



Speakup 2023

Grade 6-8

District: Issaquah School District

Results based on 2786 survey(s).

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

1 What grade are you in this year?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Grade 6	1050	38	38	38
Grade 7	984	36	36	34
Grade 8	732	26	26	28

2 Which of these mobile devices do you have for your own personal 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)	2332	86	86	86
Laptop	1896	70	70	50
Chromebook	238	9	9	20
Tablet	1226	45	45	43
Digital reader	299	11	11	6
Smartwatch	822	30	30	25

3 How do you usually get online to do homework or schoolwork when you are at home or outside of school?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Through a slow Internet wired connection	88	3	3	4
Through a fast Internet wired connection	702	25	25	25
Using a WiFi connection	2357	85	85	82
Through a data plan or hotspot	347	13	13	12
I do not have access to the Internet when I am at home	11	0	0	1
Other	63	2	2	4

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When you are at home, how often do you need to get online or use the Internet to do homework or schoolwork?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Rarely or never	58	2	2	9
Not often - a few times a year	64	2	2	8
Sometimes - maybe once a month	201	7	7	14
Often - at least once a week	755	27	27	30
Always – everyday or almost everyday	1687	61	61	40

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Which of these devices do you use most often to support your learning?

Personal smartphone

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
When I am in school	522	20	20	18
When I am at home	1839	70	70	69
Does not apply	681	26	26	28

Personal tablet

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
When I am in school	32	1	1	2
When I am at home	756	31	31	32
Does not apply	1681	69	69	68

Personal laptop

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
When I am in school	218	9	9	7
When I am at home	1562	62	62	50
Does not apply	896	35	35	47

Personal Chromebook

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
When I am in school	41	2	2	9
When I am at home	232	10	10	19
Does not apply	2073	89	89	76

School provided tablet

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
When I am in school	112	5	5	9
When I am at home	41	2	2	3
Does not apply	2173	95	95	89

School provided laptop

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
When I am in school	2482	92	92	52
When I am at home	1199	44	44	19
Does not apply	168	6	6	46

School provided Chromebook

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
When I am in school	289	12	12	64

When I am at home	110	5	5	29
Does not apply	2042	87	87	34

6 What obstacles do you face at your school when using technology for learning? (Check all that apply)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Internet is too slow or inconsistent (websites take too long to load)	1295	52	52	46
I have too many login issues	264	11	11	11
My device is not reliable (battery insufficient, requires rebooting)	739	30	30	16
My school blocks websites I need for schoolwork	1138	46	46	42
My school's internet filter blocks searches of keywords for classes	851	34	34	24
Not allowed to text with classmates	489	20	20	22
Not allowed to text with my teachers	96	4	4	7
Not allowed to use my mobile devices at school	732	30	30	32
Not allowed to use social media tools at school	344	14	14	20
Teachers limit our technology use	476	19	19	19
Too many rules against using technology	753	30	30	31
I rarely use technology at school for learning	61	2	2	4
I do not experience obstacles when using technology for learning at school	474	19	19	23
Other	191	8	8	6

7 Read this list of learning tasks. How often are you doing these things to support your learning this school year?

Develop and maintain a digital portfolio or interactive notebook

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Daily	242	10	10	14
Weekly	312	13	13	14
Monthly	240	10	10	10
A few times a year	277	11	11	12
Rarely/Never	1382	56	56	51

Do a virtual lab or online experiment

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Daily	74	3	3	4
Weekly	568	23	23	19
Monthly	723	30	30	25
A few times a year	520	21	21	21
Rarely/Never	562	23	23	31

Email my teachers with questions

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Daily	98	4	4	4
Weekly	541	23	23	18
Monthly	845	36	36	27
A few times a year	597	25	25	28
Rarely/Never	269	11	11	24

Text my teachers with questions

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Daily	44	2	2	2
Weekly	133	6	6	6
Monthly	193	8	8	8
A few times a year	207	9	9	11
Rarely/Never	1796	76	76	74

Participate in a discussion forum or use an online tool to post my ideas/responses for others to see/listen to and possibly respond to

