

# 8th Grade Student Survey

**Q 1: Do you like coming to school?**

<b>42.90%</b>	<b>57.10%</b>
<b>57 students</b>	<b>76 students</b>
No	Yes

**Q 2: Do you feel your teachers care about you?**

<b>14%</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>18 students</b>	<b>111 students</b>
No	Yes

**Q 4: Do your teachers tell you when you are doing a good job on a scale of 1 (always) to 5 (Never)**

<b>3.10%</b>	<b>26.60%</b>	<b>39.80%</b>	<b>27.30%</b>	<b>3.10%</b>
<b>4 students</b>	<b>34 students</b>	<b>51 student</b>	<b>35 students</b>	<b>4 students</b>
1	2	3	4	5

**Q 5: If you have a problem at school, do you feel comfortable talking to an adult?**

<b>21.90%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>21.10%</b>
<b>28 students</b>	<b>73 students</b>	<b>27 students</b>
No	Sometimes	Yes

**Q 6: Do you feel that your teachers are providing you with learning experiences that will help you when you go to high school (1 your strongly feel that they do and 5 your strongly feel that they**

<b>18.80%</b>	<b>37.50%</b>	<b>28.90%</b>	<b>10.90%</b>	<b>3.90%</b>
<b>24 students</b>	<b>48 students</b>	<b>37 student</b>	<b>14 student</b>	<b>5 students</b>
1	2	3	4	5

**Q 7: Did you like the new advisory period?**

<b>12.50%</b>	<b>87.50%</b>
<b>16 students</b>	<b>112 students</b>
No	Yes

### What do you like the most about school?

Dismissal

I like how my teachers are very relatable and they are normal people like us who we can trust.

interacting with my friends and making relationships with teachers

I dont know

seeing my friends

The thing I like most about school is I have the time to hang out with my friends.

Being with friends and learning.

Talking to my friends

I like lunch, gym and art class

getting to play my instrument everyday with the full band

sports

The big projects we get to do sometimes and seeing my friends.

All the people I get to see everyday.

Sports/friends

I get to see my friends and learn new things.

I like how there is advisement

I like lunch specials and some classes

I like when we get a break or something like a free period or a point to stop and get all of are home work done.

Hanging out with friends

The amount of communication with the office, people can get to anyone in the office to discuss an issue before

I like in English class how we sometimes do debates, because its a good way to bring real life issues to the

I like coming to school is because i get to see my friends. Also I like some of my teachers.

I like how the teachers teach in a way that doesn't make it confusing and in a fun way, like with games or other

I like learning about anything that has to do with science, and seeing my friends.

being with my friends and learning different topics

My favorite part of school was band.

I like the fact that we have advisement every Wednesday.

my friends

the stuff

I like the freedom of how we can walk around without a teacher supervising in between classes.

Friends

indeed

t

I like the opportunity of learning and getting feedback (grades) on my success.

I like how we interact with others..

I enjoy being able to see my friends often.

literally nothing.

I like the advisory period and being able to get caught up.

I looked forward to coming to 7th period Algebra.

Meeting friends that I can't meet at home

I liked the elective teachers because even though we had them for a short time they were always nice and caring  
I like the group work we do.

My favorite part about school is the fact that I get to learn something new every single day.

I like that I can learn new things sometimes and I love when we have hands on activities and I like doing my own  
Human interaction

Having the chance to connect with people and have people that care about you.

I like the freedom and difference there is about it from staying at home, it lets me see my friends more, and  
seeing my friends everyday

I like the idea of coming to school knowing that I get to learn things that I've never learned before. I also like to  
I like seeing my friends and doing projects or hands on activities.

The teachers are very lenient and understanding when it comes to certain situations. The material they teach is

Math

having lunch time gave me a break and everything went away and I could fool around.

they care about us and they try to connect with us personally

I like going to school and seeing my friends and having fun

Seeing friends and Gym class

Lunch time

I like interactive projects as well as socialization.

Seeing my friends. Also for the last question I feel like some of the teachers care about me and some didn't.

Science

I like gym and the time that I have to talk to my friends.

I like lunch because that's when I can see all of my friends at once.

Talking with friends and lunch time

I like interacting with my classmates and learning information that we will benefit from in the future instead of

I like being able to interact with my friends.

I like group projects and other socially interactive things.

I like going to school because it gives me something to do that's entertaining rather than sitting at home, bored.

What I liked most about school was the class activities we had such as the DC trip, mini Olympics, ice cream  
socials and meetings in the auditorium even though most of these are at the end of the year they should be

The part I like the most about in school is specials. We did different things in every rotation and I like how we

being able to learn new things. also being able to meet new people in the school and meeting new teachers and

I like how everyone is kind and supportive, and friends as well as teachers are there to help students with work

The part that I like about school is that I love being with my friends, my best friends call me the Hulk, I learn new

Being with Friends

I like hanging out with my friends the most.

I enjoy lunch or gym most because I can have fun and socialize with my friends.

being nice to people.

My friends and learning new things

Having friends here to talk to

I like having friends and talking to different people.

Seeing my friends

socialization

Seeing friends

I like most of the classes and teachers but I think my favorite thing about school is band because we all work

band

I like that the teachers stay after every week  
The ability to learn and improve on previous thoughts.  
being with my friends

I liked the lack of harsh bullying and major incidents in this school. I don't know if it was prevented, but from an early age, there was never really any serious bullying that happened. Verbal fights were rare and physical ones even rarer, only happening once or twice per year, or not at all. Based on what I've heard from other schools, we I like Field trips. I also liked being able to socialize with others.

I like coming to school to see my friends, and to prepare for high school.

I like gym class and field trips the best. Some work we do is useless.

