

# Bear Facts

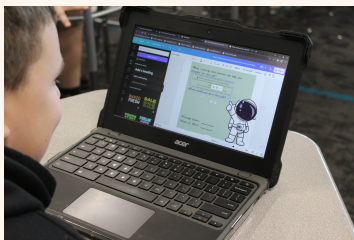
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**I would LOVE to hear from you!! If you'd like to contribute to the newsletter in any way (artwork, opinion piece, career corner, poll suggestions, etc) please send me an email with your thoughts.**

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# WHAT IS BEAR FACTS?

**Ever wonder what the Bear Facts class is all about? Read on to find out!**

by Sirinity Williams – 8th Grade



Do you know what Bear Facts is? If not, Bear Facts is a school newsletter. It helps students at Northridge develop the ability to format, organize and edit writing. At Northridge it is important for our students to learn this. Students learn to ask questions, gather information effectively, and also look for important details. This elective will affect the students because they're learning to do things on their own.

It has helped students have a creative mind in coming up with their own topics in Bear Facts. Some things that have happened during this year are little news articles. Students have come up with the topics like volleyball, football, advice for your health, things that are going on in Northridge, and things that are happening in our community. Some students also shared things that are going on in their lives or an experience they'd like to share. We also wrote an article about the new skate park that was recently created.

All students here have an opportunity to share something, and other students can give them advice or feedback on what to do or if they are wrong or not. We also have artwork students have created that can be included in our newsletter. In the newsletter we have many different sections. Many students have applied to interview staff at Northridge that are included in their articles. We have a "Kindness Corner" in one section created by a student here. Teen opinion questions are included here too. This gives the student with the question two perspectives: yes and no.

In Bear Facts class, we were introduced to a new site called Canva. In Canva students use their article they wrote up and place it in there. They pick and come up with ways to document their piece. Canva has many different fonts, designs, and creative aspects students can use. Some students created their own designs using Canva. With Canva students can be creative and learn new things while creating their own Canva project.

Bear Facts helps students academically by getting them prepared in the future. They will be able to write on their own, such as articles, journals, stories, essays and much more. Northridge had this once but took it away which was a big mistake. They brought it back which I am very proud of. Without this class students would have a difficult time developing their writing skills.



# Teen Opinion Question

Should the driving age be 16 or should it be increased to 18?



I think that the driving age should be raised to 18. My first reason why I think the driving age should be raised is because teenagers can be really irresponsible. If they start driving recklessly, they could put others in danger. They would also be putting themselves in danger. Next, teens need to be more active anyway. The United States has a higher obesity rate than other countries. Riding bikes, scooters, skateboards, and more can help them exercise. Lastly, a teen's mind isn't fully developed. They may not know what some street signs mean or certain facts about the car itself. That's kinda dangerous.

by Paige Francis-Joyner – 8th Grade

The minimum driving age should be sixteen years old because it will give children more responsibility. Children that have more responsibility become more independent and successful. It also limits opportunities for kids to drive to work or to school. Some kids at the age of sixteen still go to school or get jobs after school, but their parents can't always drive them; so, if they get a car then they can drive themselves. If you think about it, it is also less of a burden to the parents. Parents also have jobs and a life. Kids at the age of sixteen can get a car and drive themselves to places instead of begging or bothering their parents.

by Alyssa Bittner - 8th Grade



I think the driving age should stay 16 years old because some kids need to get on the road early and explore. Some of them can drive in the car with their parents, so they can help them navigate. If they change the age to 18, it will be weird because they are not going to have that much experience. They are going to get too comfortable riding in the car with their mom or dad.

by Key'on Coleman – 8th Grade

# Teen Opinion Question

C o n t i n u e d . . .



The minimum driving age in the United States should be 16 years old. I say this because kids at sixteen have more responsibility and at this age they are becoming a young adult. At this age they are old enough to get a job, and being able to drive and have a job would be good for them. They don't have to catch the bus or have to ask someone else. When they have a car, they have to be responsible for what happens to the car and keep it filled with gas. Having a car could also help with getting to school or anywhere else.

The second reason the minimum driving age in the United States should be 16 years old is because they are learning to be young adults. Kids at 16 can have more freedom and more opportunities to socialize and go places without supervision. This could be good for their health because they are not all up in the house sitting around like normal teenagers do.

The third reason the minimum driving age in the United States should be 16 years old is because it can relieve stress. There are multiple ways to relieve stress but driving around in cars can/could help them get out of the house and get away from their problems. They can be by themselves and not worry about anything at the moment.

Although 16 is young, it is important to teach them and give them the opportunity to learn while they are young. This is very important because once you get older you will start to be on your own.

by Sirinity Williams - 8th Grade

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER FEET/MILES  
NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)  
STREET ADDRESS  
CITY/STATE/ZIP

TEEN DRIVE

# MEET MR. GATES

Before working at Northridge he was an operations manager for six charter schools under National Heritage Academy (NHA). He had three locations in Dayton, Ohio; two locations in Cincinnati, and one location in Indiana. His role at Northridge now is as a behavioral interventionist. He works with children to improve their interaction skills such as problems with self control, expressing themselves, and much more. He believes that his role is much bigger than that, and that his job is to develop relationships with the kids and make sure that they're there for their own success and that they can be something in life.

## FUN FACTS:

- BORN IN DALLAS, TEXAS
- HE CAME TO OHIO WHEN HE WAS ABOUT FOUR YEARS OLD
- GREW UP IN MIDDLETOWN, OHIO
- HAS A BIG FAMILY
- HE IS MARRIED WITH 4 KIDS
- HE LOVES BEING AROUND KIDS
- WORKED WITH 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS AS A PARAPROFESSIONAL IN CHICAGO IN HIS 20'S

This is his first year here at Northridge. He has developed an amazing bond with many students. He is willing to talk or be there for any student. He enjoys bonding with young people and making their day better. He loves to be around the kids and show them there is more to life than what they're currently experiencing. His favorite thing about Northridge is that it feels like family. Everyone is welcoming and supportive to each other. Some teachers describe him as being friendly, always smiling, encouraging and easy to talk to. He is positive and likes to make personal connections with people. He wants students to meet their potential. He cares about the kids and his fellow co-workers. Everyday he takes time out of his day in the morning by holding the door open with a smile and giving almost every student a fist bump. Doing this benefits himself and the students. Knowing that someone really cares about you can make your day!



