



Speakup Select 2020-21

Albemarle- Student Grade 6-12

District: Albemarle County Public Schools

Results based on 2527 survey(s).

Note: Survey responses are based upon the number of individuals that responded to the specific question.

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1 What grade are you in?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Grade 6	350	14	14	14
Grade 7	284	11	11	11
Grade 8	216	9	9	9
Grade 9	538	21	21	21
Grade 10	485	19	19	19
Grade 11	315	13	13	13
Grade 12	318	13	13	13

2 Are you a …? :

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Girl	1179	47	47	47
Boy	1166	47	47	47
Non-binary	62	2	2	2
Decline to state	82	3	3	3

3 Which of these mobile devices do you have for your own use (but not provided to you by your school)? (Check all that apply)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Smartphone with Internet (like iPhone, Samsung Galaxy)	2169	88	88	88
Laptop	1272	52	52	52
Chromebook	180	7	7	7
Tablet	827	34	34	34
Digital reader	120	5	5	5
Smartwatch	561	23	23	23

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When you are at home, how are you most likely to get online to do schoolwork to participate in an online class?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Use a computer with slow Internet wired connection	211	8	8	8
Use a computer with fast Internet wired connection	487	20	20	20
Use a computer with WiFi	1662	67	67	67
Use a family member's smartphone or tablet	35	1	1	1
Use my own smartphone, tablet or laptop	654	26	26	26
Use a tablet, laptop or Chromebook given to me by my school	844	34	34	34
Use a school provided WiFi hotspot	80	3	3	3
I do not have access to the Internet when I am at home	6	0	0	0
Other	43	2	2	2

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How often do you perform these schoolwork tasks?

Create online documents to share with my classmates and teachers

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	226	9	9	9
Sometimes	1109	45	45	45
Often	1152	46	46	46

Create media content (videos, slideshows)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
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Never	494	20	20	20
Sometimes	1596	64	64	64
Often	390	16	16	16

Do Internet research for an assignment

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	126	5	5	5
Sometimes	916	37	37	37
Often	1416	58	58	58

Email my teachers with questions

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	157	6	6	6
Sometimes	1272	52	52	52
Often	1027	42	42	42

Look up information in class when I don't understand what the lesson or reading is about

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	250	10	10	10
Sometimes	1174	47	47	47
Often	1047	42	42	42

Play digital, video or online games for learning

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	1109	45	45	45
Sometimes	1192	48	48	48
Often	183	7	7	7

Read books or articles using a mobile device

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	696	28	28	28
Sometimes	1229	50	50	50
Often	546	22	22	22

Set up reminders and alerts on mobile devices to keep organized

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	881	36	36	36
Sometimes	939	38	38	38
Often	656	26	26	26

Take online tests or quizzes

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	42	2	2	2
Sometimes	539	22	22	22
Often	1866	76	76	76

Take photos of class assignments or textbook pages

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	534	22	22	22
Sometimes	1002	40	40	40
Often	939	38	38	38

Text classmates for help with schoolwork

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	841	34	34	34
Sometimes	1081	44	44	44
Often	548	22	22	22

Text my teachers with questions

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	1657	67	67	67
Sometimes	623	25	25	25
Often	196	8	8	8

Use online textbooks or curriculum

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	799	33	33	33
Sometimes	1233	51	51	51
Often	405	17	17	17

Watch a video made by my teacher

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	296	12	12	12
Sometimes	1357	55	55	55
Often	819	33	33	33

Watch educational videos from YouTube or other sites

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	247	10	10	10
Sometimes	1298	52	52	52
Often	937	38	38	38

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What technology do you use to support schoolwork?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
I use my own mobile device (smartphone, tablet, laptop, Chromebook) to help with schoolwork	1312	56	56	56
I use a laptop in class that my school gives me to use	1859	79	79	79
I use a tablet in class that my school gives me to use	23	1	1	1
I use a Chromebook in class that my school gives me to use	122	5	5	5
I use computers in the computer lab, library, or media center to help with schoolwork	37	2	2	2

