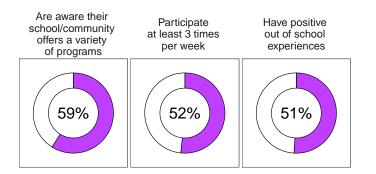
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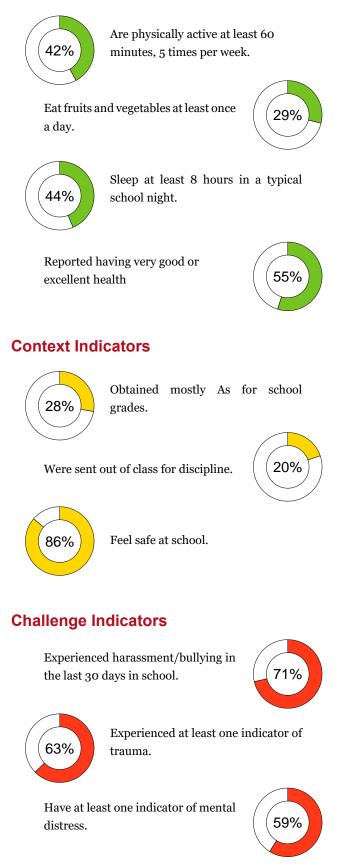
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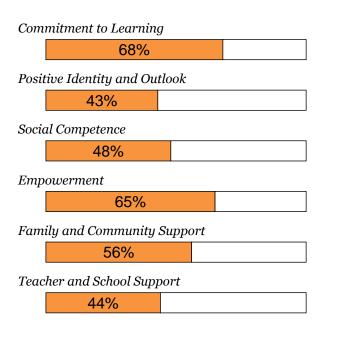


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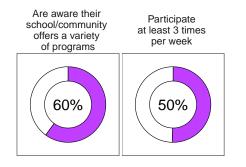
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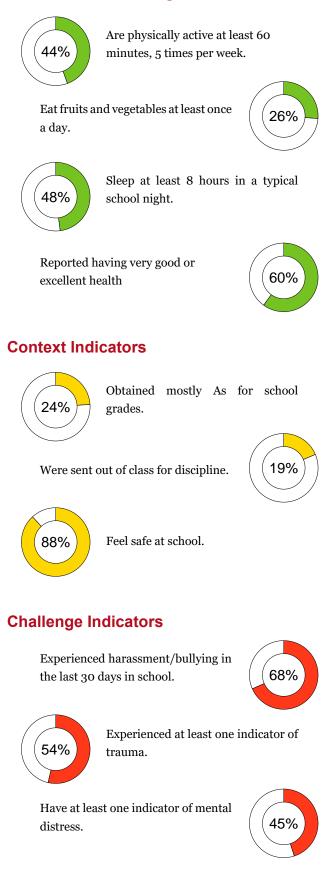
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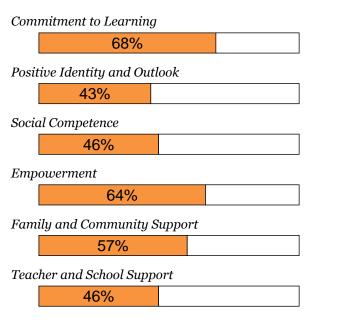


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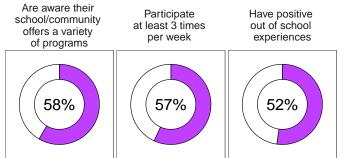
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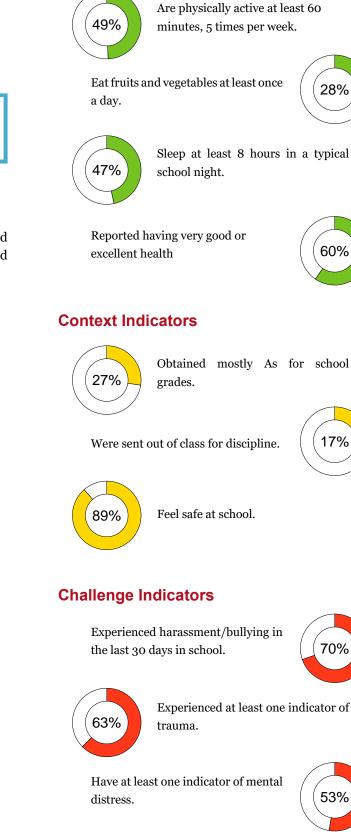


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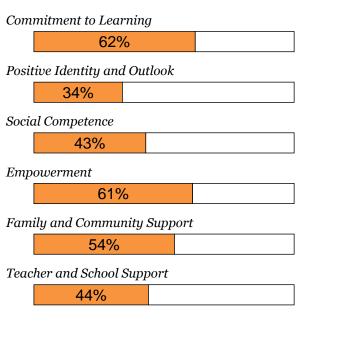