# WE ASKED STUDENTS WHICH APP THEY LIKED BETTER . HERE ARE THE RESULTS:



## POLL



### Tik Tok vs. Snap Chat

**51%**

- Variety of Entertainment
- Share videos
- Send personal messages
- Educational Content

**35%**

- Daily Streaks with friends
- Share photos & videos
- Watch friend's stories
- Educational Content

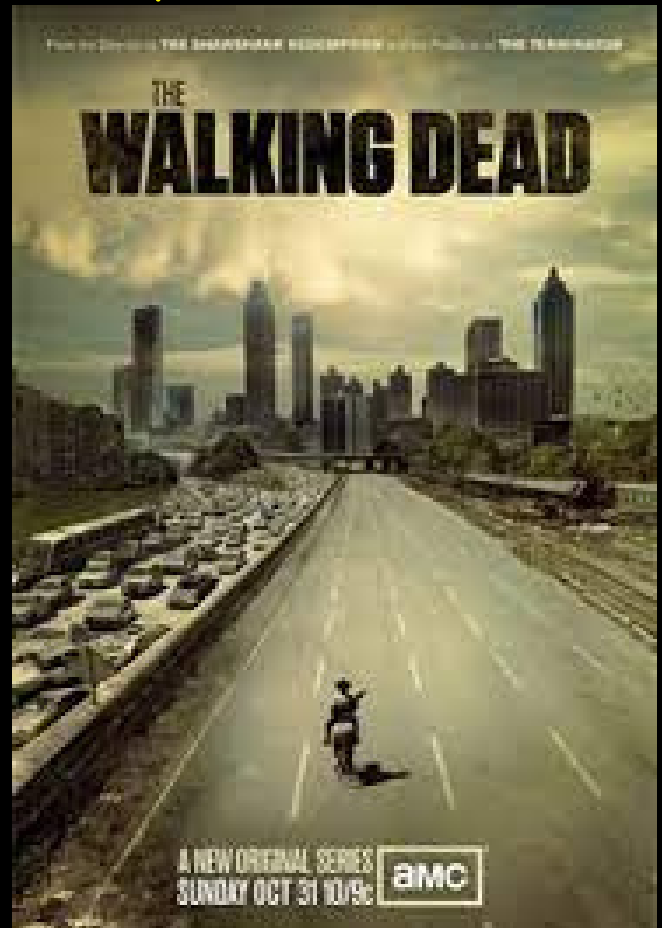
**14% DON'T USE EITHER APP**



We asked the students in Bear Facts to explain what they LOVE about the fall season, and here's what they had to say...

I love fall because it has Halloween, and The Walking Dead originally aired on October 31st. Fall is a mix of warm and cold, but mostly cold. The leaves on the trees change colors and fall from the trees. I love fall because of its weather.

by Morgan Atkins – 6th Grade



I like fall, but I feel like it gets too cold. The leaves start to fall, and it looks pretty. Also, I like it because of the new scents they make. I take my little cousins trick-or-treating, but I don't participate anymore. I always go to haunted houses and haunted themed things.



I still like to go trick-or-treating to get candy and I usually go with friends or family. I also like to go to pumpkin patches and haunted attractions and I enjoy roasting marshmallows. I love getting pumpkin spice flavored things or scents.

by Kyla Northrop – 8th Grade

by Arabella Harden  
8th Grade

hello  
FALL





# Fall Season

Fall is a pretty season that I absolutely hate and love. In fall you have holidays like Halloween and Thanksgiving. During the fall, the leaves turn into pretty colors like red, orange, and yellow which makes it look pretty. The leaves then fall down and turn crunchy. You can build leaf piles and jump into them. Despite fall being so pretty, there are downsides. When fall begins, it also starts getting cold. The cold makes me uncomfortable and mad. It's been raining on Halloween for around three years straight! The rain makes it colder and the candy bag gets soggy and wet. Sometimes it snows which makes everything worse. Fall is an alright season.

BY PAIGE  
FRANCIS-JOYNER  
8TH GRADE







Since Halloween is in fall, new horror movies and games come out in the theaters and stores. Also, on Halloween you get to scare little kids that go trick-or-treating. The best part of fall is you get to jump in leaf piles. Thanksgiving is in fall, so you get to go spend time with your family and friends. Finally, fall is close to winter, and that means Christmas.

by Riley Owens – 8th Grade

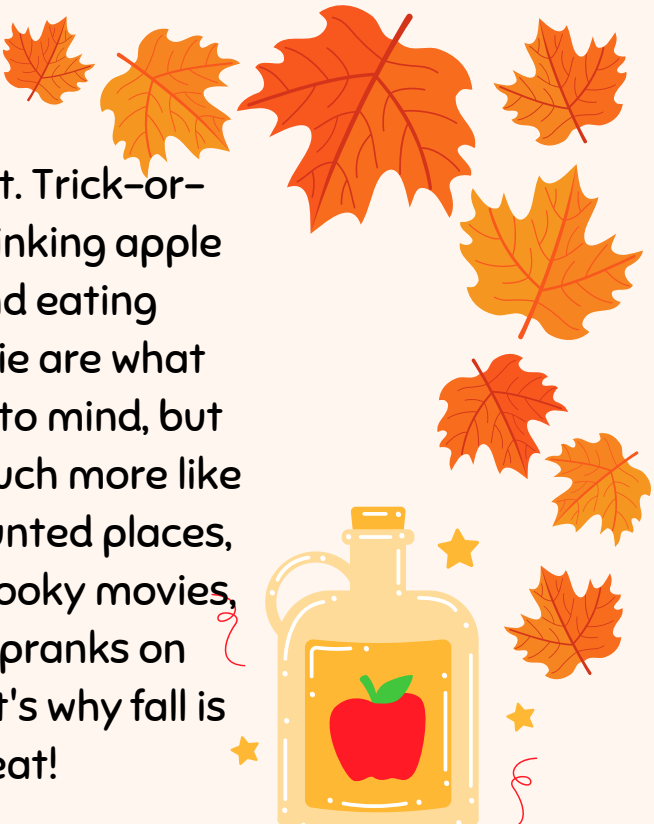
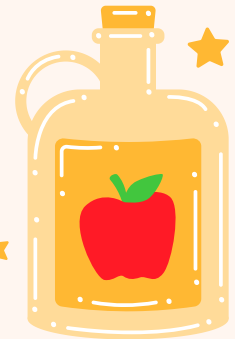
My family and I usually go to a pumpkin patch around a week before Halloween. We sometimes go through corn mazes. We do boys vs girls, my step-dad and I against my mom and sister. Me and my step-dad usually win. My family used to be really bad at timing and get costumes last minute. But this year we got it a month before. I like to customize my costume because they don't look very scary before customization. That's why I do it. by Andrew

Buelow – 6th Grade



Fall is great. Trick-or-treating, Drinking apple cider, and eating pumpkin pie are what first comes to mind, but there's so much more like going to haunted places, watching spooky movies, or pulling pranks on friends. That's why fall is great!