I like the atmosphere of the school. I like how most people are very welcoming to others. The teachers are great mentors as well as teachers. They are great friends and are always willing to help. I like that everyone is in the same position, so people don't judge others all the time. I love all the people I'm friends with at school and they are so fun to be around and make the day worth it. I also love band. Band is one class that allows for my love of Particularly in Eighth Grade, experiencing school allows me to be exposed to different types of people, new I like being exposed to new topics in class and seeing how topics that have been discussed connect to the "big What I like most is being able to be with friends while we learn and being able to work with others.

I enjoy engaging in conversations with friends and teachers alike in between classes, and I enjoy the curriculum my favorite thing about school is band. its literally the only thing i enjoy about school because there are so many toxic people that hate me, and put me through emotional pain on top of all the medical issues ive dealt with for the past 3 years since my diagnosis for no reason, im am glad to be going to BVT to get away from them, but i I like being able to see my friends every day, and I like science and art class. Science is cool. Spanish is fun too, Being able to learn and communicate with other people, being friends, teachers or other members of the school committee is the most preferable thing about that I like. The social environment to sum it up completely.

What I like most about school is that we get some freedom. We get to see our friends at lunch and in the halls etc. and we have some flexibility when it comes to having to leave for band lessons and making up work. I like that all the teachers are understanding about stuff like that and don't just over load you with the work you have I like talking o my friends.

Sometimes I like the things we are learning, and other times i do not.

My friends

Seeing everyone and learning about new things  
not much but i always enjoy spanish and science

Math class

seeing friends

Spanish

Seeing my friends and teachers because it is such a welcoming environment

The end of the year and any class except math

Spending time with my friends and the teachers that allow me to have a good time.

Talking to my friends and learning the things I'm interested in.

I like being with my friends.

I like hanging out with friends and having good relationships with my teachers.

I like being able to see my friends, and also some of the classes teach interesting subjects that are fun to learn.

Interacting with many different people.

What I like most about school is talking to my friends.

Coming to see my friends

Seeing my friends

I like to come see my friends and hang out with them

Being able to see my friends.

I like Spanish, lunch and CSL, Student council and world language club

Sometimes i really look forward to going to school to learn about topics in my classes and seeing teachers,

The bus ride home

after school sports

**What was the best learning experience / activity/ project you had this year in school?**

Skateboarding with

I think the best learning experience was STEM week because we did so many different things with science.

stem week

D.C

the frog dissection because we learned about the frog and it was very cool to use the tools we were given and i

STEM week was a great experience for me and it was probably my favorite all year.

The best program I participated in this year was definitely STEM week or band.

The best learning experience that I had was getting to do stem week.

None

Stem Week

S.T.E.M week taught me a lot about science and it got me into thinking about a career as a surgeon.

The best learning thing we did all year was probably stem week because we learned so much about the human

Stem week

I really enjoyed going to Washington DC because it was my first time going and I learned a lot of new things.

Stem week

stem week

STEM week was the best learning experience I had all year long with the change of environment to the

STEM week

I think the best learning experience for me is to really get into a different langue and culture in 7th grade we

jumped around through different cutlers with is nice you get to learn about a bit of everything but I liked

The best experience was going on the DC trip since it taught me how to manage my time and better cooperate

The dissections during Stem Week.

In this school year in English class we had a seminar, where we debated that was my favorite activity.

The best learning experience/ project from this year was the Spanish family album. I liked this project because it

Going to DC was one of the most fun things I have done. I learned a lot about the history of America and all that

The best project I had this year in school was writing books in science class about the environment.

The best activities were the ones that were hands on because i felt i learned more

The best learning experience that we had this year was STEM week because we had time to independently

The DC Trip.

going home

stem week

D.C Trip

Washington DC was the best part of this year.

indeed

stem week

I enjoyed STEM Week because it was a new program in a field that I am highly interested in.

Stem Week

I really enjoyed stem week. I found the learning experiences enjoyable and I enjoyed the collaboration.

Stem Week

The best learning experience was STEM week and being able to dissect the animals.

Stem week

The beecology activity

i liked all of the art projects because i like art

The vest learning experience i had was STEM week because it was a more hands on project.

The best learning experience I had in school was when I had my first quiz ever because I did not do too well on it.

I enjoyed in applications in science the project that WE chose what product we wanted to research and how it is

Stem week was all around a good week to learn and to experience the scientific world

The best activity that we did this year was stem week that was so fun and I think each grade should keep what

they had for a topic and as you move up in years it get more wild like the medical stuff keep that for the 8th

Stem week because it was so different from the other things we normally do and had a lot more supplies and

the best learning experience I had this year was probably in stem week when we dissected the heart.

The best project that I had throughout this year was when we got to build catapults in class. This what really fun

because I am a creative person and I liked getting to build/design a catapult.

I liked stem week a lot. I thought it was very interesting and it inspired me to want to be a surgeon.

I liked the Johnny Tremain Socratic seminar project because the class came up with interesting theories of what

the DC trip

Learning algebra

my favorite activity was doing kahoot because it let me learn ehat i did know and what i didnt know and people

I liked the stem week

i like doing all the games in spanish because it was fun and it helped me learn faster

Stem Week

Art class, we do fun things in there where I get to express my creativity, I will miss the teacher.

I think the best one was stem week.

I really liked when I got to work with my friends since I wasn't afraid to speak my mind and ideas with them. I

The best activity was the STEM week

The mock trial

My best learning experience was the D.C trip because not only did I learn many things about history but I also

STEM week

I really enjoyed and benefited from the activities in STEM week.

STEM week.

The best learning experience for me was STEM week. I really enjoyed the hands on learning and activities.

STEM week was the best learning experience for me. This was because it showed me a different perspective on

STEM week

The best learning experience I had in middle school was STEM weak. We learned so much about the human

i would say stem week because you got to learn new things for yourself and work with people ti learn

I liked projects that allowed lots of freedom, like ones where you can create your own video on a topic of your

choice that still ties back to the main idea. I like these types of projects because I like to use my creativity and

The project that I had this year is that in English class, we had to play as a character like a god or a superhero and

Washington DC

The best activity was Pet kingdom because it helped me learn how to talk and listen to people.