I do not regularly use technology when I am at school	17	1	1	1
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What do you think are the benefits of using technology as part of your learning experiences? As a result of using technology, I am … (Check the benefits that are true for you)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Applying what I have learned to practical problems	835	36	36	36
Collaborating with other students more	998	43	43	43
Communicating with my teacher more often	1280	55	55	55
Developing creativity skills	824	36	36	36
Developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills	863	37	37	37
Enjoy learning more	776	34	34	34
Getting better grades and test scores	823	36	36	36
In control of my learning	1215	53	53	53
Learning at my own pace	1367	59	59	59
Learning in a way that fits my learning style	936	41	41	41
More engaged and interested in what I am learning in class	469	20	20	20
Taking greater responsibility for my own learning	1017	44	44	44
Understanding what I am learning better	667	29	29	29
Using time at home for extended learning	902	39	39	39
Other	122	5	5	5

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In which of your classes or subjects this year is technology being used most effectively to support your learning?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
AVID	81	4	4	4
Career Technical Education/Vocational Education	81	4	4	4
Computer Science/Technology Applications	245	11	11	11
English Language Arts	1058	46	46	46
Math	1346	59	59	59
Physical Education (P.E.)	297	13	13	13

Science	1063	46	46	46
Social Studies or History	967	42	42	42
Visual and performing arts (includes Music, Art, Drama, Media Arts, Yearbook)	259	11	11	11
World or foreign languages	495	22	22	22
Other	194	8	8	8

9 Which of these statements are true for you? (Check all that apply)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Doing well in school is important to me	1986	85	85	85
I am interested in what I am learning at school	1179	51	51	51
I believe that my school cares about me as a person	1105	47	47	47
I feel emotionally safe at school	1196	51	51	51
I feel physically safe at school	1491	64	64	64
I think my teachers use technology effectively to support my learning	1453	62	62	62
I wish my classes were more interesting	1117	48	48	48
I worry that I may not be learning the right skills in school to be successful in the future	964	41	41	41
It bothers me that some students have access to better educational opportunities than other students.	596	26	26	26
School sometimes makes me feel stressed or anxious	1745	75	75	75
Teachers are important to my learning	1474	63	63	63
There is at least one adult at school that I trust	1563	67	67	67
There is at least one student at school that I trust	1765	76	76	76
What I am learning in school is important for my future	1123	48	48	48
When I am in class, I am engaged in the learning process most of the time	1272	55	55	55

10 What obstacles do you face at home when using technology for learning? (Check all that apply)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
I don't have Internet access at my home	28	2	2	2
I cannot download apps that are needed for schoolwork	115	7	7	7
I don't have a computer or device that I can use at home	17	1	1	1

I don't have a computer or device with a camera that I can use for online classes	27	2	2	2
I don't have an appropriate space at my home that is good for learning	208	13	13	13
I have to share computers or devices with other family members	56	4	4	4
Internet is too slow or inconsistent at my home	588	37	37	37
Parents limit my technology use	171	11	11	11
School filters on my school provided device block websites I need for schoolwork	514	33	33	33
There is no one that can help me if I have technical problems	396	25	25	25
I don't use technology at home for learning	32	2	2	2
Other	312	20	20	20

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Because of school closures this year, many students are learning online at least part of the time. What do you think are the potential benefits or positives for virtual learning students enrolled in online classes and using digital tools?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Can learn at their own pace	1526	70	70	70
Develop technology skills	1457	67	67	67
Easier to collaborate with classmates on projects using online tools	694	32	32	32
Easier to review class materials when needed	1170	54	54	54
Learn skills needed for college or the workplace	631	29	29	29
Learn to be more responsible for their own learning	1329	61	61	61
Learning is more interactive and engaging	293	13	13	13
Less health concerns	973	45	45	45
Less school drama	1342	62	62	62
More comfortable participating in online discussions than in a physical classroom	503	23	23	23
More comfortable to ask teachers questions	605	28	28	28
More individualized teacher-student communications	597	27	27	27
School is less stressful	541	25	25	25
Teachers provide more personalized attention	403	19	19	19
Other	102	5	5	5

What do you think are the potential downsides or negatives for virtual learning students enrolled in online classes and using digital tools?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Does not fit how some students learn best	1627	75	75	75
Harder to do collaborative projects with classmates	1246	57	57	57
Having too much responsibility for their own learning	898	41	41	41
Lack of teacher support when needed	906	42	42	42
Learning is less interactive and engaging	1341	62	62	62
Miss school routines	1268	58	58	58
Miss social aspects of school	1605	74	74	74
Need to be well organized	905	42	42	42
School is more stressful	1093	50	50	50
School workload is more	960	44	44	44
Teachers are not effective teaching in a virtual setting	705	32	32	32
Technology access problems	1018	47	47	47
Too much screen time	1321	61	61	61
Worries about quality of the learning experience	996	46	46	46
Other	124	6	6	6