by Ricky Profitt – 8th Grade





**I love fall and almost everything that comes with it. My favorite thing in fall, and my favorite holiday is Halloween. I also love the atmosphere when it's autumn; I love the colors, the mood, and the mix of cozy and spooky, and the treats you can get almost exclusively in the fall. There's even a fall festival I've gone to every year for the past 3 years called the Renaissance fair. It has a sort of medieval vibe to it, and it has costume themes. But there are two things I hate about fall with a passion: spiders and the cold. I've got quite a bit of arachnophobia, and have cried over fake spiders or cartoony spiders, so realistic spiders are terrifying for me. I hate the cold because my most common choice of clothing are skirts and dresses, but I hate the way leggings look paired with them. It also deletes the reason I like skirts so much.**

**by Amaris Silas - 7th Grade**

# Northridge Schools Drama Club presents:



Friday, October 27 @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, October 28 @ 7:00 PM

Sunday, October 29 @ 3:00 PM

David Herring Auditorium

Tickets sales:

\$10 General Admission

\$5 Northridge Students and Senior Citizens

Please come out and support our drama  
students

On Friday, October 6th, the Northridge Music Department (Band, Choir, and Polarettas) performed at the last home football game. Choir sang the Alma Mater and The Star Spangled Banner, the Band and Polarettas performed in the stands, and the entire department performed the Halftime Show. They did an amazing job that night.



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"IT WAS FUN AND KINDA OF SCARY BUT NOT REALLY.", SAID; BRAYDEN THOMAS

JOIN US AT THE

# Scream Park

ADMISSION PRICES ARE \$20 ON FRIDAYS AND \$25 ON SATURDAYS.

**FREE PARKING**

OPEN UNTIL OCT 29

**4040 WRIGHT WAY RD.**

**DAYTON, OH 45424**

OPEN FROM DARK UNTIL MIDNIGHT

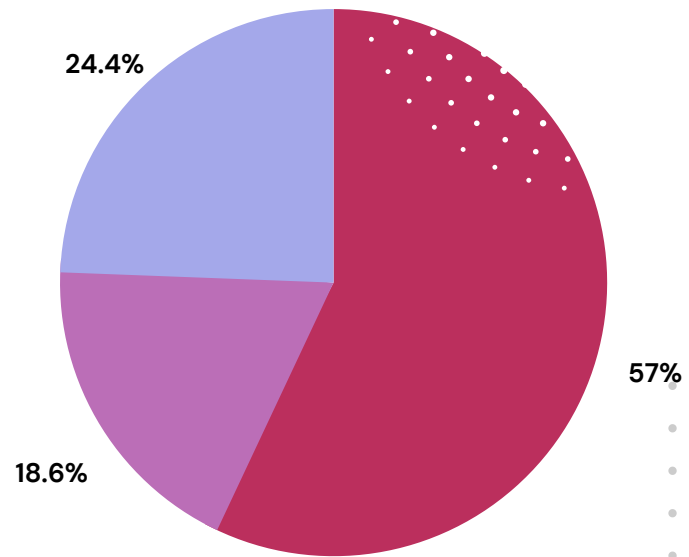


# Bullying Survey Results

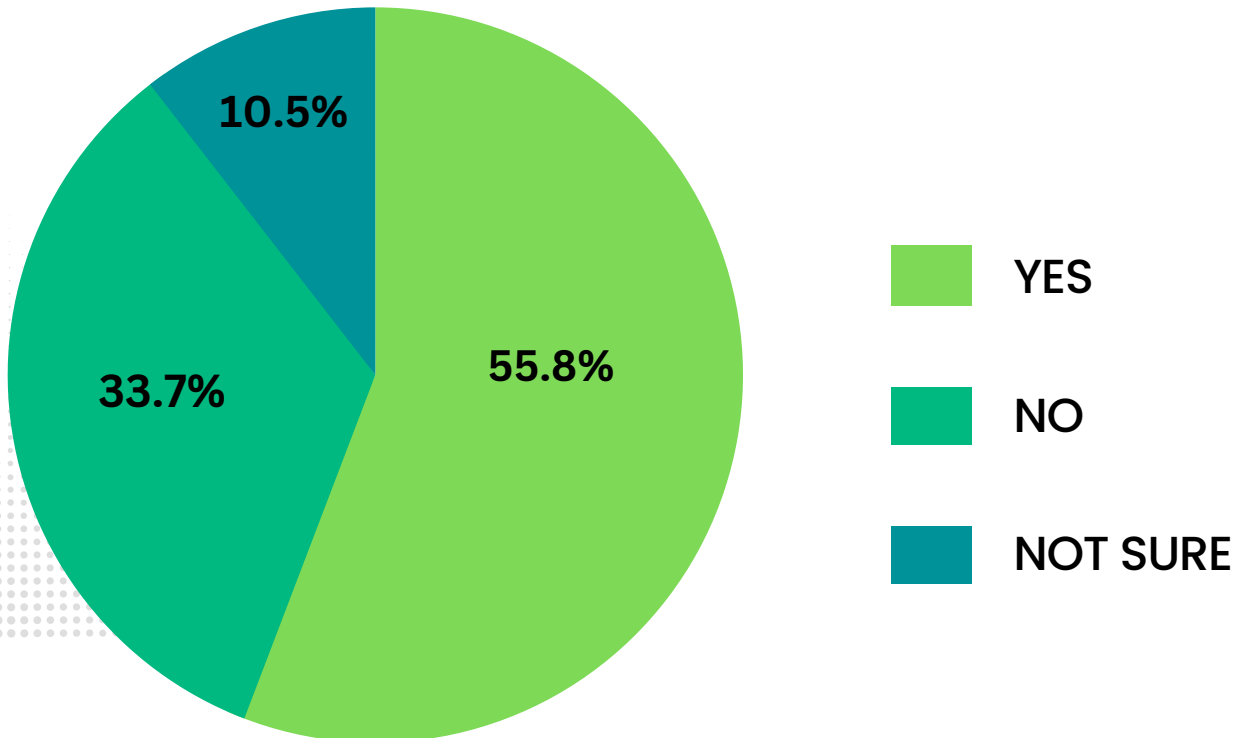
86 Students responded to the survey. Here are the results...