It was probably stem week because it actually gave a perspective of something i might want to do when i grow

up that i can enjoy because when i go to find a carrier i will not be using a lot of math.

STEM Week

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Stem week

stem week

D&D club

I think the best learning experience i had this year was STEM week. We all worked together to follow instructions I enjoyed going to Washington D.C., it applied topics we have learned in history and English, and it was an STEM week

Having a more vast pool of learning, meaning that the things we learn are connected more loosely the field trip to DC

There was a lot of things that we did over the course of 8th grade, but what I loved the most was my Algebra 1 class. The class was perfectly formulated for my learning type: Fast, immersive, fun, and challenging. It was the only class that wasn't a fine art or Spanish class that I looked forward to every day. Even when there was a hard test, I loved to just be in class with a bunch of people like me that wanted to learn and be challenged. XXX is by I liked the DC trip and I liked stem week

Stem week, it gave me an idea of the health field, and made me make a choice of what I wanted to investigate. I thought STEM week was great.

The best learning experience I had during middle school was being part of the Community Service Learning club, or CSL. CSL has inspired me so much to help others, and it has shown me the multitude of different ways I can My favorite activity and learning experience this year was STEM week. The technology we were introduced to My favorite learning experience this year was being in Algebra 1. The class allowed me to learn more about math and got me thinking about new ways to consider concepts that I already understood.

The best learning project and experience this year was definitely STEM week. I enjoyed it very much and made me learn a lot about the body and all the systems in the body. I liked how it was hands on activity so we can My favorite activity this year was the STEM week. I found the learning experience beneficial to my love of my favorite project was the stem week we had at the beginning of the year. i liked this because we had fun but learned at the same time. i also enjoyed being a class officer because i felt like i got to lead everyone.

I enjoyed doing the bumblebee project at the end of the year in science, learning about evolution and molecules/atoms in science, and generally everything science. I do enjoy learning another language as well, and Overall I really do not have a preference or an overall opinion based on that overall subgroup. We did do a There are a few really good experiences I've had this year, like new friends because of, the CSL club. The CSL club was an extremely fun learning experience and you got to help people in need and it just makes you feel so much better about yourself. Another good learning experience was/is band. In band you learn so much about music, The best experience in my opinion was the stem week.

Astronomy.

VHS

Stem week

stem week

stem week

I really liked STEM week it helped me have a hands on learning experience.

The STEM week in 8th grade

STEM week

Vhs, this was my first year and really helped me because it added more work to my schoolwork which is what STEM week because we got to do a lot of dissections and learning that we would most likely never get to learn The best activity was actually a science unite for space because I love space a lot and I love to learn all about it. The best learning experience for me was the lit circles in English because it was fun to share the things we found in the book and talk to other people. It wasn't too difficult but you still had to be responsible so that the meeting Stem week was the best learning experience. The best learning experience was stem week.

This year I think the best learning experience was definitely stem week because the hands on experiments we  
The best learning experience I had was STEM week.

My favorite learning experience we had this year was STEM week.

The best experience I had this year in school was STEM week.

STEM week

The best learning experience i had this year was stem week, it was a good break form regular classes/homework

My favorite project I had this year was making my family album in Spanish class.

The best learning experience I had this year was STEM week because we got to learn about the human body

STEM week was pretty interesting and i liked that i understood and followed along very well.

STEM conference at Tufts University

I enjoyed lit circle groups because I got to share my thoughts and have people listen.

**Is there a course or program that you are interested in and would like to see in place?**

I am interested in maybe a medical program, and getting to learn about inside a doctor's day.  
business class

no

no

I think that they should add a graphic design class or something like that into the middle school.

No.

No

I love art so any of those courses

Maybe a program later in high school that teaches a little bit about medicine.

no not really.

I wish there was a "middle school version" of a home EC class instead of reading because we already read in English and some kid don't even know how to make themselves breakfast.

None that I can think of.

In science classes make science experiments

I would be interested in a medical program.

any photography courses

any art or physical health courses

I think we need something like a home EC in are specials rotation because there are so many thing I and others don't know and after high school we are just getting through into the world even if we are going to collage

I would like to see a programming and coding class because it would set kids up for jobs involving technology in More art classes.

Yes I would like to have took a health class in 8th grade to help me see what I am interested in, in that class. Also since we are required to take health in high school so it could be an intro class. It could maybe replace the 36 day

I think that there should be a program that teaches students more about the real world. That class could teach

I would like to see more courses that involve coding or computer things to help kids get jobs in that field later in

I would like to see maybe more learning on the medical or health field as I know many people are interested or

How to do taxes and checking and life skills after high school

I would like to see a creative writing class as an option in the middle school, not just the high school. I don't feel like I learned very much in some of the specials that we had and while music might be beneficial to some people,

I feel like being in a creative writing class throughout middle school would have benefited me more greatly and

Life skill

no

Graphic designing in the Middle School.

indeed

I think that an after school club or class for engineering (not just building projects like applications in science) would be nice. There are also programs such as Girls Who Code which I took somewhere else and really helps a Sports broadcasting program

I enjoy

I like science very much so I would like to see the science courses.

I am interested in the medical field and I would like to see that in place.

I would like a zoology course, even though that isn't really possible

No I never thought about that

i think the middle school should have a yearbook because i think it would be good for the middle school to be

i am interested in the vet/animal field.

I would like to see more courses that deal with engineering and STEM throughout middle school.

I would like to maybe see some kind of advanced programming classes because that is one field I know i will enjoy and many others will too also maybe a middleschool digital arts program such as animation/online

No, SMS already has a bunch of very nice clubs activities etc.

