

Los Gatos Positive Community Norms Student Survey 2023

Descriptive Statistical Report for

Los Gatos High School, Fisher Middle School, and Students with Missing School Code (8th-12th grade)

Response Count:

	Number of Valid Responses	Total Number of Potential Responses	Response Rate	Number of Opt-Outs	Removed for being older than 19 years old	Margin of Error
FMS 8th Graders	258	355	72.7%	2	4	3%
Los Gatos High	444	2,038	21.8%	0	10	4%
Missing	369	---	---	---	2	---
TOTAL	1,071	2,393	44.8%	2	16	2%

Note: Students were not asked what school they attend until the end of the survey, and many students did not complete this item; thus, the response rates for individual schools appears lower than it actually was. The Margin of Error is calculated based on the total number of potential student respondents and sample size collected (number of responses). As the name implies, the margin of error is a range of values above and below the actual results from a survey. For example, a 60% “yes” response with a margin of error of 5% means that between 55% and 65% of students thinks that the answer is “yes. We used a 95% confidence level to estimate margin of error. Margin of error is estimated based on the total number of participants that began the survey.

1. How old are you? (Q18)

	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Missing
FMS 8th Graders	4.7%	27.9%	65.5%	1.2%	---	---	---	---	0.8%
Los Gatos High	0.7%	0.2%	11.5%	26.4%	21.4%	22.1%	16.4%	0.2%	2.1%
Missing	---	---	---	0.5%	---	---	---	---	99.5%
TOTAL	1.4%	6.8%	20.5%	15.6%	11.4%	9.0%	6.8%	0.1%	34.8%

Note: Age was asked near the end of survey, so those who did not complete the entire survey will show as missing.

2. What grade are you in? (Q19)

	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Missing
FMS 8th Graders	96.9%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%
Los Gatos High	0.9%	32.9%	17.6%	22.5%	25.5%	0.7%
Missing	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	99.2%
TOTAL	23.7%	13.8%	7.4%	9.3%	11.1%	34.6%

Note: Grade was asked near the end of the survey, so those who did not complete the entire survey will show as missing.

3. What is your gender? (Q21)

	Male	Female	Nonbinary	Prefer not to answer	Missing
FMS 8th Graders	45.7%	40.7%	5.0%	7.0%	1.6%
Los Gatos High	43.0%	46.4%	3.6%	5.2%	1.8%
Missing	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	98.6%
TOTAL	28.9%	29.1%	2.9%	3.9%	35.1%

Note: Gender was asked near the end of the survey, so those who did not complete the entire survey will show as missing.

4. Which of the following best describes you? (Q22)

	Straight (not gay)	Lesbian or Gay	Bisexual	Something Else	Not sure	Prefer not to Answer	Missing
FMS 8th Graders	69.0%	1.2%	6.6%	5.0%	6.2%	11.2%	0.8%
Los Gatos High	64.6%	5.6%	10.8%	5.0%	4.7%	6.8%	2.5%
Missing	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	98.6%
TOTAL	43.5%	2.7%	6.2%	3.4%	3.5%	5.6%	35.2%

Note: Sexual identity was asked near the end of the survey, so those who did not complete the entire survey will show as missing.

5. How do you describe yourself? (Q20) Note: May not equal 100% as students could select more than one option.

	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian, South Asian, or Asian American	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino/a	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Something Else	None Selected
FMS 8th Graders	5.0%	34.1%	5.0%	15.5%	5.4%	59.7%	17.8%	0.8%
Los Gatos High	3.6%	27.5%	4.1%	10.1%	3.2%	70.3%	9.9%	1.8%
Missing	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	98.6%
TOTAL	2.7%	19.7%	2.9%	8.0%	2.6%	43.6%	8.6%	34.9%

Note: Race/Ethnicity was asked near the end of survey, so those who did not complete the entire survey will show as missing and estimates may not equal 100% as students could select more than one option.

NOTE: For the following questions, statistics were calculated based only on students who responded to the given question. Thus, the percentages shown below reflect only the responses received.