## GRADE LEVELS

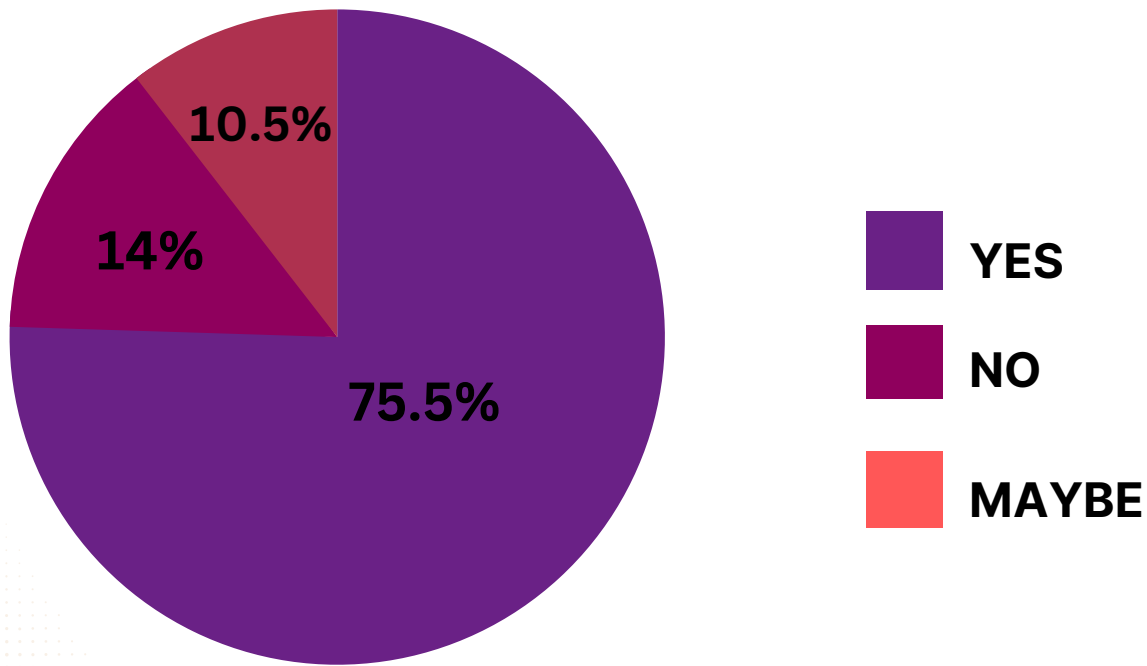
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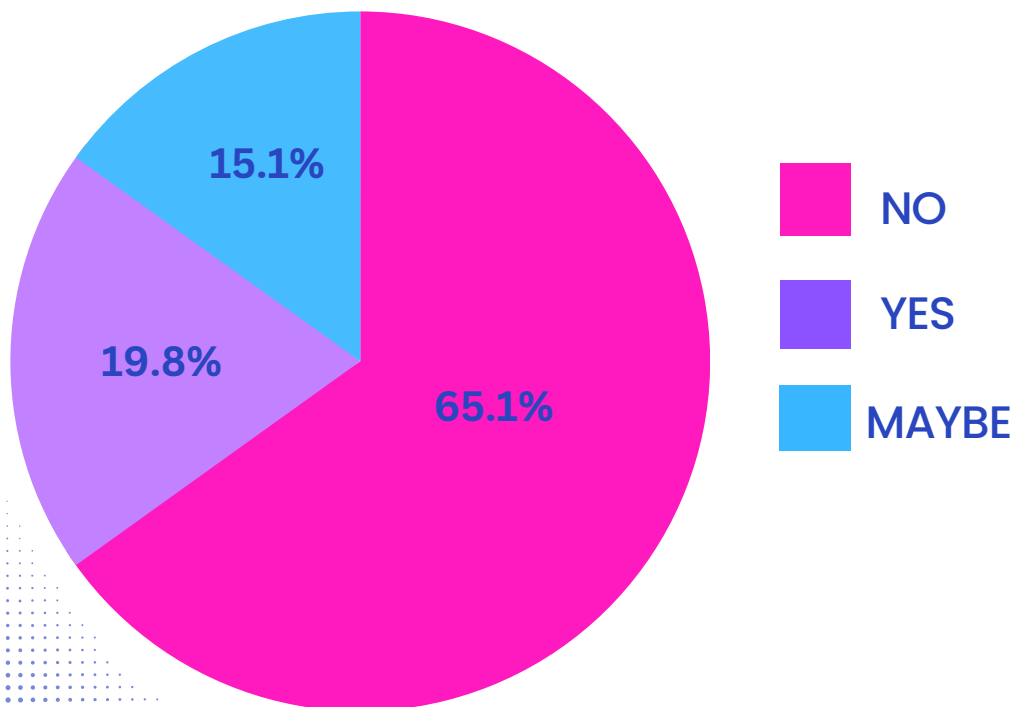
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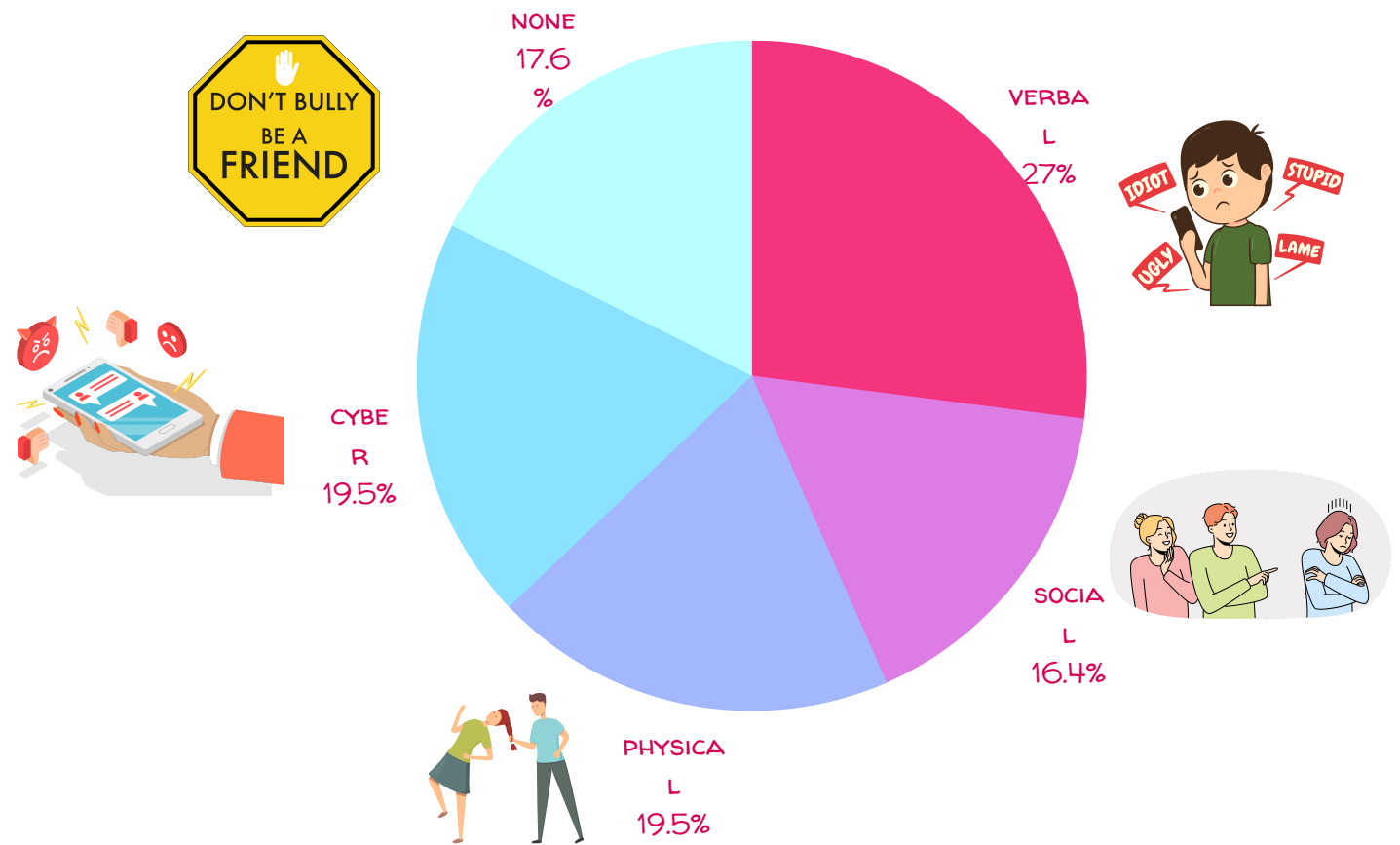
# Have you ever witnessed someone being bullied?