I think if I was coming here next year I would like to see like a medical program that would be able you to get

Not really a new course or program, i would just like to see the applications of science class expanded

I am interested in criminology and It would be cool to see a course on that stuff.

I would like to see more courses offered about business at this school.

I would like to see like a class that shows you how to do your taxes, pay pills, apply for jobs, pay credit card bills, etc. to help students when they go out to the world so they know how to do those things.

I am still thinking about extra courses or programs but I don't know

Zoology

no i do not.

i would like to do something with athletics

No

Help with financial things, (adulting) like paying taxes, depositing money into a bank, mortgages, rent, buying

I think engineering would be a fun and interesting course.

Writing and a class for drama

Forensic science

a gym club after school

No not really, because one of the courses that I'm interested in the school provides.

Astronomy

I would like to participate in a medical program so that I can have experience in the job I would like to pursue in

I would like to see a bigger variety in sports.

I'm really interested in graphic design, but that's already an option in HS, but maybe it could be brought to MS in

I am interested in biomedical engineering and would like to see a place that shows that.

no

No, SMS has everything I am interested in.

no

Yes, courses tied in with nature or art would be very suiting for me, but keep in mind there are people with many interests in our school, and many programs would have to be held to satisfy everyone.

the place that I always wanted to go is BVT because I want to learn new things and do shops like Engeering in

No

There is none.

I think there needs to be more specific options based off of math and english and less so of just math and

No

engineering

I would like to see an engineering program put in place.

Advisement everyday

health

Electric stuff

I would like to see more choices for extracurricular classes.

There

no

More language variety, having more than Spanish if people wanted, Latin, Gaelic, Italian, or any other language  
life skills

I would like to see more after school clubs and have more insight of what they are. On the surface, no one would know about half of the clubs that exist in the school because its never on the announcements or is rarely talked about by others. I would like them to be more mainstream, and have more clubs like a videogame club, or

A good topic would be Astrobiology

A health program, which i will investigate next year in high school.

Astrobiology would be a topic I'm actually interested in for science.

I would like to see more specials classes being part of a middle schooler's daily schedule. Instead of having the mandatory classes, Students should be able to pick the classes they would want to take to make their day more enjoyable. I know from my experience some of my specials were so boring to me, and I dreaded going to them everyday, but some specials classes I was very excited to go to, and I wish I had a choice in what classes I was I would like to see a program that teaches students about the "outside world". Testing is not the only thing people will be doing in life, and students often feel confused or helpless once out of high school or college.

Besides that, I would enjoy a different musical program that introduces students to more instruments than just

I would like to see a course in civics implemented into the school curriculum, for the government can be a complicated subject in some areas. I feel that all students should have a basic understanding of it so that they

A course I am interested in is Dental because I want to be an orthodontist when i am older. Next year in high

I would like to see more classes based on financial problems and how to deal with student loans and such. I feel like with more and more students going to college, We should be prepared on how to use loans properly.

no not really. i enjoyed all of the specials classes.

More plants. I know we did a bit of plant related things in seventh grade, but I feel like we just dropped it in eighth. Yes, I also know it is part of the biology unit in 10th grade, (well, most likely at least) but I'd still like to learn a bit more about plants.

AND SPACE

the 6th grade astronomy unit was short and mostly about the moon, and the 8th grade was about the moon and I am not attending Sutton next year, but for the kids going into the middle school, I would like to see, or at least have implemented is more programs related to the outdoors because modern technology is pushing us further I think there should be more art clubs, including drawing and stuff like that to really increase drawing skills we don't go over in the art course due to shortage of time and uninterested students interrupting.

Yes would like to pursue a career in chemistry.

I am somewhat interested in Astronomy.

US Government

vet tech or zoology

a shop such as wood working or metal working

no

I would like to see different languages added. For example Russian.

psychology

Child Development and how to pay bills

essay writing

Not particularly

I would like to see a longer astronomy unite for science because it is a bigger topic than what we did in 8th

I want to learn how to code and I don't think that there is a program for that here.

homec

I am interested in engineering.

I think a course about the disasters going on in the world and how to help would be a great course.

No

More specific sciences instead of just applications of science.

A good program that could be in place is nursing.

nope

I am interested in a class that would help with time management skills to prepare us better for high school.

A course or program that I am interested in is taking a language that isn't just Spanish.

Human body jobs, independent living classes

mental health

I think more arts programs like photography would be a good addition. It would allow students to express

I am interesting in being a special ed aid and would like if there were a course on that.

### What is one thing that you know you improved on academically?

I work harder on projects

In middle school I improved on having better time management.

my writing

i dont know

caring more on my homework

I know I improved in Spanish because coming into middle school I knew little Spanish.

I improved on my skills of; grammar, math, and my saxophone skills.

I academically improved in math and felt more comfortable participating and felt that i knew the concepts well.

History

My English grade compared to years before

Through my 7th and 8th grade years I learned that good grades are something you have to work for and they

Math

Math was a huge improvement for me. I liked the teacher and his method of teaching.

I became a lot better at math.

Math

This year I improved in math and kept my grades within the high honors range.

I know I improved on my language of Spanish

English and math I have mostly improved really well in.

Academically I feel like I improved in Math 6th and 7 th grade I felt like the teachers didn't teach me very well and that caused me to struggle in the up coming years but i feel more confident this year in 8th grade

I improved on managing my time and overall knowledge.

English has always been hard for me. After 7th grade I started to understand it better.

I improved on my math skills very well this year, I feel like I learned a lot more of math then in comparison to 7th grade. XXX does a good job of teaching us but he could improve helping his students when they don't get

Something I improved academically was math. In sixth grade and some of seventh grade i really struggled in math, which made me want to not pay attention or try hard. In eighth grade I really tried hard and studied a lot.

I improved on multiple subjects overall.