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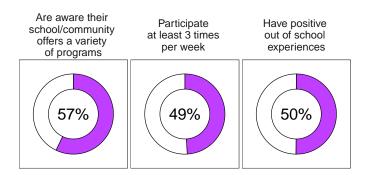
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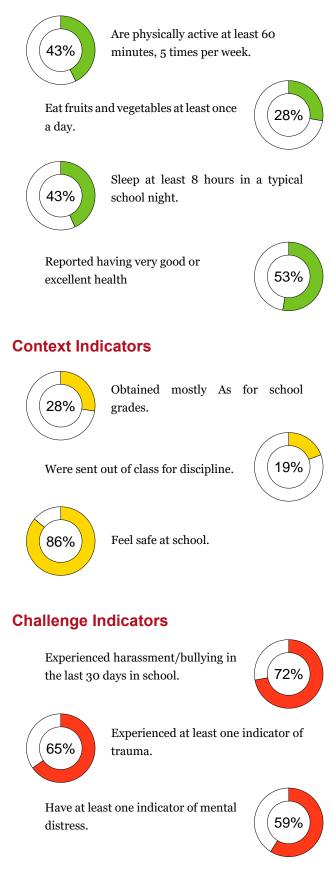


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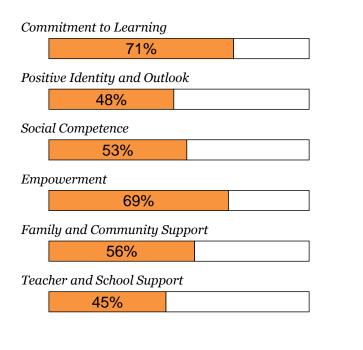


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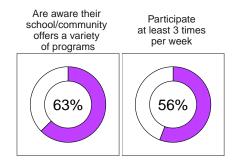
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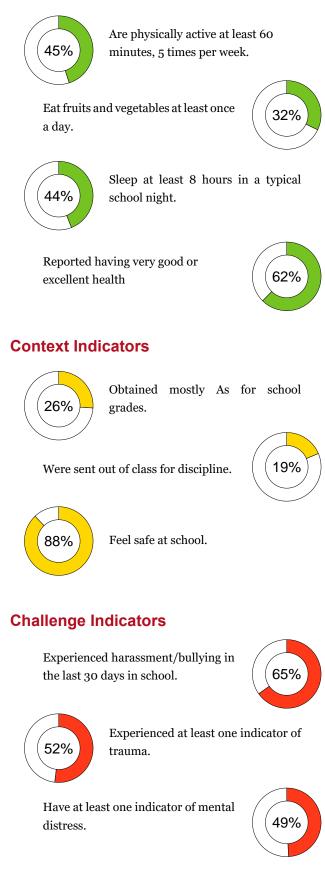
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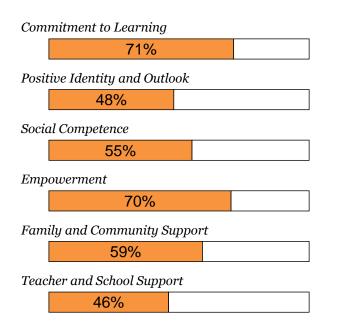


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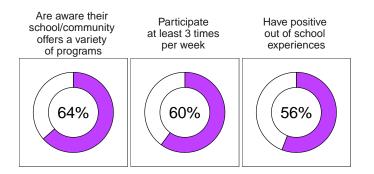
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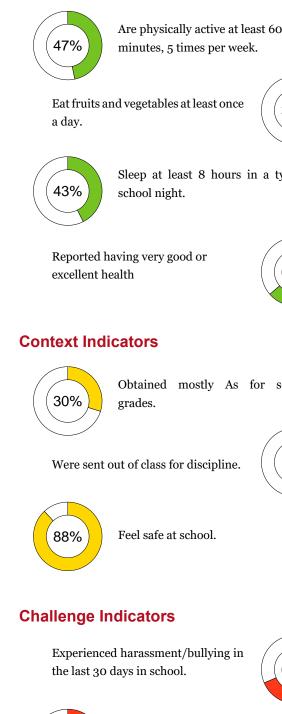


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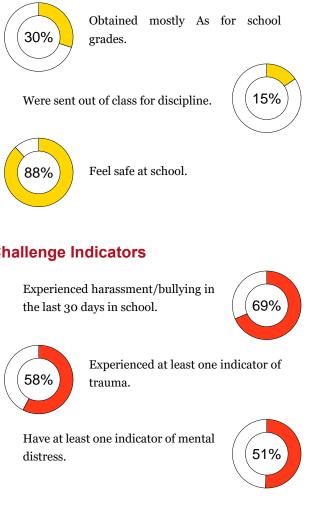
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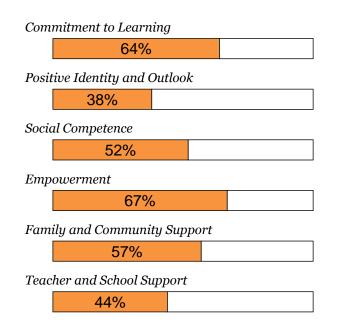