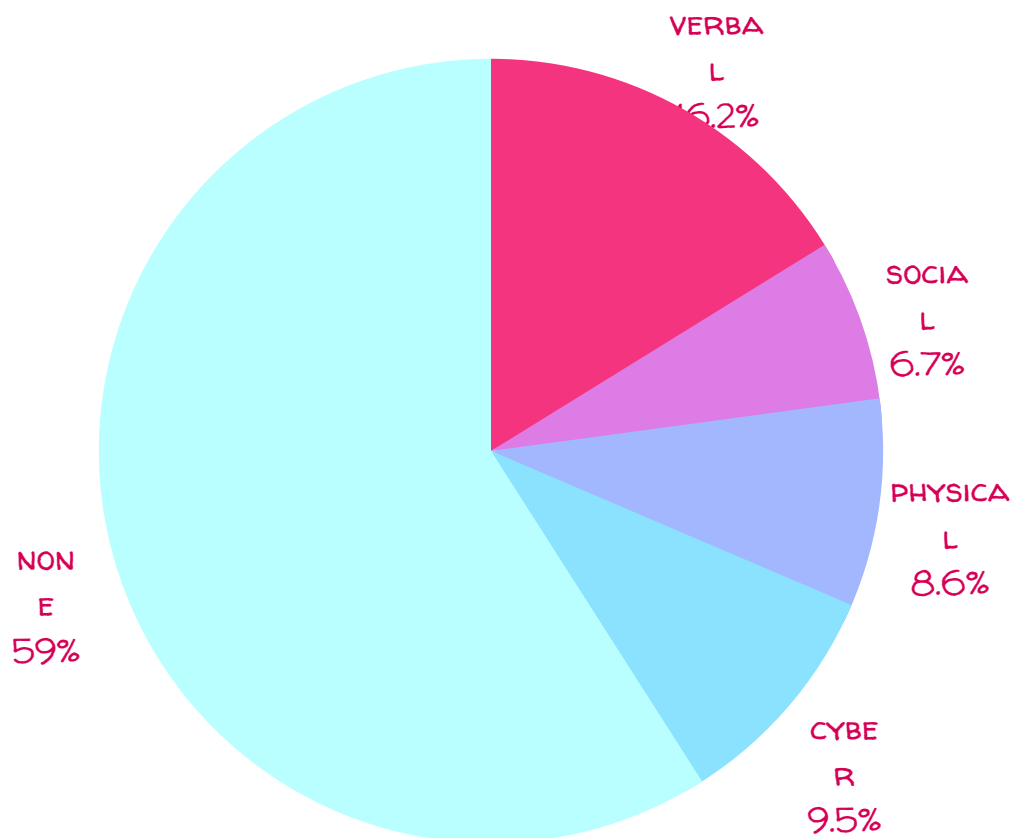
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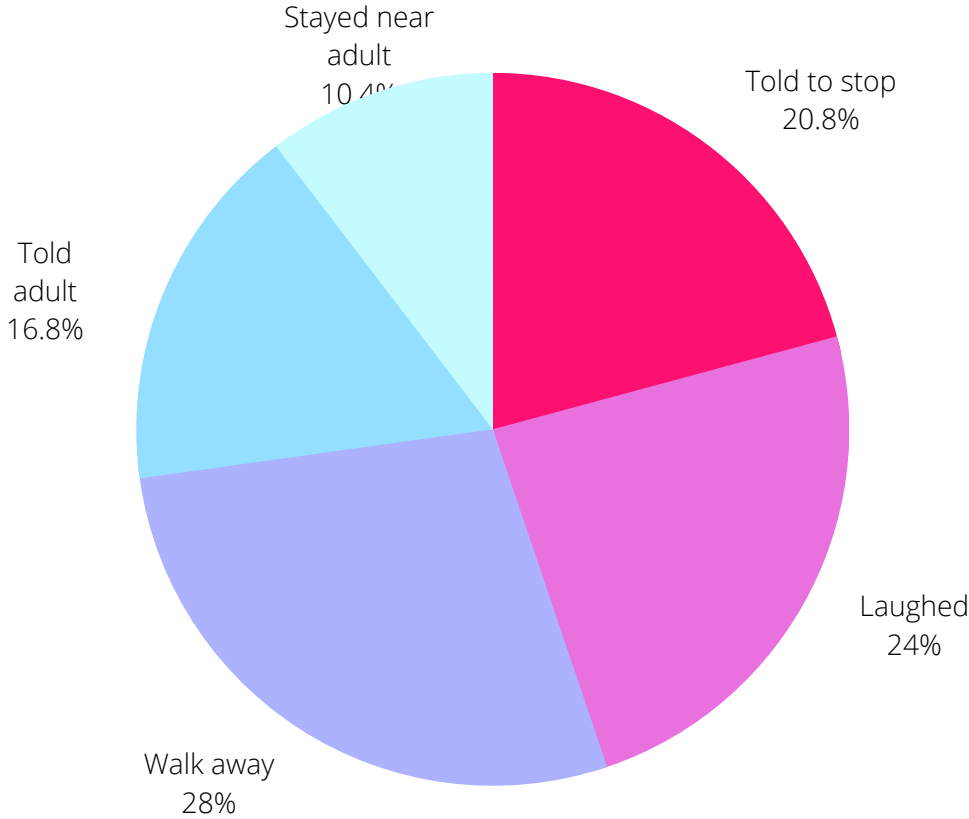