When you think about the optimum school learning experience for today's students, which of these digital tools and resources do you think are most valuable for improving student outcomes and success?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Augmented reality apps	222	10	10	10
Coding or computer programming resources	585	28	28	28
Chromebook or laptop for every student	1412	67	67	67
Digital, video or online games	651	31	31	31
Fully online classes	316	15	15	15
Mobile apps for learning	560	26	26	26
Online animations, simulations or virtual labs	692	33	33	33

Online textbooks	798	38	38	38
Online tutors	783	37	37	37
Online videos and movies	949	45	45	45
Tablet for every student	317	15	15	15
Tools to facilitate parent-teacher communications	482	23	23	23
Tools to facilitate student- teacher communications	1032	49	49	49
Tools to help students create media projects (e.g. video, audio)	800	38	38	38
Virtual reality experiences and hardware (headsets and devices)	374	18	18	18
Other	86	4	4	4

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Which of these types of learning environments do you think would be the best to help you prepare for college or workplace success? (Check all that apply)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Conducting scientific experiments or research projects	932	44	44	44
Creating a business on YouTube	409	19	19	19
Engaging with local community as part of a class or project assignment	1052	50	50	50
Gaining work experience through a job, internship, or volunteering	1513	71	71	71
Having authentic problem-solving experiences around real-world issues	1239	58	58	58
Learning an additional language	1042	49	49	49
Participating in school leadership opportunities	897	42	42	42
Participating in an e-sports club or program at school	494	23	23	23
Pursuing artistic and/or performance interests	769	36	36	36
Taking a class at a local college and earning both high school and college credits	1072	51	51	51
Taking online classes	592	28	28	28
Taking pre-professional, career technical education or vocational classes	746	35	35	35
Using media creation tools to create content (videos, games, news casts, memes) to share with others	577	27	27	27
Using technology outside of school to pursue personal academic interests	859	40	40	40
Using technology regularly in all my classes	662	31	31	31
Working with classmates on projects or assignments	990	47	47	47
Other	71	3	3	3

15 **Which of these are true for you about your preferences for learning or communications? (Check all that apply)**

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
For personal reading, I prefer to read a printed book than read on a screen (tablet, laptop, digital reader)	1540	72	72	72
For personal reading, I prefer to read on a screen (tablet, laptop, digital reader) than read a printed book	403	19	19	19
For schoolwork reading, I prefer to read a printed book than reading on a screen	1171	55	55	55
For schoolwork reading, I prefer to read on a screen than read a printed book	720	34	34	34
I am interested in learning how to “code” or do computer programming	674	31	31	31
I learn best in a physical classroom setting with my teacher and classmates	1494	70	70	70
I learn best in a virtual classroom setting with my teacher and classmates	389	18	18	18
I learn best when I can demonstrate what I know by developing a product or presentation for a real audience	674	31	31	31
I learn best when I can do projects that engage me in solving a real-world problem	1149	54	54	54
I learn more when I watch a video or movie than when I read a book or article	834	39	39	39
I think teachers should use more social media tools to communicate with students	387	18	18	18

16 **Which of these statements are true about your experiences outside of school? (Check all that apply)**

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
I have ideas about how to make the world a better place	1081	52	52	52
I have stronger personal relationships because of my use of social media	848	41	41	41
I know how to be safe when I am online	1708	82	82	82
I know how to detect bias or opinions in the information that I read online	1404	67	67	67
I know how to evaluate the accuracy of information I find online	1214	58	58	58
I like learning about new ideas	1484	71	71	71
I like learning how to do things	1599	77	77	77
I like learning how to make or build things	1301	62	62	62
I like learning when I can be in control of when and how I learn	1224	59	59	59

I use technology more outside of school than I do when I am at school	814	39	39	39
I use virtual assistants (Alexa, Siri, Google Home) to help me with homework	410	20	20	20
Knowing how to use technology is an important skill that will help me in the future	1312	63	63	63
My self-directed learning at home often feels more purposeful than learning at school	431	21	21	21
Sometimes I cannot do schoolwork because I don't have access to the Internet outside of school	213	10	10	10

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Since school started this year, check all of the places where you have used the Internet to do homework or schoolwork assignments?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
In a classroom during the school day	1183	57	57	57
In the school library or media center during the school day	191	9	9	9
At school – before the start of class	500	24	24	24
At school – after the school day has ended	357	17	17	17
Where I live	1978	95	95	95
Where other family members live	765	37	37	37
At a friend's house	733	35	35	35
At the public library	91	4	4	4
At an after school recreational or tutoring center	62	3	3	3
At a fast food restaurant or coffee shop	312	15	15	15
On a school bus or public transportation	122	6	6	6
Other	82	4	4	4

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How often do you engage in the following activities because you want to develop new skills or learn about something that interests you (but not just because it was an assignment or homework)?