I know I've improved greatly with my math I know so much more now compared to last year and had a much i have improved on my learning abilities

I improved on my time management this year. I had an easier time studying for tests and quizzes when i realized exactly how much time i personally needed to study in order to be successful and get good grades.

My math.

doing my homework

yes my knolidge on chemistry

Math

There was not a lot of time to study for finals so I should've studied earlier.

indeed

English

I improved in all subjects, but specifically science. Throughout middle school, I discovered that I actually really Algebra, because I got to use different methods of solving problems, which helped me realize that there are

I really improved in my ability to write essays. While at the time in XXX's class I hated having to write the essays

Mathematics

I know I improved on math because my teachers helped me.

I improved on my work effort

I was really bad with math but my math teachers way of teaching explained so much more to me

i improved academically on reading this year

i improved in the subject spanish because XXX is a very helping teacher.

I definitely improved in math because every time I got something wrong it taught me how I could do it right the

I know I improved academically in I think English, English used to be my most hated subject and I always thought

I was terrible at it I always thought that I had no talent in that area and just scraped by but I realised (With the

I think I have improved in math through algebra it pushed my knowledge farther than it ever has been pushed

I improved on studying habits and now I am able to know that I studied and be able to feel confident about going

I know I improved on my work ethic, and my willingness to learn.

I think I improved on being more responsible and being a good role model to the younger grades.

One thing that has improved me academically was Algebra class this year. I learned a lot of more information

due to the faster pace at which we work, and it really gave me a feel for what high school will be like.

I improved on being more independent with school work and also spacing out my work so I am not stressed to

I improved on my organization and my confidence

Math

i improved on math alot with things to help me get the problems done.

I got better at math

i improved very much in ELA this year.

Math

Math class, with the help of XXX my grades have gone up in math.

I definitely improved on my math skills as well as my reading comprehension.

Math

I can do more complex math

I have improved with English because I am able to write an essay with no problem at all and I don't feel stressed

Better writing and doing better on explaining

I improved on being more independent with my work but when I need help I have done a better job staying after

I know I improved greatly in mathematics.

One thing I improved on academically throughout the year is math, or more specifically learning it more

I know i improved in math because I felt like I learned much more, than when I came into eighth grade.

Math in grade 8

I know I improved in math throughout middle school. I have learned different things every year.

science

Math and my skills with paying attention while remembering the data improved in a way, where some classes

I don't know

Englesh

I improved on thinking about what I read.

I like to think i improved on math more this year.

interaction with other students.being

Math, Algebra

making time for work and getting things done better on time and managing thew time

Mathematics

Math

Math

math

I know I improved academically in science and engineering.

I know I improved on my presentation skills. We never had a full on project that required a presentation, but instead small things, like sharing notes in groups. I think it really helped me to feel comfortable speaking in front

Algebra

I have improved on my Spanish quite a bit from 7th grade

critical thinking

Algebra was the one class I learned the most in. Every day was a new topic and something new to be immersed in. It helped me realize how I like to learn and the pace at which I learn the best and most efficiently.

I have improved en mi el espanol, and my English and Math skills

I improved on studying/working way harder, example XXX took the lessons nice and slow, which I did try to

My writing skills; being able to write longer paragraphs provide more meaningful explanations.

One thing I improved on academically was my math. I was in Algebra 1 this year, and I found that I learned very quickly, and I learned a lot this year in math. XXX is an amazing math teacher and I learned so much from him. I

found his class very fun, because I absolutely love math. I look at math equations and questions I have to solve

Due to the efficient teaching among the teachers in the Eight Grade, I am sure that my ambition and

I know I improved on and gained interest in every subject, which I am certain will lead to a good academic

This year I definitely improved on academically is Math. I was really bad at understanding how all the different

ways were done but this year it seemed so easy to me and I got a well understanding of the whole year. XXX

One thing I improved on by far this year was Math. It was much more engaging and challenging then last year's

math course. I'm not saying the Math course for last year was bad, but the course for 8th grade was much more

i definitely improved on my math skills this year because i decided to take algebra and i now feel like i can handle

Math. I wasn't ever really good at math, but I feel like I improved a little this year. Still isn't my best though.

Not subjecting to being from school I have increased exponentially in my social skills, leadership, teamwork, and

overall awareness of surroundings. Although from my school environment I have developed the ability to learn

I know I definitely improved on my music understanding, skills, and focus in an academic and personal matter.

I improved my math skills.

English and Math.

Preparing for tests

Math

math

don't procrastinate as much

I improved in math class, because I was taking a harder course.

I know I improved with my time management skills

I learned to understand things

math

my English writing skills and comprehension

I have improved on my history from other places than China, Britten, Germany, Russian, Japan, and America.

I learned how to study better and how to be more independent with assignments and projects.

math

I know I improved in my math skills, my Spanish, and my literature.

I definitely improved academically in Algebra. I really understood what we were learn and always was able to

I improved on English academically.

Math and English

Academically I think I improved in participating in class more.

Nothing

I know I improved on winging and not studying for all my tests and doing good on almost all of them

One thing I've improved on academically is my skills in math. My skills in math weren't as good in the beginning. My math has improved so much since 7th grade because the 7th grade teacher was not a good teacher at all and she yells a lot and never got positive reinforcement from her but this year I was actually enjoying math and Math and English mostly but all classes honestly used to be challenging and I would give up easily and barely have any confidence now I have more confidence and I put effort in and get way better grades.

I improved in all classes and definitely expanded my knowledge on a lot of things

I improved on math.

### One way SMS can improve is....

A sports page on the web site so everyone knows how to sign up and when events are, kind of like the high having no drop schedule and finding a way to fit in all the classes even if they're ten minutes shorter. maybe having 8 or 9 classes and not having a drop and having 45 minute classes.

i dont know

have a guidance counciler or some one meet with kids that maybe aren't doing well in school to check with them The last month or two there has been meetings every advisement and that should be our time to get things

I like it how it is, if i would change one thing it would be make the time in between classes longer.