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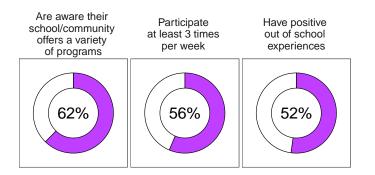
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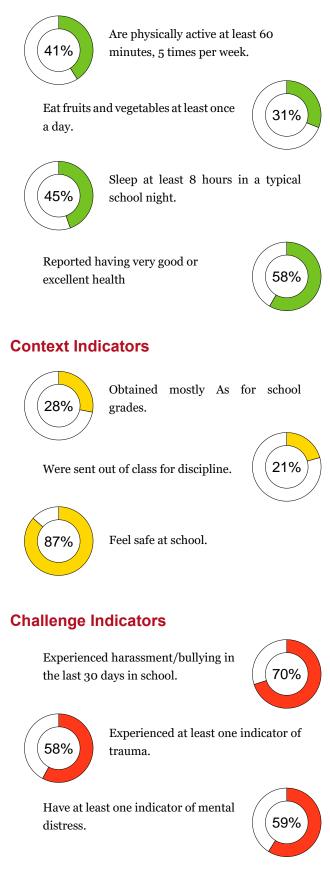
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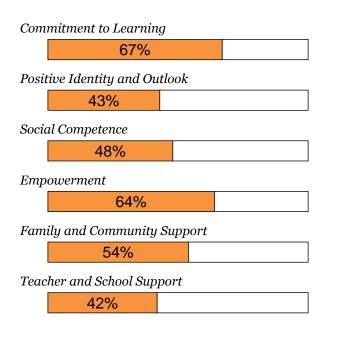


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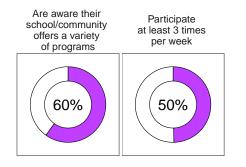
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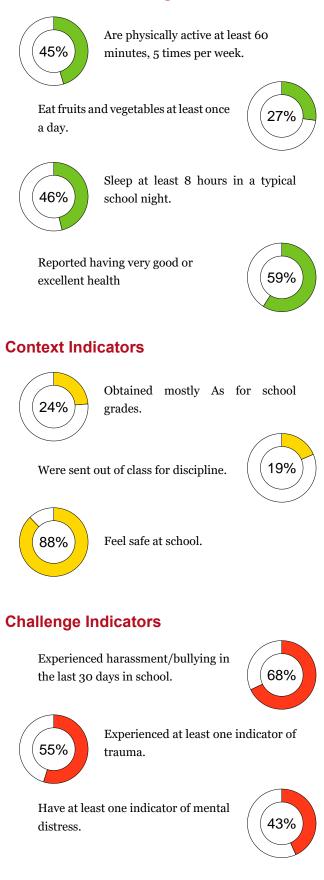
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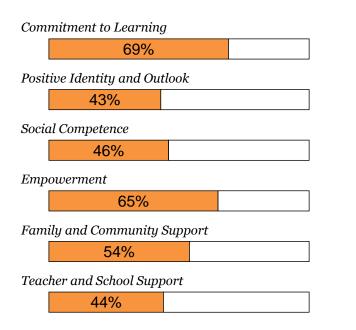


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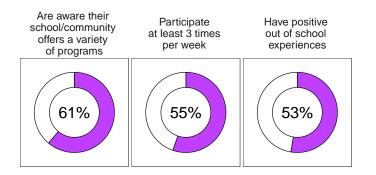
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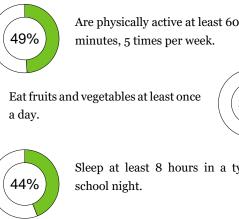


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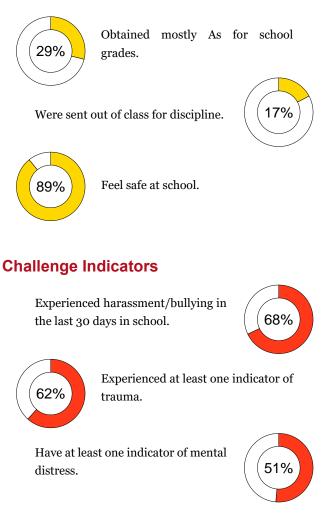
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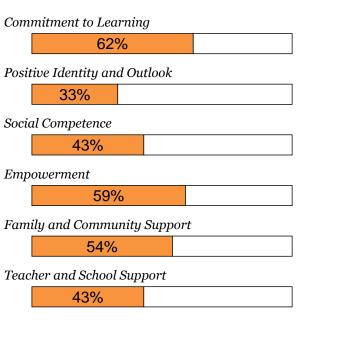


