

### **School Policies: Some major qualitative finding**

- ❖ AA males and females (F – highest consistently) had the highest rate of stating negative comments about school policies and no positive comments about school policies.
- ❖ Hispanic males had the highest rate of stating positive things about school policies (understand the policies and appreciate when their voices are heard about a policy and it is modified.)
- ❖ Multiracial males and females had the lowest rate of complaining about school policies.

### **Most Common Comments**

#### **7<sup>th</sup>**

- + Like having lockers \*\*\*
- + Like having more classes to choose from than elementary
- + Like having different classes - variety
- + Like that we spend more time in each class
- + I like that there is more to do here and more clubs
- + I can walk to on my own (more freedom of movement than elementary)
- + Like the variety of food at lunch time.

It's so big and scary with so many people (can get lost)

Not like uniforms – tucking, belts, same colors - Focus on uniforms wastes time\*\*\*\*

Can't switch teams unless parents make request

Don't like how they try to separate friends into different teams.

#### **8<sup>th</sup>**

- + Like having longer classes than elementary school
- Don't like all the moving around – sometimes makes you late going to class
- Not like dress code – too strict, tucking, more colors, need to “express ourselves” \*\*\*\*
- Cafeteria food – “disgusting”. Serve same thing every day
- Need more time to talk at lunch.
- Need a study hall – (and help during the study hall)\*\*\*
- We never get to go outside
- Need tutors for “students who don't understand things”

### **High School**

#### **9<sup>th</sup>**

- + Like the freedom (independence)– not watching over our shoulder (compared to Middle) \* \*\*
- + There's more things to do (compared to Middle)
- + Like having classes with different people (mixed) (not always with people in the same team)
- + Like having the uniforms – makes life easier/more professional
- Not like uniforms \*\*\*\*
- Not like the cell phone rule\*
- Time in between classes is not enough. Can be late.\*\*

Could use more freedom – jealous of seniors’ freedom  
Some rules are slack – like cell phone rule. If going to have it, enforce it.  
Want more activities like pep rallies  
I would add an hour to the school day (so not to negatively influence any vacation time)  
There are too many people in HS – too crowded.

### 10<sup>th</sup>

+ More freedom now – is good \*\*  
+ Like having choices for classes – more interesting things \*\*  
+ Like the choices for food  
+ Like not being stuck in the same class all day  
Not like uniforms (too strict)\*\*\*\*  
Not like cell phone rules\*  
We don’t need hall passes – or give more out. \*  
Biggest problem is policies with the educational system (NCLB) and not this school  
Need to have more honors classes (instead of just AP)  
If people get in trouble, should get suspended. They ruin it for the rest of us.  
There aren’t any good sports (females)  
“Study Island” is hard to get done in the time we’re given (prep for OGT)  
Start school later and end later in the day

### 11<sup>th</sup>

+ Many say “not many problems with school.”  
+ Actually appreciate some of the rules because that keeps the wild kids from getting too wild.  
Dress code is too strict – loosen up the rules\*\*\*\*\*  
Not like cell phone rules  
Tardiness rules – too strict. “Being late is sometimes not our fault.”  
Pay to play sports is not fair to those who can’t afford it.  
Punishment for tardiness (ISA) is not good. (Use detentions instead.)  
Some years, have to take so many classes (too many)  
Make classes longer. Some kids can’t get the information in the short amount of time.

### 12<sup>th</sup>

+ Many say “not many problems with school.”  
Dress code is too strict\*\*  
Not like in school suspension \*\*  
We can’t have our book bags with us, but we have so many books\*  
Not enough time (3 minutes) between classes.