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Daily	138	6	6	8
Weekly	365	15	15	15
Monthly	693	28	28	20

A few times a year	642	26	26	22
Rarely/Never	601	25	25	34

Play digital, video or online games for learning

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Daily	124	5	5	9
Weekly	342	14	14	19
Monthly	505	21	20	20
A few times a year	647	26	26	24
Rarely/Never	845	34	34	28

Post to a social media site as part of classwork

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Daily	42	2	2	2
Weekly	65	3	3	4
Monthly	114	5	5	5
A few times a year	147	6	6	7
Rarely/Never	2078	85	85	82

Use augmented or virtual reality in class

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Daily	34	1	1	2
Weekly	54	2	2	3
Monthly	96	4	4	5
A few times a year	170	7	7	9
Rarely/Never	2063	85	85	81

Use digital feedback from others (teacher/peers) on my work to make revisions/improvements

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Daily	275	11	11	13
Weekly	733	30	30	26

Monthly	723	30	30	25
A few times a year	436	18	18	17
Rarely/Never	277	11	11	19

Use a learning management system to access class work, submit my work, or take tests

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Daily	1333	55	55	46
Weekly	503	21	21	23
Monthly	246	10	10	12
A few times a year	119	5	5	7
Rarely/Never	239	10	10	13

Watch a video made by my teacher

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Daily	139	6	6	9
Weekly	447	18	18	21
Monthly	617	25	25	24
A few times a year	616	25	25	21
Rarely/Never	607	25	25	25

Watch educational videos from YouTube or other sites

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Daily	285	12	12	14
Weekly	815	34	34	33
Monthly	620	26	26	25
A few times a year	411	17	17	15
Rarely/Never	295	12	12	14

Work with an online tutor/mentor to help with schoolwork

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
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Daily	47	2	2	3
Weekly	183	8	8	6
Monthly	90	4	4	5
A few times a year	137	6	6	8
Rarely/Never	1958	81	81	78

Use media creation tools to create content (videos, games, news casts, memes) to share with others

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Daily	115	5	5	6
Weekly	181	7	7	8
Monthly	291	12	12	12
A few times a year	478	20	20	18
Rarely/Never	1370	56	56	56

Use technology outside of school to pursue personal academic interests

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Daily	582	24	24	20
Weekly	583	24	24	21
Monthly	404	17	17	17
A few times a year	370	15	15	17
Rarely/Never	507	21	21	26

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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	948	39	39	40
Collaborating with other students more	1189	49	49	47
Communicating with my teacher more often	1099	45	45	41
Developing creativity skills	1052	43	43	51

Developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills	964	39	39	43
Enjoy learning more	989	40	40	45
Getting better grades and test scores	1113	45	45	50
In control of my learning	1220	50	50	47
Learning at my own pace	1188	49	49	54
Learning in a way that fits my learning style	1037	42	42	44
More engaged and interested in what I am learning in class	727	30	30	35
Taking greater responsibility for my own learning	1006	41	41	40
Understanding what I am learning better	972	40	40	43
Using time at home for extended learning	1049	43	43	36
I am not seeing any benefits of using technology as part of my learning	222	9	9	10
Other	118	5	5	4

9 Which of these statements about learning environment is true for you? (Check only one)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
I think I learn best in a physical classroom setting with my teacher and classmates	1612	66	66	64
I think I learn best in a virtual classroom setting with my teacher and classmates	142	6	6	9
I think I learn best when I can learn sometimes in a physical classroom and sometimes in a virtual classroom	682	28	28	27

10 Which of these life skills do you think are most important for you to acquire to be successful in the future? (Check all that apply)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Ability to learn new skills on your own	1931	79	79	76
Ability to speak more than one language	1335	54	54	57
Ability to work with different kinds of people	1908	78	78	74
Appreciation of the arts	836	34	34	36
Awareness of global issues	1345	55	55	49
Business skills - how to start or run a business	1495	61	61	60
Creativity skills	1647	67	67	69

Critical thinking and problem-solving skills	1837	75	75	68
Effective communication (verbal and written)	1618	66	66	58
Emotional intelligence - how to understand people	1528	62	62	59
Financial literacy - understanding personal finances	1363	56	56	50
How to be a good citizen in a democracy	1131	46	46	46
Leadership skills	1627	66	66	65
Teamwork and collaboration skills	1809	74	74	70
Technology and digital citizenship skills	1308	53	53	50
Time management and organization	1841	75	75	65
Other	90	4	4	4

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Below is a list of plans that you might have for what you would do after graduating high school. For each potential plan item, please indicate the likelihood of you doing that after graduation.