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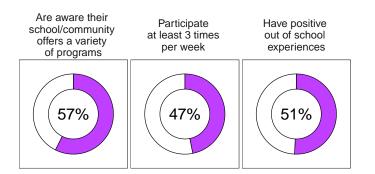
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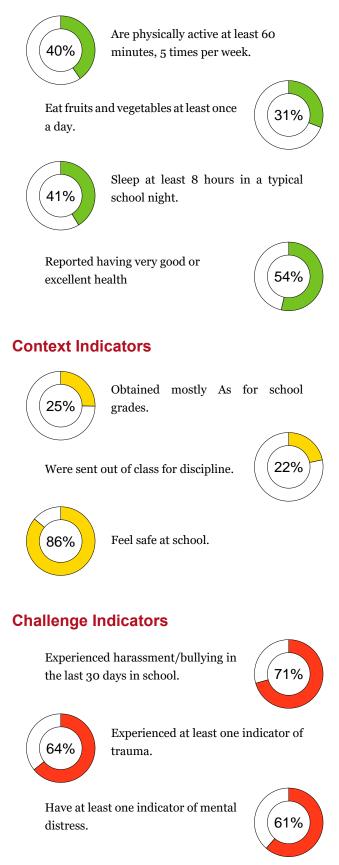
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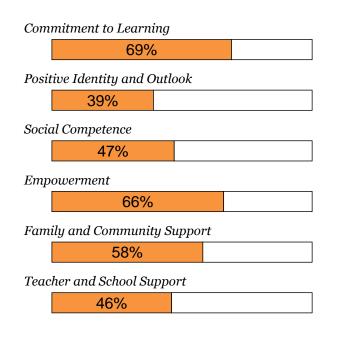


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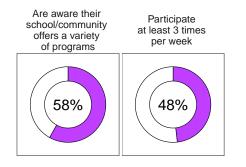
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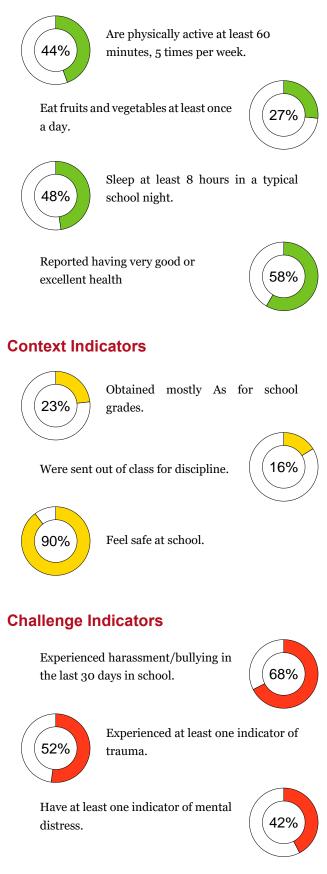
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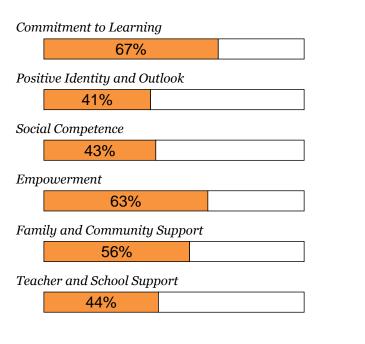


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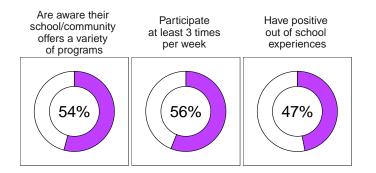
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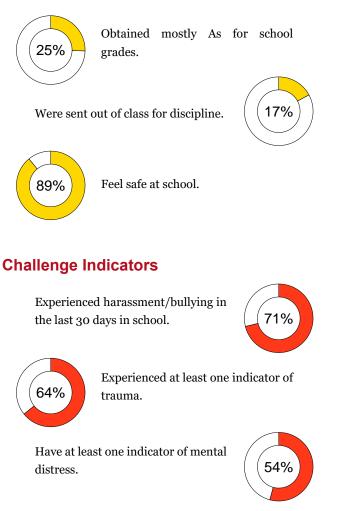
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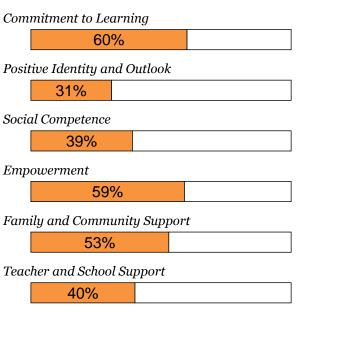