Actually be serious when they say they will deal with bullies.

Making a better mascot name like the Sutton Snakes because we could have an animal as a mascot and you I can't think of anything

Start school later so we can sleep in, and give us less homework.

Try to make more interactive events throughout the year and maybe change things up a bit.

If we have some sort of meeting during advisement if we got a heads up it would be really helpful.

Dress code for guys too and not just girls. Communication could be better. Have a period for homework (like a Have administrators talk and interact with students more.

...to find ways for the kids NOT to get stressed/ anxious every single night during the school week. Students are constantly stressing out no matter what and sometimes it looks like or feels like it gets out of hand due to the Better food in the cafeteria because some of the food is really gross and some people have to buy lunch and Sutton Middle School can improve by slowing down i feel like as a student we are always running and going at a really fast past sometime it would be nice to slow down or to have a period that let us slow down and do Planning school events ahead of time.

I don't like how the specials rotate, if the specials could be like it was in elementary school, I think it would be To give us more freedom, maybe a couple more minutes between each class to relax before the next one. Also change the dress code it isn't fair that boys can wear whatever they want when girls can't even wear a tank top. Communication could be better also because sometimes students don't know what their doing, when one SMS can improve on a couple little things like recycling more, but over all SMS it a pretty good school.

I hope SMS can find a way to decrease or stop bullying. It's a great school, but some of these kids are kinda jerks. One way SMS could improve is maybe taking more of in interest in the students as at times I would have an issue and nobody would do anything about it and nothing was ever changed. Even if we told multiple times in the end it had to be ignored and some would get impacted alone, no matter who was told. I hope this changes for future SMS generations. One other thing is I wish their was less group work or an option to work in a group or alone as I helping students when they cant reach out for the academic help

One way SMS can improve is by having less group projects. while I understand having some group projects are important, I feel like we didn't have very many opportunities to work alone and see what we can do all by

Shorter school days.

planning when there is a test or quiz so we don't have two on a day and none on the other

Going to school 2 hours later.

Bring in an advisory period.

indeed

to make the advisement period a everyday thing.

I think that SMS can improve in having different students be separated in more classes than algebra so some students who already get material more easily than others can be more engaged.

Use more technology, because some computers are barely being used.

I feel that some classes are just the same thing every single day over and over, and I don't like that. I enjoy when a teacher tries something new and takes a risk. Even if the activity fails it still provides useful information about SMS can improve by giving students more freedom and also they should add everyday advisory hours

Sutton Middle School can improve on having the library stay open longer after school. If I stay after to do my SMS should provide the middle school with everyday advisory hours

Have more outside activity

SMS can improve on scheduling because teachers would go to the computer labs when other teachers would have a plan but another teacher would be there so it was very hard to follow and i also think there should be less Advisement is supposed to be a free period or a study period so why do we have assemblies during our time? i would find away to have assemblies at a different time because we do work during that time we at advisement.

I would definitely have things be based off of mastery instead of grades. If you taught students to a master a skill before they took the test instead of teaching at your own pace and then asking the students to study even if they have not mastered the skill yet, I feel that kids would learn a lot more because they wouldn't be as worried about their grade because they would be making sure they know how to do things. This would also allow

I think that one way SMS can improve is that repetitiveness is absolutely boring I hated when teachers kept repeating themselves I hated it so much I knew the material day one but I had to listen to this one teacher just drone on and on about it for weeks when I had already learned the material also give the kids who actually do their work some credit I have only gotten it once or twice this year I only see positive feedback from teachers to SMS can improve by having study skills as a permanent thing (like advisement)

You can improve on maybe the way some teachers behave and maybe make sure all teachers have a positive provide more changes throughout the day, with more ways to stop "grinding" the school work throughout the day. And also not use addvisment as a time to do meetings, or have a visitor and use it to actually do what it was meant to be for, school work. I also wish that same of the teachers would get assessed on their readiness to one way SMS could improve is being nicer too each other and just stopping all of the drama because it is so irrelevant and gets really annoying when that's what everyone talks about.

Something involved with finals at the end of each year. I know that some schools around the area do this, and I think that it would be a great improvement to our school as well. I believe that if a student has a 90+ in the class, then they should not have to study for a final at the end of the year for that subject. Some students don't do well

One thing SMS can improve on is having the teachers coordinate to space out the homework more because some nights we would have homework for almost every class and other nights we would have barely any Longer amounts of time to stay after for a subject that needs improvement on

Look more into their music programs (not band though, band sounds great)

not always getting the kids who are just trying to have fun and that arent doing anything bad shouldnt get in They can give us more time on projects and essays

be a little less strict about the rules and handle the situtaion based on what happened

With the advisory periods SMS will improve but besides that they could give us more time to do work.

One thing SMS can improve on is communicating about the due dates of things, like how the due dates for the DC money weren't put on the announcements or told to the students until the day they were due.

One thing SMS can improve on is how we punish certain breaking of the rules.

Not letting a teacher have a project about which is stronger love or death the day after someone's parent died.

They can improve on teaching more things students would like to learn instead of things they don't want to learn like music and would rather be doing something else instead of slaving away in music.

Give more free time

Actually listening to the students and not just hearing what they have to say and letting it go out the other ear. Just because what we feel like would be better for the school isn't in your best interest, doesn't mean it's in others. Also instead of just punishing us for what we did wrong and not even letting us explain or reflect we can have a room for when students get in trouble and they go there to think about what they did. When they do that More book fairs, longer lunch times, and shorter periods.

I think SMS should add or replace a class with something that will help students in the future like paying taxes or Try to let the students know more about tests or quizzes more in advance. And making sure students are SMS could improve by not forcing kids to work independently in some classes and in groups in others, mixing up SMS can improve by letting kids have more of an impact on the decisions made for their grade.

having more meetings as a whole class to discuss things like bullying etc and being less strict on dress code.