# WHAT KIND OF BULLYING HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED?



# WHAT KIND OF BULLYING HAVE YOU DONE?





**TOLD BULLY TO STOP**

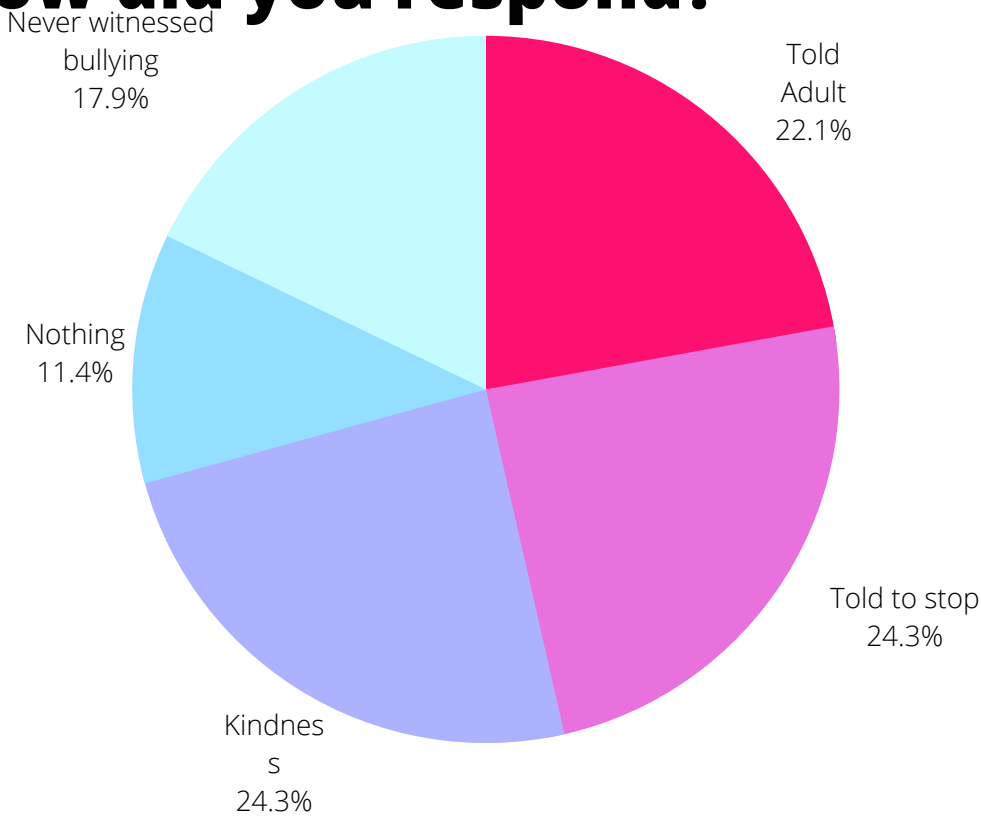
**LAUGHED IT OFF**

**WALKED AWAY**

**TOLD AN ADULT**

**STAYED NEAR ADULTS AND OTHER KIDS**

## When you've been bullied, how did you respond?



**TOLD ADULT**

**TOLD BULLY TO STOP**

**SHOWED KINDNESS TO VICTIM**

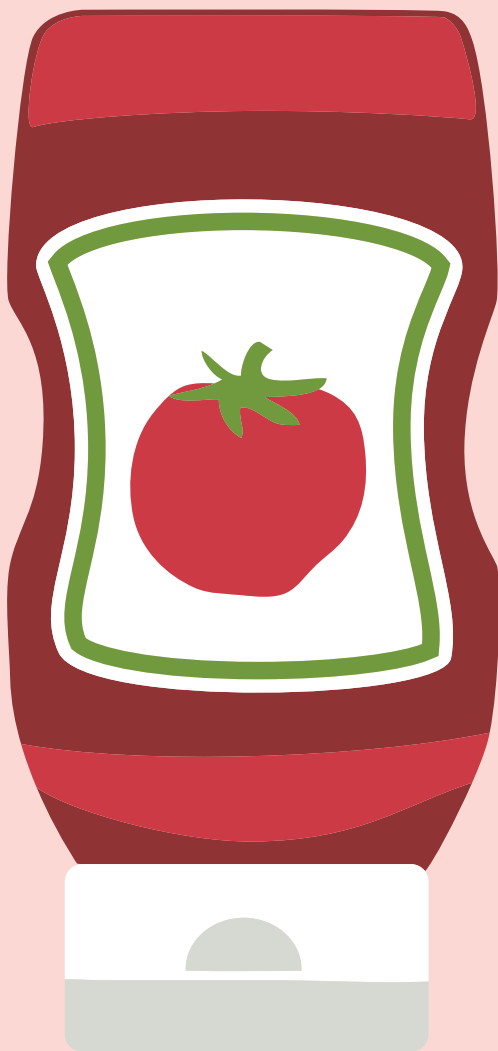
**NOTHING-TOO SCARED OR DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED**

**NOTHING-NEVER WITNESSED BULLYING**

## How have you helped someone who was bullied?



# labels are for food



Bullying will  
'ketchup' to  
you!

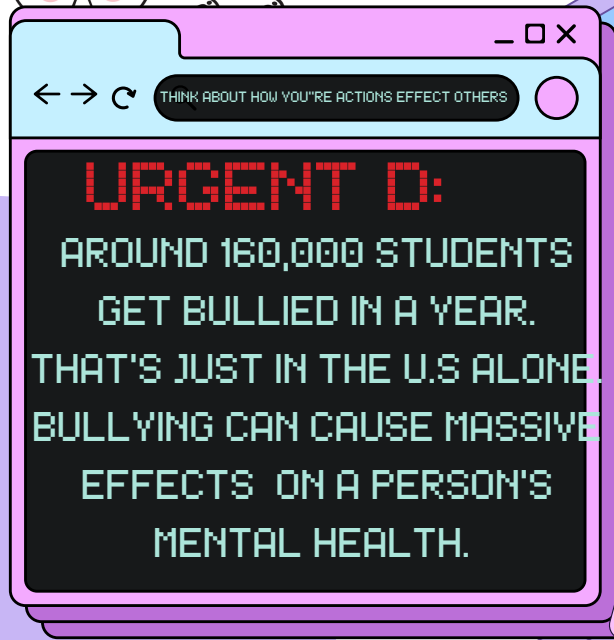
**Bullying  
needs to  
stop; there is  
too much  
sadness  
happening  
because of it.**

# not people

by Ricky Profitt - 8th grade

WATCH OUT :(

Verbal, cyber, and physical bullying are only a few of the many types of bullying.



BY PAIGE  
FRANCIS-JOYNER  
8TH GRADE

# STOP



OUR DIFFERENCES  
MAKE US UNIQUE.  
TOGETHER, THEY  
MAKE US STRONG



# BULLYING

## What should you do if someone is bullying you?

You tell them to stop. If they don't stop, you walk away. If they keep harassing you, then you need to tell an adult. If it is cyber bullying, you need to leave the game, party, chat, or block them. Those are my ways to stop bullying.