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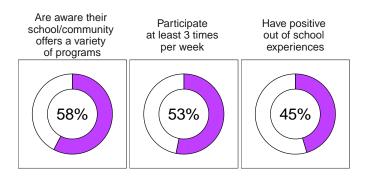
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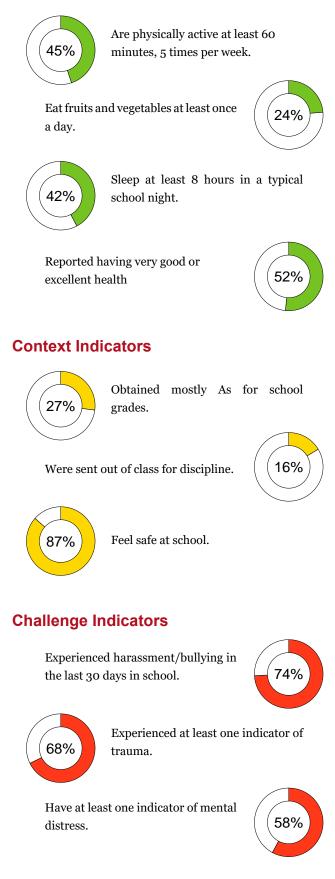
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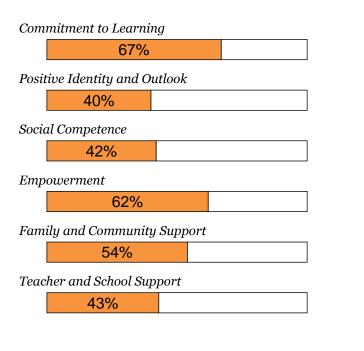


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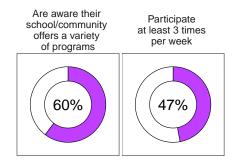
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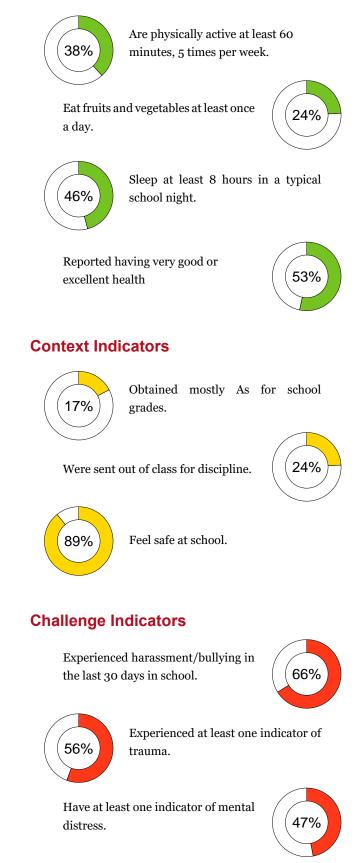
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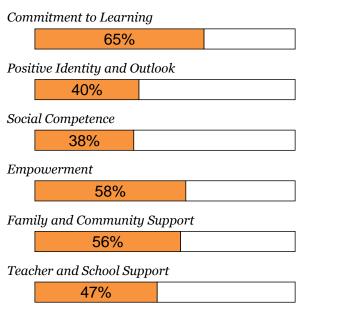


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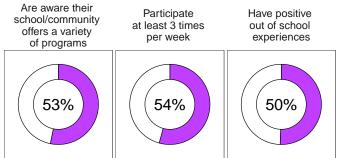
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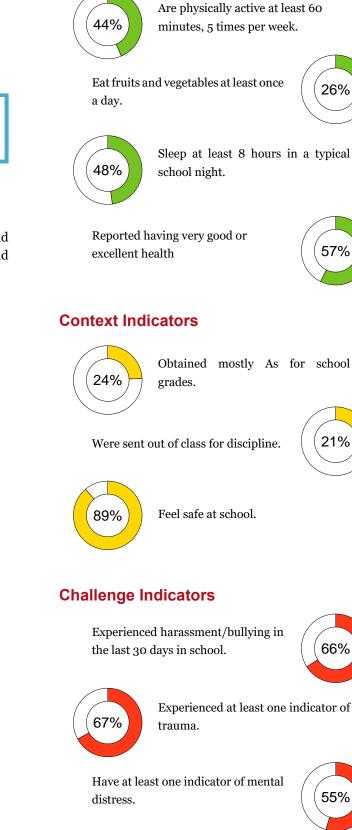


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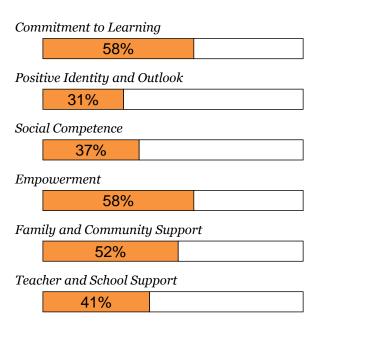


