

2016 PATH Key Survey Results

Participant Demographics:

851 Parents

2187 Students in Grades 2-5

1849 Students in Grades 6-8

818 Students in Grades 9-12

Key Parent Comments:

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- There was a high number of devices having internet access without monitoring and filter systems.
- 81% of parents check the usage history on computers.
- 63% of parents check the usage history on tablets.
- 57% of parents check the usage history on phones.
- 73% of parents do not suspect their child viewed inappropriate sites.
- 71% do discuss inappropriate sites with their children.

Key Children and Youth Comments:

- More than half of all students reported having seen something that made them feel uncomfortable.
- 85% of all students stated they can talk to their parents about being uncomfortable with what they saw on one of the devices.
- 66% of 2-5th graders, 67% of 6th -8th graders and 47% of 9-12 graders stated that their parents check their computer to make sure it is safe.
- 34% of 6-8th graders and 62% of 9-12 graders reported their parents did not know their passwords.
- 53% of 6th -8th graders and 71% of 9-12 graders reported they have communicated by phone with someone they have never met in person.
- 38% of 6th -8th graders reported they have communicated in gaming system with someone they have never met in person.
- 69% of 6-8th graders and 94% of 9-12 graders have access to their phones in their bedroom.
- 47% of 9-12 graders wished they did not spend all their free time on the Internet.