

Andrew School – Student Consultation

Activity 2: What is missing from your ideal senior high and the current senior high program at Andrew School?

Major themes:

- Not enough people
 - Not enough people for sports teams or to offer enough options
 - Hardly any high school sports teams
 - Lack of students
 - Very few in gym class
 - Not a lot of options for friend groups
 - We need more students
 - We don't have enough kids in our school
 - Small social circle
 - Not a lot of friends
 - Not many clubs
 - With the amount of kids in gym class, you can't do much
- Teachers don't teach specific subjects
 - Teachers should teach what they're good at
 - Teachers should know what they're teaching (example, a teacher for each core subject)
 - No specialized teachers here
 - Teachers are limited
 - No life planning or people to talk to about the future
 - Lack of specialized teachers
 - We need specialized teachers
 - No specialized teachers for band, shop, photography
- There are very few options
 - No actual options are offered
 - No mechanics option
 - Only mandatory options are offered
 - No second languages
 - No courses you need for post-secondary
 - Commercial foods used to be a thing and I would like for it to come back, I would take it
 - Other schools have many other options and choices, and they can choose them
 - In Andrew School, we need more options for more learning for a future job
 - Lack of options for courses
 - Lack of technology classes
 - Lack of technology use
 - Not enough options
 - We don't have options
 - We need Business
 - No music course

- There is a lack of respect
 - Teachers don't dress formally
 - No respect
 - School is not taken seriously
 - Wasted classes
 - Very little respect
 - Some rules are unreasonable
 - Kids with phones just listen to music
 - Vandalism – things are broken
 - In other schools, there's respect towards other students and teachers. In Andrew School, we need more respect towards each other and towards the teachers
 - Lack of kindness
- Few sports and no after school activities
 - Not enough sports teams
 - Very few field trips
 - No planning for after school
 - A lacrosse team would be nice
 - Other schools care about their sports team and show up to practice. In Andrew, the sports teams don't care and the teachers staying after school are on the a team
 - We don't have girls' sports teams
 - No wheelchair sports
- No cafeteria or vending machines
 - No proper cafeteria
 - No concession
 - No lunch or food options
 - No cafeteria to buy food or have a course
- Infrastructure
 - Not enough desks
 - No air conditioning
 - Balanced heat or adjustable
 - No proper AC or heating
 - We have tables, not desks
 - Lighting is bad
 - No current or good gym equipment
 - No gym seating (bleachers)
 - No space to eat is a problem

Other comments:

- Don't allow energy drinks
- No well stocked labs
- Science supplies are bad and some don't work
- Really short breaks between classes
- Teachers don't communicate
- Short lunches

- Not enough learning
- Technology is misused
- Not enough group work
- No theme in Andrew (unlike Lamont, which has blue as a school colour)
- The school is small
- No room choice
- There should be structured self-directed learning
- Wood shop poorly supplied. It's better to bring wood home and use the tools there or the wood at home is better.
- School doesn't have enough money
- Not enough metal for welding
- Long bus ride