One way SMS can improve is by adding advisement everyday, or by decreasing the homework load.

figuring out better ways for the children to learn things that they are having trouble with like in some classes

Provide more creative learning while still maintaining students appropriately, because some students are more independent than others, and it's very understandable to know how hard it is to maintain us little beetles. Also,

I don't know

more choices in specials

having an advisory period every day.

i think they need to have a more relaxed period like advisement but some teachers are more lose about it which being nice to each other.

Unblock games

give us more chances about our schedule especially electives

Cafeteria workers could inform you when you are low on money rather than tell you after you are in debt.

Lets us use our phones at schools events because I didn't enjoy not being able to take picture with my friends

Communications classes should be more free and relaxed, also music should be optional.

introduce more clubs

One way SMS could improve is trying to place the classes in a better way that makes more sense. Example: 7 and 8th grade band takes place right after lunch most days and it is difficult to focus. Maybe have advisement after

I think we should be allowed to carry our phones on us. In case of an emergency it would be good to have my phone on my so if I need to/can, I can text someone. It's not like I'm going to be using it (unless for a class) since I get rid of the history classes and make them all geography because most students don't really care about anything before the american revolution and there isn't enough about our worlds geography.

More language classes besides spanish because some people might not want to do spanish.

VHS ended about 2 months before the actual end of the school year and we stayed in the library. XXX was very strict on phone use and did not let us use our phones for anything (not even for school reasons) she yelled at us a lot and singled one person out that she always targeted. Also, science this year was difficult because i felt as if I didn't retain any information even though I tried my hardest to understand all the material, so when it was time to take mcas XXX tried to cram everything in which was very stressful. Finally, english was not helpful at times because she was strict about random things. For example, I happened to leave my text book at home so she gave me the option to call my parents, email, or text them so they are aware even though there was nothing

I know this happens in highschool, but I would love to have leveled classes or a way to challenge students that wish to learn more or are not pushed to their full potential with the normal curriculum. I would be so bored in half of my classes because people wouldn't understand a topic, or we had to relearn something that we learned To have Wi-Fi, to be able to call home on your cellular device. I would also like a water bottle filler next to XXX's

Advisory I feel like that time is our time, and we cant have that time when there are meetings through the whole  
Get good food, don't teach some useless things, being able to use phones, teach what students actually want to  
get taught, don't make classes boring, allow students to talk more with one another, make school start times  
One way SMS can improve is in the cafeteria. When buying food, students type in a code to their account which  
has money in it. The only problem that I have experienced is when you get to a low enough negative balance,  
they don't usually warn you until you don't have enough money to buy anything other than the basic meal, not  
even a water bottle. I have gone very thirsty and unable to buy water because I was not told in advance that I  
Allow students to have a choice. In 6th Grade, the new format was interesting, challenging, and taught the  
students a lot about the upcoming years. However, after two years, it begins to get old. Allow students to be  
introduced to new circumstances, new classes, and new students. Help guide them along the path that they  
want to go on, whilst informing them on core ideas and subjects. Perhaps, instead of rotating specials, have two  
slots where students can pick two out of all the specials and have for 90 days each. Alternatively, create  
completely new classes that introduce them to high school-level subjects, taught at a middle school-level.  
Sutton Middle School can improve by having more teachers attempt to explain topics in different and unique  
ways, such as pictures and videos. This would allow students who learn in different ways to all understand a  
SMS can improve by figuring out what days each class gives Homework. Some nights there seems to be boat  
loads of homework and it gets very stressful. Then some nights with nothing at all. I feel as though they can  
I would like to see students at SMS be taught more about the real world. Before we can go out and achieve our  
dreams, we must be ready. After all, most dreams are not exactly cheap. I feel as though we need to be familiar  
on how to operate simple life tasks like a bank account for instance. These are necessities for going about and  
living in the real world. How are we supposed to achieve our dreams if we don't even know how to preform a  
job interview properly? Or file taxes or insurance? We should be taught these things before we have to use  
them. As the youngest of two siblings who have both been in college, I have witnessed first hand how different  
college is to regular high school. In high school, students really only need to worry about an upcoming exam, but  
the school can improve by having teachers explain topics more in depth, because some teachers don't do that  
and put you through significant stress to do well in their classes, when the students don't understand the topics  
and they all fail the test and then the teacher yells at them. the school can also improve by actually handling  
bullying a little more seriously than they do now. my group of "friends" was getting bullied for something that  
Please actually monitor the dress code. There are so many kids who walk around the school in clothes to  
inappropriate for their age. Not to call out names, but this is pretty much completely centered around the girls.  
It's kind of disturbing to see so many girls wearing clothes that are too short for them. It can put pressure on the  
girls who don't wear revealing clothes, as they may begin to think that people are liked better in getup like that,  
or if they are extremely social. Some girls aren't social and don't wear clothes like that, which can cause them to  
feel lonely at times because of how they act and what they like to wear. I'd know. No, I am not trying to make  
them believe their bodies are gross in any way. They should be free to do whatever they want, as well as love  
and support themselves. But, sixth, seventh and an sometimes the eighth graders are definitely too young to be  
wearing shorts that almost make them look like they aren't wearing anything at all. This is just a personal

Sutton can most definitely improve in their bullying policies exponentially. Read this completely and take note, as well as put it into effect. Seriously, I'll mention importance as it seems that it will help it be more better understood, although repetition is not one of Sutton's best awareness's.