6. How often do you use alcohol? (Q1)

	Never	Tried once or twice	Once or twice a year	Once a month	Twice a month	Once a week	Daily
FMS 8th Graders	67.1%	22.9%	3.5%	1.6%	0.8%	0.8%	3.5%
Los Gatos High	56.3%	15.0%	7.5%	6.4%	7.1%	6.2%	1.6%
Missing	53.7%	12.5%	9.4%	8.0%	5.3%	4.7%	6.4%
TOTAL	58.0%	16.1%	7.2%	5.8%	4.9%	4.3%	3.7%

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	Less than Monthly	Monthly or more
FMS 8th Graders	93.4%	6.6%
Los Gatos High	78.8%	21.2%
Missing	75.6%	24.4%
TOTAL	81.3%	18.7%

7. In your opinion, how often do you think MOST students in your school drink alcohol? If you are not sure, just give your best guess. (Q2)

	Never	Tried once or twice	Once or twice a year	Once a month	Twice a month	Once a week	Daily
FMS 8th Graders	28.5%	38.7%	12.1%	5.5%	5.9%	4.7%	4.7%
Los Gatos High	7.9%	15.2%	12.7%	18.1%	21.3%	21.7%	3.2%
Missing	15.0%	19.7%	11.1%	17.2%	10.0%	20.8%	6.1%
TOTAL	15.3%	22.4%	12.0%	14.7%	13.7%	17.3%	4.5%

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	Less than Monthly	Monthly or more
FMS 8th Graders	79.3%	20.7%
Los Gatos High	35.7%	64.3%
Missing	45.8%	54.2%
TOTAL	49.7%	50.3%

8. When you hang out with your friends, would you rather drink or not drink alcohol? (Q3)

	I would rather drink alcohol	I would rather not drink alcohol	Unsure
FMS 8th Graders	5.8%	85.7%	8.5%
Los Gatos High	8.2%	78.2%	13.6%
Missing	15.7%	70.2%	14.1%
TOTAL	10.2%	77.3%	12.5%

9. When MOST students in your school hang out with their friends, would they rather drink or not drink alcohol? (Q4)

	They would rather drink alcohol	They would rather not drink alcohol	Unsure
FMS 8th Graders	11.2%	53.1%	35.7%
Los Gatos High	38.3%	27.7%	34.0%
Missing	36.3%	33.2%	30.4%
TOTAL	31.0%	35.8%	33.2%

10. How do you feel about the following statement: “Drinking alcohol is never a good thing for teens to do”? (Q5a)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	53.7%	22.6%	13.6%	5.8%	4.3%
Los Gatos High	32.6%	26.9%	18.5%	17.8%	4.3%
Missing	36.4%	24.4%	20.2%	12.2%	6.8%
TOTAL	39.0%	25.0%	17.8%	13.0%	5.2%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	76.3%	13.6%	10.1%
Los Gatos High	59.5%	18.5%	22.1%
Missing	60.8%	20.2%	19.0%
TOTAL	64.0%	17.8%	18.1%

**11. How do you think MOST students in your school feel about the following statement:
“Drinking alcohol is never a good thing for teens to do”? (Q5b)**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	19.7%	40.2%	27.6%	6.7%	5.9%
Los Gatos High	7.9%	19.5%	28.7%	32.6%	11.3%
Missing	13.6%	22.1%	30.0%	26.3%	7.9%
TOTAL	12.7%	25.4%	28.9%	24.2%	8.9%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	59.8%	27.6%	12.6%
Los Gatos High	27.4%	28.7%	43.9%
Missing	35.7%	30.0%	34.3%
TOTAL	38.0%	28.9%	33.1%

12. How do you feel about the following statement: “Parents and guardians should clearly communicate with their children about the importance of not using alcohol”? (Q6a)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	52.3%	27.9%	13.6%	2.3%	3.9%
Los Gatos High	38.0%	36.7%	17.4%	6.1%	1.8%
Missing	42.8%	32.2%	14.5%	4.6%	5.9%
TOTAL	43.2%	33.2%	15.7%	4.7%	3.2%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	80.2%	13.6%	6.2%
Los Gatos High	74.7%	17.4%	7.9%
Missing	75.0%	14.5%	10.5%
TOTAL	76.4%	15.7%	7.9%