Attend a trade or vocational college

<i>Response</i>	<i># of Responses</i>	<i>% of Responses</i>	<i>State %</i>	<i>National %</i>
Likely	426	20	20	27
Unlikely	709	34	34	31
Undecided	967	46	46	42

Complete a job skills-based certificate program

<i>Response</i>	<i># of Responses</i>	<i>% of Responses</i>	<i>State %</i>	<i>National %</i>
Likely	668	32	32	36
Unlikely	517	25	25	25
Undecided	887	43	43	39

Get a job

<i>Response</i>	<i># of Responses</i>	<i>% of Responses</i>	<i>State %</i>	<i>National %</i>
Likely	1691	82	82	85
Unlikely	166	8	8	7
Undecided	215	10	10	9

Go to a 4-year college or university to get a BA or BS degree

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Likely	1444	68	68	58
Unlikely	137	6	6	13
Undecided	540	25	25	29

Go to a community college to get an AA or AS degree

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Likely	355	17	17	24
Unlikely	875	42	42	35
Undecided	848	41	41	41

Join a national service program to do a one-year commitment (such as CityYear)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Likely	149	7	7	9
Unlikely	1017	49	49	48
Undecided	915	44	44	42

Join the military

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Likely	135	6	6	12
Unlikely	1497	71	71	63
Undecided	473	22	22	25

Start my own business

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Likely	514	24	24	32
Unlikely	828	39	39	35
Undecided	761	36	36	33

Take a gap year (year off from school or job preparation) to decide what to do

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Likely	324	15	16	21
Unlikely	972	46	46	43
Undecided	794	38	38	36

Take some classes at a community college but not with a degree focus

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Likely	234	11	11	15
Unlikely	1057	51	51	47
Undecided	797	38	38	38

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

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
I am interested in what I am learning at school	908	43	43	42
I learn best when I can do projects that engage me in solving a real-world problem	944	45	45	47
I learn best when I can do projects with my classmates 	1173	56	56	60
I learn more when I watch a video or movie than when I read a book or article	812	38	39	44
I like learning when I can be in control of when and how I learn	1265	60	60	59
I prefer to read a book or article using a computer or mobile device	462	22	22	24
I prefer to read a hard copy, printed book or article	836	40	40	37
I wish my classes were more interesting	1149	54	54	54
I wish my school provided ways for me to learn more about future jobs	1206	57	57	55
I wish my teachers would allow us to make more choices about how we want to learn	965	46	46	50
I worry that I may not be learning the right skills in school to be successful in the future	855	41	41	39
Teachers are important to my learning	1071	51	51	50
The classroom environment at my school allows me to do my best work	639	30	30	32

When I am in class, I am engaged in the learning process most of the time	953	45	45	43
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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 %
Rarely or never	1672	79	79	75
Seldom - a few times a year	171	8	8	8
Sometimes - maybe once a month	137	6	7	8
Often - at least once a week	90	4	4	6
Always everyday or almost everyday	39	2	2	3

Find experts online to answer my questions

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Rarely or never	1019	49	49	49
Seldom - a few times a year	366	17	17	18
Sometimes - maybe once a month	368	18	18	17
Often - at least once a week	265	13	13	11
Always everyday or almost everyday	74	4	4	4

Play an online game or augmented/virtual simulation activity

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Rarely or never	706	34	34	28
Seldom - a few times a year	336	16	16	15
Sometimes - maybe once a month	367	18	18	18
Often - at least once a week	358	17	17	19
Always everyday or almost everyday	317	15	15	20