So, although bullying today is not the original fist fights at the playground or hallway beat ups as it used to be, it is still here. It is surely not as crazy as it used to be but on some other notes:

Sutton would approach issues (if they even did, most cases they didn't) and oppose no punishments, guide, or resolution to such. In fact, if you were bullied, it was most and more likely for you to receive a punishment rather than the one committing the act, which is absolutely ridiculous and absurd. If punishments were brought upon one who had been bullying, it would be after countless events, and YET they would only receive a warning. The unprofessionalism is completely and utterly a major issue. I hope this is looked upon, acted upon, and realized the major fault which has been made. This is not minor, but a complete failure on the school's part. I would like to end by stating that I completely understand that in some cases 'punishment' (shall I even call it I think there should be a little more done about bullying and stuff like that. People can get really hurt by the name calling and other immature things that a bully may take as a harmless, funny joke. Seeing or hearing about your friends and/or family being bullied hurts almost as much as being the victim of the bullying. People will constantly pick on other kids about anything that pops into their heads, like what you wear, how your hair is done/styled, your voice (like accents or something), the way you look (face), your shape and size, some skin tones and differences, or even someone's personality! Most of the time, an adult or teacher won't even know about it, and even if they do, a brief talking to won't do much to a middle school student and I just believe there should be less homework and more advisement

Less homework and more interactive courses.

More choices for specials and a more open VHS

Listen to what students have to say and teach more things that people will need when they're older... like things the disciplinary system especially the way that the principal deals with bullying and fighting situations needs to be done in the way that follows the school contract and is less bias and more fair. Also the cameras should be fine

Add a silent room so a student can focus completely while in it.

Have less talking and staring at the smart board for a whole class and have more students come up to answer paying more attention to what people do/say in the hallways

add more work to help prepare for high school

More events because school is boring a lot.

Having the school more patriotic, like singing the national Anthem at least once a week or something like that as the pledge doesn't really do much other than start the day. The anthem will make people feel more proud about having better connections between the students and teachers.

allow phones

One way is to not get so mad at students for trying to have fun.

I think one way SMS can improve is that we are sometimes treated like we are in kindergarten. Also, they treat kids differently and also seem to judge a lot. Some people can wear things that others can't. Some teachers act like they teach kids to make connections between topics instead of cramming endless info.

be less strict about phones. For example if I was in the library in VHS and I wanted to do my homework on my phone. One thing Sutton Middle School can improve in is to always believe in what people say, and not think that they are lying to try to avoid stuff, and teachers not to complain about one student just cause of the stuff they wear, or just anything in general, and for teachers not to say such brutal things to a class and not realize how wrong it is. Actually have teachers teach stuff you'll need in life. Also don't always blame the girl for the problem. Two people make a wrong together, give them the same punishment. Don't make the dress code too strict for basically JUST GIRLS! Don't blame the teachers for something the students did. Always believe what people tell

SMS can improve on not targeting students for things they did not do, also letting students have more of a voice and not shooting them down after they say something, student should not be afraid to get in trouble if they are standing up for what they believe in because we were always taught to stand up for what we believe in and it is hard to do that when we get in trouble for doing so. Also teachers should not call out students in the middle of class. One way Sutton Middle Schools can improve is having another language we can take instead of having one option. In other schools they get to choose another language that is shown or provided by the school. One way SMS can improve is by having better specials because reading was pointless for 8th grade. They should also let us have more movement breaks. More options like independent living as a special because some people fix and deal with situations when asked by student or teacher listen to all sides of the story. do not blame everything on "non athletic" or "non school athletic" students. Actually respect all parents. be more flexible and more understanding. Treat teachers equally students equally other adults equally. respect families and childrens I think that the end of the school year is too stressful. Every teacher always tries to cram in homework, tests, quizzes, and projects. I can personally say that this worsened my attitude towards school and any academic work. It is also the reason I get so much anxiety at the end of the school year. This happens to a lot more people too, and it makes everyone's mood worse and no one ever wants to come to school near the last few weeks. I think there should be a way to spread these all out throughout the year instead of doing it all last minute, so students won't have to cry every night at home because they have so much to do, like my personal experience.

I also think that there is a lot of homework. It almost feels like the teachers plan it and put it all together on the same day. Kids already don't get enough time with their families due to the 6 hours of school and the after school activities and sports. I personally believe that activities like clubs and sports are needed in a kid's life to stay social and active and to be healthier mentally and physically. But Homework takes time away from time with families. and I think that if there is too much every day, or often enough, it could hurt kids' mental health. If homework is required, then i recommend giving less. Or maybe provide time to do it during school.

There is way too much homework. Students have many activities and do not get home until super late. Having to come home from activities with hours of work to do is awful. Being up until 2 in the morning makes the students so tired and teachers need to understand that the amounts of homework some of them give is ridiculous.

Group work is awful. When teachers get mad that a group is not finished with their work there's many reasons why. Yes, a reason could be they were not focused, but most of the time it is because there is a person that actually wants to learn that is put in a group with students that could care less about learning. Actually monitoring the groups or putting the students that want to work in a group together would be so much more beneficial.

Switching seats should happen more often. Throughout middle school I found I was sitting with the same people at table groups for long periods of time. If teachers switched up the seating more, students would be able to have different ideas and not be stuck with the same people who might not want to learn as often.

Advisement assemblies should be announced more. I cannot stay after school a lot and so I try and stay for classes during advisement. However, when advisement comes around, last second there will be an announcement that there is an assembly during it so I cannot go to the teacher I was staying with. This is very frustrating for me because it messes up my whole schedule. I am totally fine with and enjoy some of the assemblies but feel they should be announced ahead of time, especially since I have to find another time to get the work done.

Taking suggestions for field trips would make the students happier. There was multiple field trips students did not like and yet the next year that would still be the field trip the students went on. I do not mean the DC trip or the stay-cation trip because the DC trip was a good idea and the stay-cation took suggestions. Not just field trip suggestions, but overall classroom suggestions would really help too. Students are the ones learning so they have many ideas on how to improve the learning environment, so why not a survey like this every few months to help teachers find better teaching ways?