13. How do you think MOST students in your school feel about the following statement: “Parents and guardians should clearly communicate with their children about the importance of not using alcohol”? (Q6b)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	23.8%	41.8%	26.6%	3.1%	4.7%
Los Gatos High	12.3%	32.3%	37.6%	14.1%	3.6%
Missing	20.4%	36.8%	29.6%	7.2%	5.9%
TOTAL	17.2%	36.0%	32.8%	9.6%	4.4%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	65.6%	26.6%	7.8%
Los Gatos High	44.6%	37.6%	17.8%
Missing	57.2%	29.6%	13.2%
TOTAL	53.2%	32.8%	13.9%

14. How do you think most parents and guardians students in your school feel about the following statement: “Parents and guardians should clearly communicate with their children about the importance of not using alcohol”? (Q6c)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	64.0%	23.6%	8.1%	0.4%	3.9%
Los Gatos High	47.9%	32.9%	16.0%	2.1%	1.1%
Missing	51.0%	30.5%	13.2%	0.7%	4.6%
TOTAL	53.4%	29.6%	13.1%	1.3%	2.6%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	87.6%	8.1%	4.3%
Los Gatos High	80.8%	16.0%	3.2%
Missing	81.5%	13.2%	5.3%
TOTAL	83.0%	13.1%	3.9%

15. During the past 3 months, have your parents/guardians communicated with you about the importance of not using alcohol? (Q7)

	Yes	No
FMS 8th Graders	50.8%	49.2%
Los Gatos High	48.0%	52.0%
Missing	41.1%	58.9%
TOTAL	47.6%	52.4%

16. How do you feel about the following statement: “Parents and guardians should not let teens drink alcohol”? (Q8a)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	52.3%	24.0%	12.8%	6.2%	4.7%
Los Gatos High	31.1%	24.5%	23.4%	16.6%	4.3%
Missing	41.8%	22.9%	21.6%	6.5%	7.2%
TOTAL	39.5%	24.1%	19.9%	11.6%	4.9%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	76.4%	12.8%	10.9%
Los Gatos High	55.7%	23.4%	20.9%
Missing	64.7%	21.6%	13.7%
TOTAL	63.6%	19.9%	16.6%

17. How do you think most students in your school feel about the following statement: “Parents and guardians should not let teens drink alcohol”? (Q8b)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	23.3%	39.1%	23.3%	8.1%	6.2%
Los Gatos High	9.8%	19.0%	28.6%	31.5%	11.1%
Missing	25.2%	28.6%	23.1%	18.4%	4.8%
TOTAL	16.5%	26.8%	26.0%	22.1%	8.5%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	62.4%	23.3%	14.3%
Los Gatos High	28.8%	28.6%	42.6%
Missing	53.7%	23.1%	23.1%
TOTAL	43.4%	26.0%	30.6%

18. How do you think most parents and guardians of students in your school feel about the following statement: “Parents and guardians should not let teens drink alcohol”? (Q8c)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	58.4%	26.8%	7.8%	2.7%	4.3%
Los Gatos High	32.9%	45.0%	17.8%	3.4%	0.9%
Missing	44.5%	34.9%	13.7%	3.4%	3.4%
TOTAL	42.7%	37.7%	14.0%	3.2%	2.4%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	85.2%	7.8%	7.0%
Los Gatos High	77.9%	17.8%	4.3%
Missing	79.5%	13.7%	6.8%
TOTAL	80.4%	14.0%	5.6%

19. Do your parents or guardians let you drink alcohol (Q9)

	Yes	No
FMS 8th Graders	8.1%	91.9%
Los Gatos High	28.3%	71.7%
Missing	23.6%	76.4%
TOTAL	21.3%	78.7%

20. In your opinion, do MOST parents or guardians of middle and high school students in your school let their children alcohol (Q10)

	Yes	No
FMS 8th Graders	14.7%	85.3%
Los Gatos High	31.2%	68.8%
Missing	22.4%	77.6%
TOTAL	24.6%	75.4%

11. When you choose not to drink alcohol, what factors influence you? (check all that apply)

NOTE: The following reasons for not drinking (Q11) were check all that apply, making it difficult to know whether students did not endorse a given response or if they were missing this item due to not fully completing the survey. To minimize bias, we only counted students as *not* endorsing a given item if they had completed Q12 after this question.