Post a question on a discussion board or forum

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
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Rarely or never	1268	61	61	61
Seldom - a few times a year	407	19	19	18
Sometimes - maybe once a month	282	13	13	14
Often - at least once a week	105	5	5	6
Always everyday or almost everyday	33	2	2	2

Read an online news story or report

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Rarely or never	618	30	30	35
Seldom - a few times a year	385	19	19	20
Sometimes - maybe once a month	560	27	27	23
Often - at least once a week	355	17	17	15
Always everyday or almost everyday	153	7	7	7

Research a website to learn more about a topic

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Rarely or never	297	14	14	19
Seldom - a few times a year	261	13	13	16
Sometimes - maybe once a month	665	32	32	29
Often - at least once a week	641	31	31	26
Always everyday or almost everyday	216	10	10	10

Take a self-paced tutorial or online class

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Rarely or never	1129	55	55	58
Seldom - a few times a year	401	19	19	18
Sometimes - maybe once a month	242	12	12	13
Often - at least once a week	192	9	9	8
Always everyday or almost everyday	102	5	5	4

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

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Rarely or never	823	39	39	33
Seldom - a few times a year	313	15	15	14
Sometimes - maybe once a month	316	15	15	17
Often - at least once a week	367	17	18	19
Always everyday or almost everyday	281	13	13	17

Use online writing tools to improve my writing

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Rarely or never	774	37	37	40
Seldom - a few times a year	334	16	16	17
Sometimes - maybe once a month	404	19	19	18
Often - at least once a week	359	17	17	14
Always everyday or almost everyday	210	10	10	10

Use social media to identify people who share my interests

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Rarely or never	1184	57	57	51
Seldom - a few times a year	249	12	12	13
Sometimes - maybe once a month	230	11	11	13
Often - at least once a week	193	9	9	11
Always everyday or almost everyday	231	11	11	12

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

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
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Rarely or never	1039	50	50	44
Seldom - a few times a year	235	11	11	13
Sometimes - maybe once a month	281	13	13	15
Often - at least once a week	253	12	12	14
Always everyday or almost everyday	274	13	13	14

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

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Rarely or never	877	42	42	46
Seldom - a few times a year	471	23	23	21
Sometimes - maybe once a month	426	20	20	18
Often - at least once a week	236	11	11	10
Always everyday or almost everyday	81	4	4	5

Watch a video to learn how to do something

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Rarely or never	296	14	14	14
Seldom - a few times a year	296	14	14	13
Sometimes - maybe once a month	638	31	31	28
Often - at least once a week	580	28	28	28
Always everyday or almost everyday	267	13	13	16

Watch other people play online games

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Rarely or never	788	38	38	33
Seldom - a few times a year	273	13	13	12
Sometimes - maybe once a month	270	13	13	13
Often - at least once a week	347	17	17	17
Always everyday or almost everyday	410	20	20	25

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Agree or disagree: Administrators and teachers at our school are sincerely interested in listening to and acting upon ideas from students about how to improve school and our education.

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Strongly disagree	255	12	12	12
Somewhat disagree	460	22	22	22
Somewhat agree	1043	49	49	50
Strongly agree	349	17	17	17

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Imagine you are in charge of building a new school. Which of these learning tools or approaches would you include in that new school? Select the ones that you think will help students be the most successful with their learning.

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Chromebook, laptop or tablet for every student	1718	82	82	83
Coding or computer programming resources	1202	57	57	54
Collaboration tools to use in projects	1316	62	63	63
Digital, video or online games	919	44	44	53
Fully online classes	223	11	11	15
Online animations, simulations or virtual labs	995	47	47	47
Online databases for research projects	1250	59	59	51
Online textbooks or curriculum	1167	55	55	48
Online tutors	725	34	34	41
Online videos and movies	1089	52	52	55
Project-based learning experiences that address real world issues	1317	63	63	60
Teachers assigned as mentors for every student	615	29	29	33
Tools to facilitate student- teacher communications	1017	48	48	47
Tools to help students create media projects (e.g. video, audio)	1102	52	52	51
Virtual reality experiences and hardware (headsets and devices)	778	37	37	41
Virtual voice assistants such as Siri, Alexa or Google	581	28	28	37
Other	163	8	8	8

