

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

PAYS 2025 Data

What is PAYS?

The Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) is a student survey administered in odd-numbered years (e.g. 2021, 2023, 2025) to youth in 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades in participating schools throughout the state. The questions asked in the survey cover many types of attitudes, knowledge, behaviors, and experiences.

2025 DASD PAYS Participation

6th	924
8th	842
10th	798
12th	544

Total student participation:

3,108

The central focus of the DASD Strategic Plan begins with the Portrait of a Graduate and a set of five aspirational goals and measures for school success.

The PAYS data measures progress towards three goal areas.

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**Prioritizes
Health & Wellnes**

2

**Responsible
Community Member**

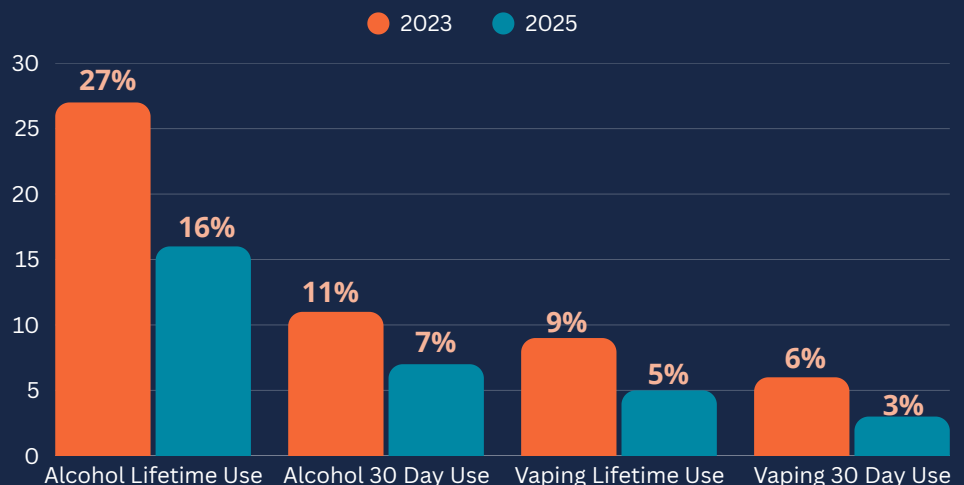
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**Ready for
Career/College/Life**

1. Prioritizes Health & Wellness



86% of DASD students said that in the past month, their overall mental health is good.



DASD lifetime & 30 day alcohol and vaping use are well under the state levels.



When they felt sad, lonely, or worried, DASD students said that they talked to their parents (46%) & their teachers or another adult at school (8%).



51% of DASD students said that they felt tired during the day "every day" or "several times" during the past two weeks, down from 61% in 2023.

2. Responsible Community Member



94% of DASD students said they feel safe at their school.



68% of DASD students said their teachers praise them when they work hard.



94% of DASD students said they have lots of chances to be part of class discussions or activities.



86% of DASD students said there are lots of chances for students in their school to talk one on one with a teacher.



79% of DASD students said that they had not been bullied in the past 12 months.



72% of DASD students reported participating in pro-social activities two or more times per week.



3. Ready for Career/College/Life

53% of DASD students said that they feel school is going to be important for their later life & 54% said they enjoyed being in school during the past year.

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