



Supportive Schools and Communities

SAFE AND SECURE PLACES TO LIVE, LEARN AND PLAY

Creating safe, engaging, and welcoming communities for young people helps them envision a promising future.

School environment

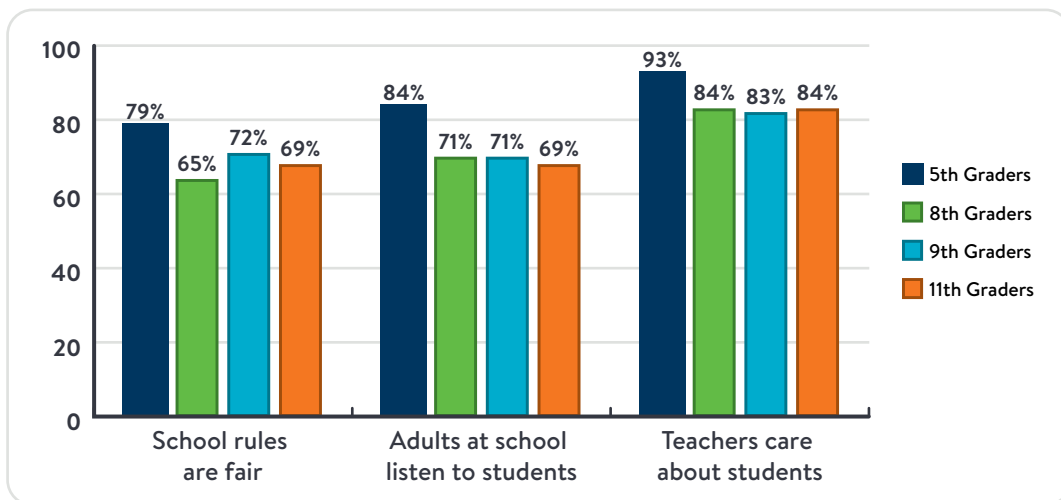


In 2023, Minnesota's four-year high school graduation rate was

83.3%.

Academic achievement gaps persist.

Safe and supportive schools can promote student connectedness and academic achievement. Academic achievement can lead to better outcomes for adolescents later in life. 85% of fifth graders and 81% of eighth, ninth, and 11th graders feel safe at school.



Communities impact young people's health.

About
13,300

youth experience homelessness in Minnesota every year. Youth make up 46% of people experiencing homelessness in Minnesota.

3%

of students have missed at least one meal in the past 30 days because their family didn't have enough money to buy food. The Minnesota's Free School Meal program served over 150 million meals in the first year of the program.

Less than
2 in 10

youth indicated that they have participated in physical activity for 60 minutes every day in the past seven days. Making physical activity more accessible and safer for all will improve health.

77%

of adolescents report that **they accept people who are different from them**, a key skill for connecting in community.

Only 48.9% of students indicate they feel valued and appreciated by others, which reflects there is work to do for adolescents to feel connected and supported.

For more information, read the complete [Adolescent Health Data Book](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/adolescent/youth/databook.html) (www.health.state.mn.us/people/adolescent/youth/databook.html).

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