Which of these statements are true about your use of communication tools and preferences? (Check all that apply)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Being able to communicate with my teacher through our school Learning Management System (LMS) or portal is important for my learning success	846	44	44	42
Having electronic two-way communication with my teacher(s) is important for my learning success	924	48	48	46
I believe that my relationship with my teacher(s) would be stronger if we could communicate using social media tools	231	12	12	19
I benefit most from having face-to-face discussions with my teachers	1063	55	55	58
I benefit most from having virtual discussions with my teachers	296	15	15	19
I only have a school email account	204	11	11	17
I have both school and personal email accounts	1498	78	78	68
I have more than one personal email account	648	34	34	30
I like being able to have informal discussions with my teacher before or after class	644	34	34	37
I think teachers should use more social media tools to communicate with students	224	12	12	19
If I have questions for my teacher, my preference is to send them a text message	155	8	8	13
If I have questions for my teacher, my preference is to send them an email	1201	63	63	52

If you had to write a report or essay today about a topic that you knew little or nothing about, what would you do first? (Select one)

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Ask my teacher for help and advice	271	14	14	22
Ask a family member for help and advice	187	10	10	13
Ask a tutor or after school club leader	13	1	1	1
Ask a friend for help	142	7	7	11
Do an Internet search using the topic as a key word	866	45	45	29
Do a Wikipedia search	56	3	3	4
Do a YouTube search using the topic as a key word	58	3	3	4
Go to the school library to find a book	43	2	2	2

Go to a website that I already know and see if it has any information on my topic	179	9	9	7
Look for information on my social media accounts	10	0	0	1
Look in my textbooks for information	88	5	5	4
Post a question on a message board or chat room about the topic	12	1	1	1

**18 How have you developed proficient technology skills?
(Select all that apply)**

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Different teachers have taught me various skills in their classes	936	49	49	50
I belong(ed) to a technology club or service program	136	7	7	11
I had a technology specific class in school	421	22	22	23
I took a class at a library, community center, or through an after school program	88	5	5	9
My family taught me about using the computer/tablet and the Internet	882	46	46	41
My friends taught me how to use technology	476	25	25	25
I learned on my own	1358	71	71	64
I am not proficient with technology	78	4	4	6

19 Which of these statements are true about your use of online and digital tools?

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
I am a better student when I can use online and digital tools to support my learning	1091	57	57	51
I have stronger personal relationships because of my use of social media	519	27	27	34
I know how to detect bias or opinions in the information that I read online	1047	55	55	44
I know how to evaluate the accuracy of information I find online	1070	56	56	46
I know how to protect my personal data and maintain privacy when I am online	1197	63	63	57
I make responsible, positive choices as a digital citizen	1256	66	66	58
I use technology more outside of school than I do when I am at school	1060	56	56	53
Knowing how to use technology effectively is an important skill that will help me in the future	1081	57	57	52
Sometimes I cannot do schoolwork because I don't have access to the Internet outside of school	187	10	10	13

The skills I am learning on my own outside of school are important for my future	907	48	48	43
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If you could choose one technology related way to improve your school this year, what would it be? Use "Other" to share something not on the list.

Response	# of Responses	% of Responses	State %	National %
Allow students to use text and email at school 	684	36	36	42
Have a more accurate, up to date school website	565	30	30	34
Have newer, better mobile devices for student use	793	42	42	41
Have online classes for subjects that are not taught at my school	627	33	33	34
Have teachers use email to communicate with students more frequently	518	27	27	32
Use online textbooks	334	18	18	19
Other	229	12	12	11

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

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Alternative Program	186	28	28	21
AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)	32	5	5	16
Esports club or program	181	27	27	25
Formal program where I am assigned a teacher mentor	54	8	8	9
IB (International Baccalaureate)	23	3	3	4
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Academy	214	32	32	29
Visual and Performing Arts Academy	148	22	22	25

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Do you identify as

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Girl	788	43	43	42
Boy	844	46	47	46
Non-binary	32	2	2	3
I don't want to answer this	151	8	8	9