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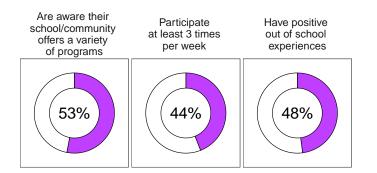
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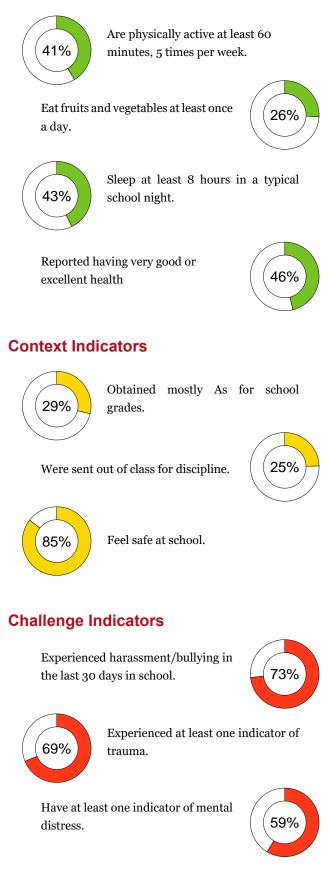
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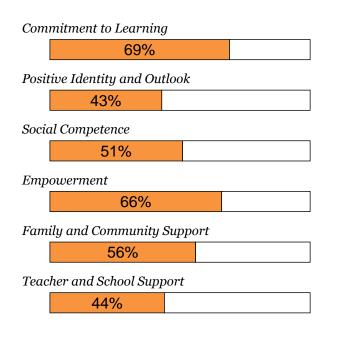


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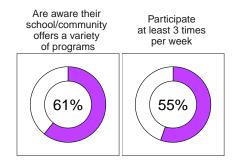
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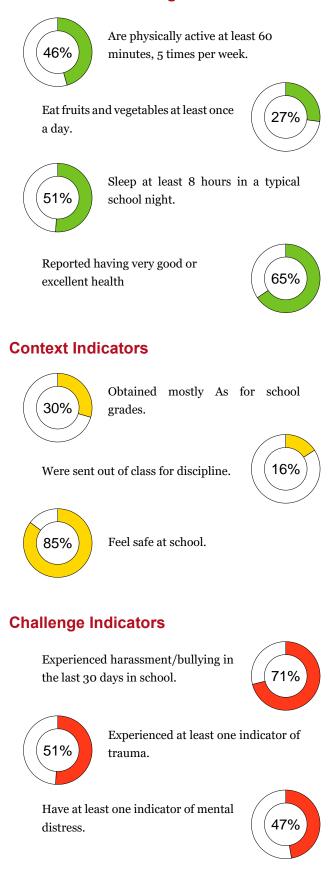
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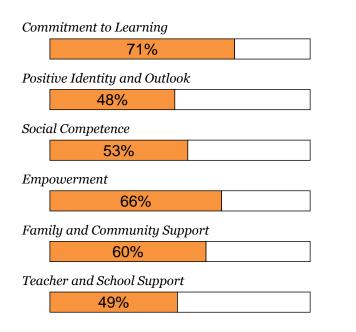


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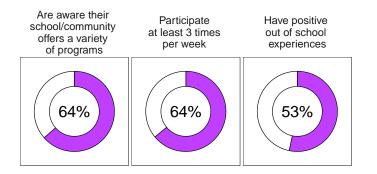
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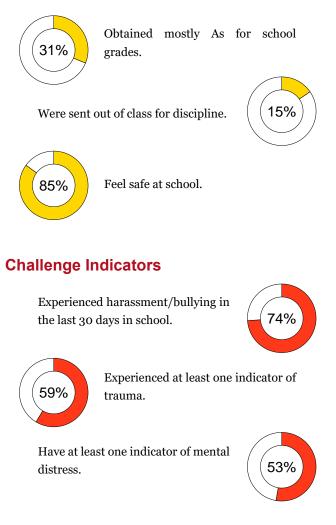
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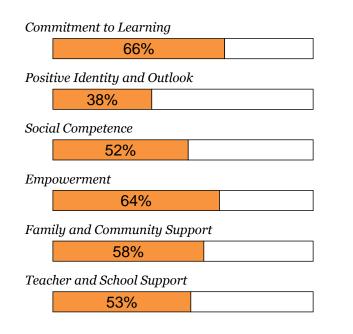