Create, edit and post videos on YouTube

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	1394	67	67	67
Rarely	327	16	16	16
Sometimes	206	10	10	10

Often	85	4	4	4
All of the time	53	3	3	3

Find experts online to answer my questions

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	699	34	34	34
Rarely	527	26	26	26
Sometimes	503	25	25	25
Often	235	11	11	11
All of the time	80	4	4	4

Play an online game or augmented/virtual simulation activity

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	578	28	28	28
Rarely	505	25	25	25
Sometimes	494	24	24	24
Often	290	14	14	14
All of the time	191	9	9	9

Post a question on a discussion board or forum

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	983	48	48	48
Rarely	465	22	22	22
Sometimes	408	20	20	20
Often	159	8	8	8
All of the time	51	2	2	2

Read an online news story or report

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	300	15	15	15
Rarely	465	23	23	23

Sometimes	726	35	35	35
Often	411	20	20	20
All of the time	160	8	8	8

Research a website to learn more about a topic

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	172	8	8	8
Rarely	323	16	16	16
Sometimes	725	35	35	35
Often	594	29	29	29
All of the time	251	12	12	12

Take a self-paced tutorial or online class

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	829	40	40	40
Rarely	544	27	27	27
Sometimes	453	22	22	22
Often	157	8	8	8
All of the time	68	3	3	3

Use online writing tools to improve my writing

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	697	34	34	34
Rarely	451	22	22	22
Sometimes	465	23	23	23
Often	285	14	14	14
All of the time	160	8	8	8

Use social media to identify people who share my interests

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	641	31	31	31

Rarely	383	19	19	19
Sometimes	487	24	24	24
Often	327	16	16	16
All of the time	222	11	11	11

Use social media to learn what others are doing or thinking about a topic that interests me

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	588	28	28	28
Rarely	365	18	18	18
Sometimes	511	25	25	25
Often	363	18	18	18
All of the time	237	11	11	11

Watch a TED Talk or similar short videos about people's ideas

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	534	26	26	26
Rarely	607	29	29	29
Sometimes	559	27	27	27
Often	261	13	13	13
All of the time	99	5	5	5

Watch a video to learn how to do something

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	104	5	5	5
Rarely	236	12	12	12
Sometimes	721	35	35	35
Often	613	30	30	30
All of the time	366	18	18	18

Use a virtual assistant (Alexa, Siri, Google Home) to answer questions for me

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	770	38	38	38
Rarely	475	23	23	23
Sometimes	437	21	21	21
Often	219	11	11	11
All of the time	148	7	7	7

Watch other people play online games

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Never	766	37	37	37
Rarely	343	17	17	17
Sometimes	321	16	16	16
Often	296	14	14	14
All of the time	336	16	16	16

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Digital citizenship is the set of norms of appropriate, responsible behavior with regard to technology use. Which of these types of digital citizenship are you learning about in school? (Check all that apply)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Appreciating that everyone has digital rights as well as responsibilities to the society at large	1021	53	53	53
Knowing how to be safe online and use safeguards to protect our information and ourselves	1286	67	67	67
Knowing how to use various communications tools appropriately	1117	58	58	58
Knowing how to use, and how to learn to use, technology for learning purposes	1369	71	71	71
Learning how to be an effective consumer in a digital economy	546	28	28	28
Learning how to protect one’s self from the physical and psychological dangers of technology use	944	49	49	49
Understanding ethical and lawful use of digital tools	894	47	47	47
Understanding that not everyone has access to technology	1160	60	60	60
Understanding appropriate and inappropriate digital behaviors	1261	66	66	66

Are you participating in any of these programs at your school this year? (Check the ones that apply for you)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)	135	18	18	18
E-sports club or program	181	25	25	25
Formal program where I am assigned a teacher mentor	56	8	8	8
IB (International Baccalaureate)	20	3	3	3
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Academy	338	46	46	46
Visual and Performing Arts Academy	128	17	17	17