-James Hughes 7th Grade

# Bullying Experiences...



Bullying is not okay. It does not matter what you are wearing or what you smell like. People just think that they are better than everyone else. Most people that bully people have problems at home. One time I got bullied for my acne and the way I looked because one day I did not match. So, they sat and talked about me when I was right there. I did nothing. I let them say it all, and I acted like I didn't care. Then they stopped talking about me. Bullying shouldn't be a thing, but sometimes people are just ashamed of themselves. That's what I think. Bullying is just something that people do when they are bored. Bullying is just a thing you go through in school and high school. People are rude because they want to be rude. Bullying is not okay because there are kids and teens that kill themselves over getting bullied by their peers.



by an 8th Grade Student

# Bullying Experiences...

Personally, I've never been bullied, but I've had things said to me that weren't nice. I never cared for it, but I didn't ever consider it to be bullying. I do know of real bullying, and I know a lot of kids in this school will bully other kids just based on their looks, how they live, and what they wear. I have witnessed bullying numerous times in the past couple of years; it's never physical, but just unnecessary things are said about people. Many kids that bully need to be humbled because it's always the ones with a lot of friends, a good house, and good clothes and good shoes that will look down on the people with less than them. I know some kids that live like that are embarrassed or intimidated to stand up for themselves, so they just let it slide past them.

by an 8th Grade Student



End  
the  
Stigma  
Stop  
the  
Shaming

# Bullying Experiences...

I have been bullied a couple of times, and it does hurt. I was hurt for a couple of days after it happened because I kept thinking about it. I had to think about what they said and try to overcome what happened; but, it was very hard to do so because they were making fun of some of my personal family issues. I was really hurt because I really wanted to know how they knew what I was going through in my life. Then I had to realize that everything was going to be okay. I had to make myself forget about what happened and try to distract myself from everything I had going on and about getting bullied.

-An 8th Grade Student





# Bullying Experiences...

My experience with bullying was terrible, but as I got older I learned to stop caring about what others said. Everybody's going to talk about you, whether you're doing good or not. I was bullied a lot when I was younger. Not many people liked me for some reason. I was quiet and didn't say much. I'm not going to lie, I have been a bully before, but it's not okay at all. As a kid, I did it for fun. I matured and changed my perspective. You don't know what's going on in everyone's home or what environment they are in when they leave school. Some people are dealing with a lot, and bullying can make it worse. I used to get called "ugly." That's how my insecurities grew. Bullying can bother people, especially when you don't know how it's going to impact them. I carried it for a while. Now, when people talk nice about me or give me compliments, I feel weird about it and don't believe them. I've witnessed bullying multiple times. Sometimes I try not to interfere, but if it's too bad, I say something and it ends. I see it with little kids. They're getting that stuff from older people who are supposed to be role models.

by an 8th Grade student

# Bullying Experiences...

I have been bullied before, but it didn't really affect me. I've been called names, but they weren't really original. Almost everyone that has called me names has used "emo" as an insult, thinking it was original or something. I did witness someone bullying my friend, but I got them to stop. Honestly, I just told them to stop, and then they came after me, but what they said was anything but effective. I've also learned to just say, "Thank you," to anyone who insults me. It's not the reaction they want, which is better than insulting them back. I've never bullied anyone; I'm just not that type of person, nor do I have the patience or guts to bully someone. Anyone who bullies someone is missing something in their life; for example, if someone insults your clothes, they probably don't feel confident enough to wear what they want and just wear something everyone else is wearing.

by an 8th Grade student





# Bullying Experiences...



Yes, I have been bullied, and I still get bullied. No, I never bullied someone else. Yes, I witnessed bullying, and I did nothing when they got bullied. I wish I did something to stop it, but I was too scared. When I got bullied I did nothing. I just walked away. It made me mad that I did nothing, and I talk to myself when I get bullied. When I talk to myself I think that I should tell my parents. I don't tell them, but I wish I did.

-A 6th Grade Student

I have never been bullied, so I do not know much about being bullied. I do not believe I have ever witnessed bullying. If I did, then I would have told a guardian, a teacher, and whoever I think would handle the bullying. I have never attempted to bully people for a few reasons. First, it is just not right to bully. There is absolutely no reason whatsoever. Next, bullying just makes some people feel like they are powerful, so they plan to bully. Lastly, the bullies are usually bullying the kids that are not as popular or are highly intelligent, sometimes known as nerds. There are so many other reasons why bullying is unacceptable.

-A 6th grade Student



# Bullying Experiences...



I've been bullied and cursed at because of this school. It's the "cool kids" that bully the most. They think they're entitled. They're rude for no reason. For example, if someone has chips and they ask for some, and we say no, they will curse, bully, or yell at us and these teachers and principals don't do anything about it because they favor these students and just talk to them instead of doing serious things, it's not just to me it's too a lot of kids.

-An 8th Grade Student

Nobody bothers me. Nobody bullies me. In fact, I have friends who get along well with everyone. It would be strange to see someone bothering me or bullying me. I also wouldn't like to be a witness to a situation this bad.

-A 6th Grade Student



# Bullying Experiences...

Yes, I have been bullied. My experience of getting bullied was being called names and getting hit. I have seen a kid getting bullied, so I stopped it. The kid was getting pushed and hit, so I ran to an adult and they dealt with it. The bully got suspended. I have never been a bully to someone else. I'm kind to mostly everybody.

-A 7th Grade Student



Once, I walked to the lockers to get my stuff and saw a little kid getting his shoes taken by an 8th grader.

I told a teacher and got the problem resolved for a while, but one day I saw the same kid getting picked on at lunch. He was just trying to eat his food, so I had to tell the principal, and the same bullies that picked on him got expelled.

-A 7th Grade Student

Be Kind

# Researching a Career

by Rosine Uwimpuhwe - 8th Grade

nurse

Career Path: neonatal nurse

What qualities and skills are necessary?  
Care and compassion. ..

Focus and decision-making. ..

Natural interest in caring for newborn babies

What trainings and courses can help you prepare for this job?

obtaining a nursing degree from an accredited nursing program

What would you do in this job?

Caring for infants who are critically ill, born prematurely or with a birth defect, or older infants who require longer term critical care

Collaborating with other medical professionals in a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)

Average Salary: \$121,545

Hours of Work: 40-50 hrs per week



by Rosine Uwimpuhwe - 8th Grade

# RNA

## WHAT IS AN RNA!?!?

**An RNA is a Restorative Nursing Assistant. They have a higher level of experience and additional training. This role in the medical field is to assist the patient in performing tasks that restore or maintain physical function as directed by the established care plan.**



They work in locations such as: Assisted living facilities, nursing centers, therapy departments, acute care hospitals, rehab hospitals, home health agencies and much more. They mainly work in ICU, Operating rooms, Telemetry, Emergency rooms and in surgery.



I want to become this because I like to help people and since I was young I would act like I'm a nurse and check up on my siblings and family members for fun. I also think I have the ability to maintain and learn the fundamentals of this role. Becoming this will be a big achievement for me in life. I would be able to provide for my family and make a change in the medical field.