My family would not approve.

	Yes	No
FMS 8th Graders	73.0%	27.0%
Los Gatos High	51.7%	48.5%
Missing	54.5%	45.5%
TOTAL	59.0%	41.0%

My friends would not approve.

	Yes	No
FMS 8th Graders	43.4%	56.6%
Los Gatos High	26.8%	73.2%
Missing	34.8%	65.2%
TOTAL	33.1%	66.9%

I am involved in extracurricular activities (sports, speech, drama, robotics, etc.).

	Yes	No
FMS 8th Graders	55.9%	44.1%
Los Gatos High	46.3%	53.7%
Missing	54.5%	45.5%
TOTAL	50.2%	49.8%

It could lower my grades

	Yes	No
FMS 8th Graders	50.4%	49.6%
Los Gatos High	40.6%	59.4%
Missing	51.5%	48.5%
TOTAL	44.8%	55.2%

I might not be in control of my emotions, thoughts, or behavior.

	Yes	No
FMS 8th Graders	61.7%	38.3%

Los Gatos High	60.0%	40.0%
Missing	60.6%	39.4%
TOTAL	60.6%	39.4%

It doesn't fit the image I have of myself.

	Yes	No
FMS 8th Graders	58.6%	41.4%
Los Gatos High	49.1%	50.1%
Missing	56.1%	43.9%
TOTAL	52.9%	47.1%

I want to be a positive role model for others.

	Yes	No
FMS 8th Graders	45.7%	54.3%
Los Gatos High	34.9%	65.1%
Missing	39.4%	60.6%
TOTAL	38.9%	61.1%

I have a family history of alcohol or drug problems.

	Yes	No
FMS 8th Graders	19.1%	80.9%
Los Gatos High	21.1%	78.9%
Missing	20.9%	79.1%
TOTAL	20.4%	79.6%

I don't need it to have a good time.

	Yes	No
FMS 8th Graders	72.7%	27.3%
Los Gatos High	70.3%	29.7%
Missing	57.6%	42.4%
TOTAL	70.0%	30.0%

I don't see any benefits of using it.

	Yes	No
FMS 8th Graders	76.2%	23.8%
Los Gatos High	60.7%	39.3%
Missing	60.6%	39.4%
TOTAL	65.9%	34.1%

It is not a good way to reduce stress.

	Yes	No
FMS 8th Graders	56.6%	43.4%
Los Gatos High	46.7%	53.3%
Missing	50.0%	50.0%
TOTAL	50.3%	49.7%

21. How do you feel about the following statement: “I don’t need to drink alcohol to have fun.” (Q12a)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	64.5%	21.9%	9.0%	0.4%	4.3%
Los Gatos High	59.6%	30.8%	7.1%	1.1%	1.4%
Missing	59.1%	27.3%	4.5%	1.5%	7.6%
TOTAL	61.2%	27.5%	7.5%	0.9%	2.9%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	86.3%	9.0%	4.7%
Los Gatos High	90.4%	7.1%	2.5%
Missing	86.4%	4.5%	9.1%
TOTAL	88.7%	7.5%	3.8%

22. How do you think most students in your school feel about the following statement: “I don’t need to drink alcohol to have fun.” (Q12b)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	31.0%	36.9%	22.4%	4.7%	5.1%
Los Gatos High	14.8%	35.8%	30.3%	14.8%	4.3%
Missing	21.5%	33.8%	30.8%	6.2%	7.7%
TOTAL	20.8%	36.0%	27.7%	10.7%	4.9%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	67.8%	22.4%	9.8%
Los Gatos High	50.6%	30.3%	19.1%
Missing	55.4%	30.8%	13.8%
TOTAL	56.8%	27.7%	15.5%