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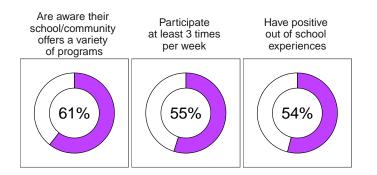
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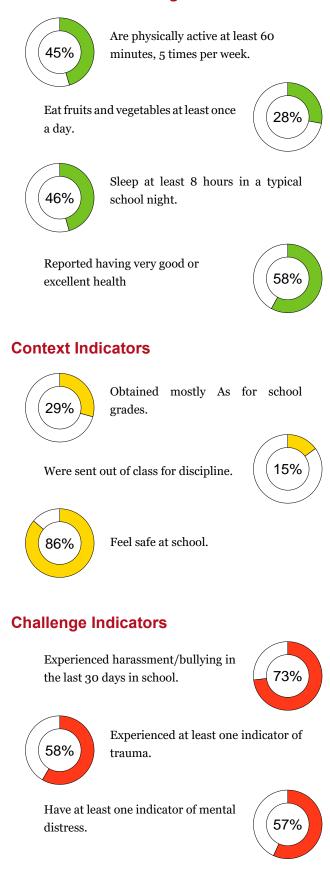
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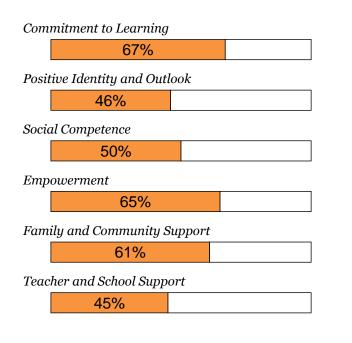


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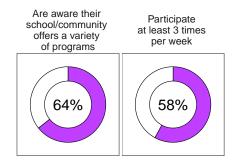
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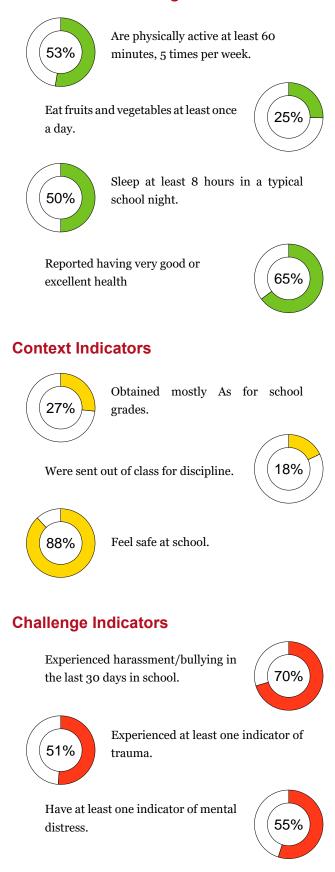
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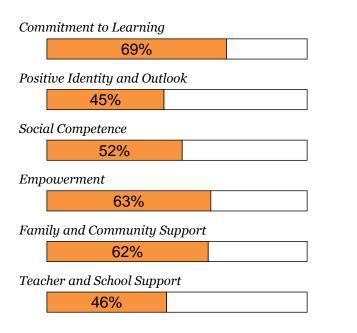


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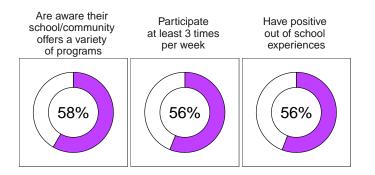
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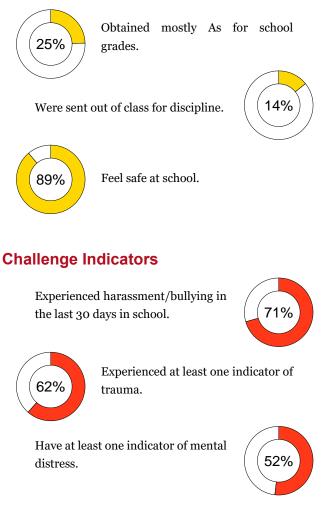
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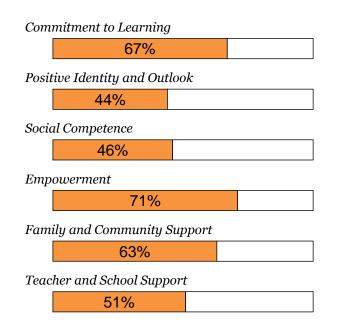


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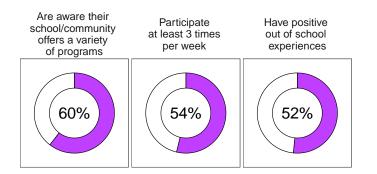
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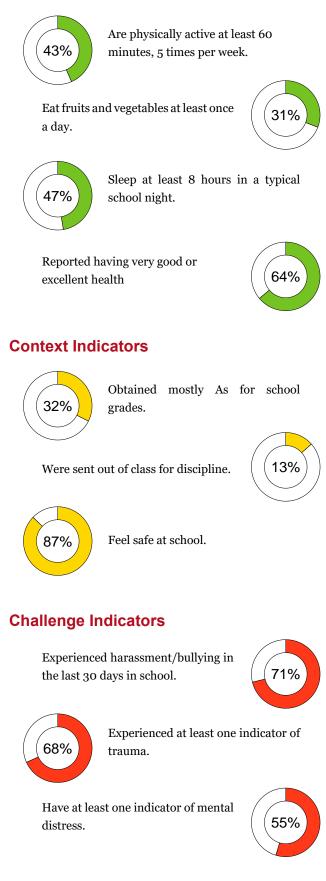
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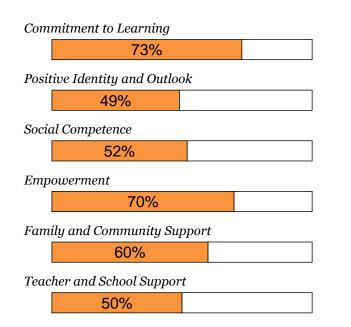