## Why should you work in the medical field?

Knowing that you're making someone's life better by helping them will make you happy. They depend on you and you get to watch them increase and decrease their growth

by Sirinity Williams - 8th Grade



# Media Artist

A media artist is a person who creates things like models, effects, and animation, for media like, TV, video game, and more

## How to Become a Media Artist

To become a media artist you'll need to have a degree in Media Arts. You'll also need to have good communication skills and creativity.



# PAIGE

# FRANCIS- JOYNER

# Researching a Career

by Preston Green - 6th Grade

## Astronaut

Career Path: I'M GOING TO LEARN A LOT

### What qualities and skills are necessary?

- PHYSICAL FITNESS. Astronauts spend many years in space. ...
- ADAPTABILITY. Living in a spacecraft or shuttle is not easy. ...
- TEAMWORK. Astronauts don't exactly set off on solo adventures; you will travel and work with a team. ...
- COMMUNICATION SKILLS. ...
- HISTORIC KNOWLEDGE.

### What trainings and courses can help you prepare for this job?

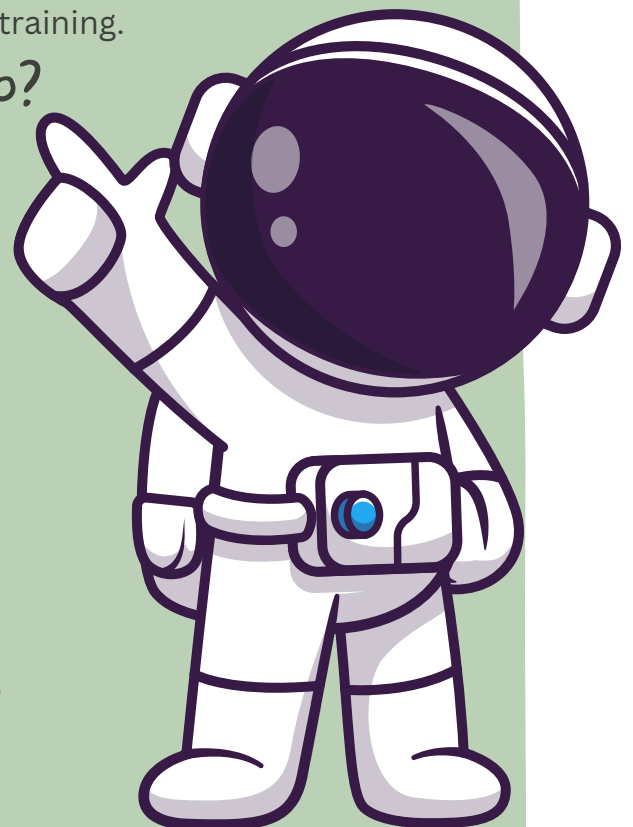
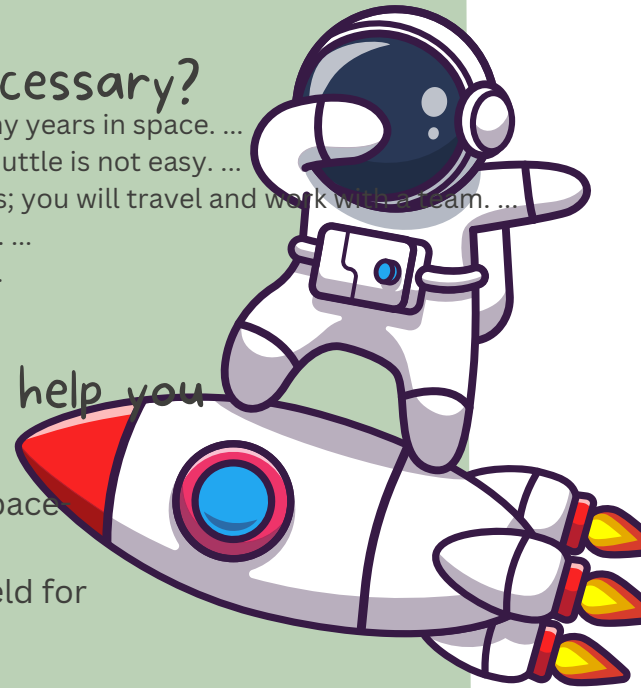
- Earn one or more advanced degrees in aerospace related engineering or technology fields.
- Teach or work in an engineering/technology field for a few years.
- Earn scuba certification and experience.
- Earn emergency medical technician (EMT) training.

### What would you do in this job?

Pilot astronauts command and pilot shuttles and could command, in the near future, vessels that travel back to the moon or Mars. Mission specialist astronauts work with pilots to maintain spacecraft and equipment, conduct experiments and launch satellites. Mission specialists may be engineers, scientists or physicians.

Average Salary: \$77,429

Hours of Work: 16 hours





When I grow up, I want to be an anesthesiologist; it is one of the highest paid professions. Anesthesiologists are medical doctors specialized in giving anesthesia to patients so they won't be awake during surgical procedures. They are responsible for monitoring and evaluating patient care throughout the process, making sure they're safe and providing continuous assessment before, during, and after the procedure. Anesthesiologists make up to \$530,000 per year (\$138 per hour).

by Corinne Lord - 8th Grade





# What Is This Career About? ART

This career is about thinking outside of the box, but also trying to be free with it. You are putting your feelings into it and trying to show people how you view things with certain art. Not all art is about deep feelings; you can just have fun with it. It's all about how you view art. Art has no limits, and art can be anything you want it to be, so you can be free with it.



## What education do I need for this career?

by A'Aleyah  
Campbell  
7th Grade

FOR THIS CAREER YOU DON'T NEED AN EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, BUT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO GET A BACHELORS DEGREE IN ART. THE MAJORITY OF ARTISTS DO HAVE A BACHELORS IN ART. IF YOU HAVE A DEGREE, IT WOULD HELP GET A RANGE OF BETTER ART JOBS RATHER THAN NOT HAVING A DEGREE.



## WHY WOULD I BE GOOD AT THIS CAREER?

I feel like I would be good at this career because I have been making art for 6 years? So, I have a ton of experience and making art as my job has been a dream of mine. I am also pretty good at creating "anime" or "cartoony" kinds of styles. It also helps with my creativity and it would motivate me to go out of my comfort zone and discover new things.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Guess What it Says?

<p>1 <i>another one thing</i></p>	<p>2 <b>heart</b></p>	<p>3 <i>thought thought</i> <b>But</b></p>
<p>4 <b>LEAST</b></p>	<p>5 MILL<b>1</b>ON</p>	<p>6 <b>FOOLING</b></p>
<p>7 <i>histor yhistor yhistor y</i></p>	<p>8 <i>musically</i></p>	<p>9 ↓ <b>end</b></p>
<p>10 R I B A N</p>	<p>11 ↑ <b>FILE</b></p>	<p>12 <b>escape</b></p>

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