23. How do you feel about the following statement: “I would support a friend who chose not to drink alcohol at a party, tailgate, or gathering.” (Q13a)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	65.0%	19.1%	9.3%	1.2%	5.4%
Los Gatos High	73.0%	19.3%	5.7%	0.7%	1.4%
Missing	67.7%	20.0%	3.1%	0.0%	9.2%
TOTAL	69.8%	19.3%	6.7%	0.8%	3.4%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	84.0%	9.3%	6.6%
Los Gatos High	92.3%	5.7%	2.0%
Missing	87.7%	3.1%	9.2%
TOTAL	89.1%	6.7%	4.2%

24. How do you think most students in your school feel about the following statement: “I would support a friend who chose not to drink alcohol at a party, tailgate, or gathering.” (Q13b)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	31.2%	38.3%	21.9%	2.7%	5.9%
Los Gatos High	26.6%	43.4%	21.4%	7.0%	1.6%
Missing	33.3%	37.9%	15.2%	4.5%	9.1%
TOTAL	28.7%	41.2%	21.0%	5.4%	3.7%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	69.5%	21.9%	8.6%
Los Gatos High	70.0%	21.4%	8.6%
Missing	71.2%	15.2%	13.6%
TOTAL	69.9%	21.0%	9.1%

25. How do you feel about the following statement: “I encourage my friends not to drink alcohol.” (Q14a)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	48.0%	21.7%	23.6%	2.4%	4.3%
Los Gatos High	28.4%	26.4%	28.2%	13.9%	3.2%
Missing	35.4%	26.2%	21.5%	7.7%	9.2%
TOTAL	35.6%	24.8%	26.1%	9.5%	4.1%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	69.7%	23.6%	6.7%
Los Gatos High	54.8%	28.2%	17.0%
Missing	61.5%	21.5%	16.9%
TOTAL	60.3%	26.1%	13.6%

26. How do you think most students in your school feel about the following statement: “I encourage my friends not to drink alcohol.” (Q14b)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	24.3%	27.5%	37.3%	6.3%	4.7%
Los Gatos High	9.3%	16.8%	41.7%	25.4%	6.8%
Missing	17.5%	25.4%	33.3%	12.7%	11.1%
TOTAL	15.0%	21.1%	39.5%	17.9%	6.5%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	51.8%	37.3%	11.0%
Los Gatos High	26.1%	41.7%	32.2%
Missing	42.9%	33.3%	23.8%
TOTAL	36.1%	39.5%	24.4%

27. So far this school year, how many times have you seen or heard messages or materials that say MOST Los Gatos students don't drink alcohol? (Q5)

	Never	Once or twice	A few times this year	A few times a month	A few times a week	Every day or almost every day	Several times a day
FMS 8th Graders	59.8%	21.9%	11.7%	2.7%	1.2%	2.3%	0.4%
Los Gatos High	66.4%	15.2%	11.8%	1.4%	3.0%	0.9%	1.4%
Missing	66.7%	10.0%	10.0%	3.3%	3.3%	6.7%	66.7%
TOTAL	64.0%	17.4%	11.7%	1.8%	2.4%	1.5%	1.2%

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	Never	At least once
FMS 8th Graders	59.8%	40.2%
Los Gatos High	66.4%	33.7%
Missing	66.7%	33.3%
TOTAL	64.0%	36.0%

28. How do you feel about the following statement: "I believe my responses to this survey are anonymous and cannot be linked back to me?" (Q14b)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagreed	Disagree	Strongly disagree
FMS 8th Graders	18.2%	24.4%	31.0%	10.5%	15.9%
Los Gatos High	30.1%	33.9%	20.7%	8.9%	6.4%
Missing	15.6%	21.9%	31.2%	12.5%	18.8%
TOTAL	25.2%	30.0%	24.8%	9.6%	10.3%

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	Agree	Neither	Disagree
FMS 8th Graders	42.6%	31.0%	26.4%
Los Gatos High	64.0%	20.7%	15.3%
Missing	37.5%	31.2%	31.3%
TOTAL	55.2%	24.8%	19.9%