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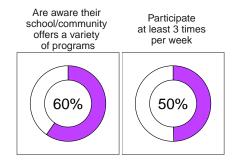
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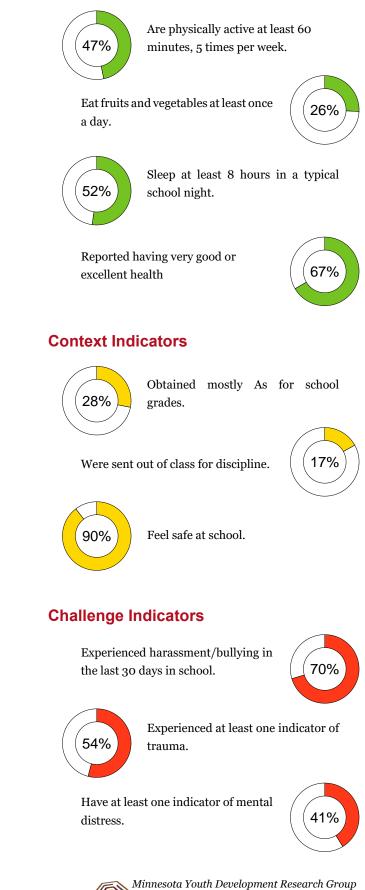


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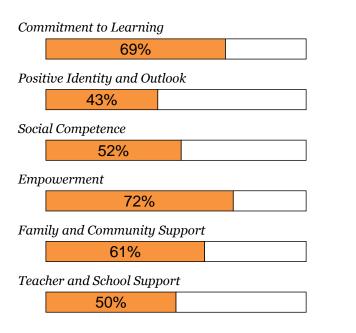


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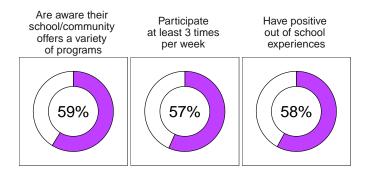
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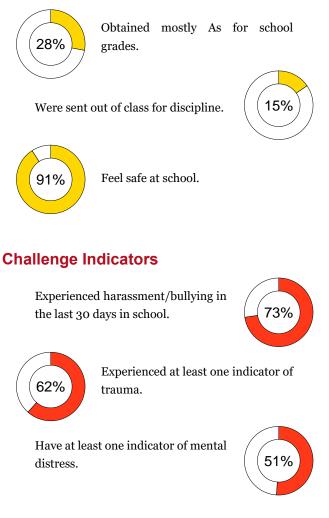
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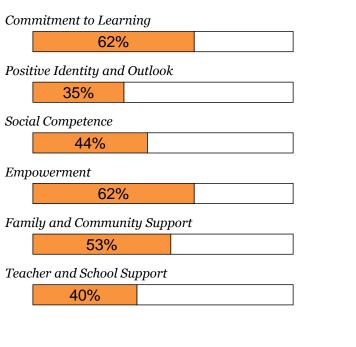


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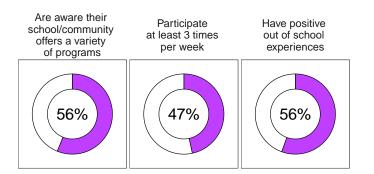
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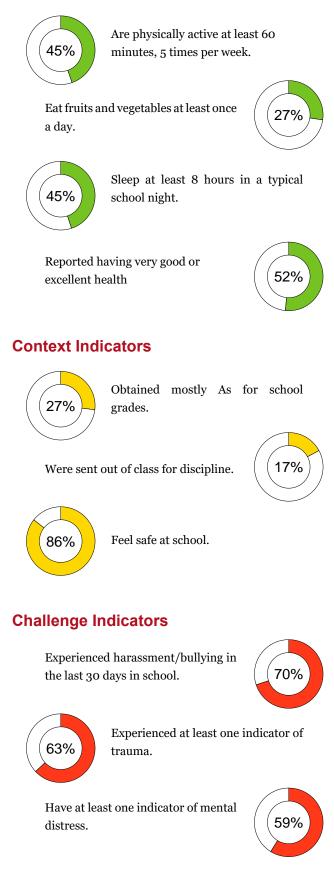
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