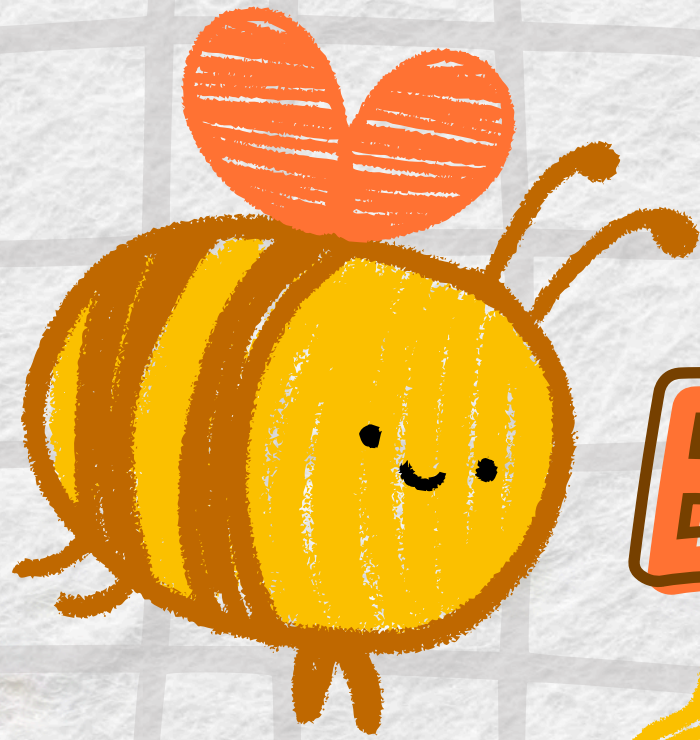
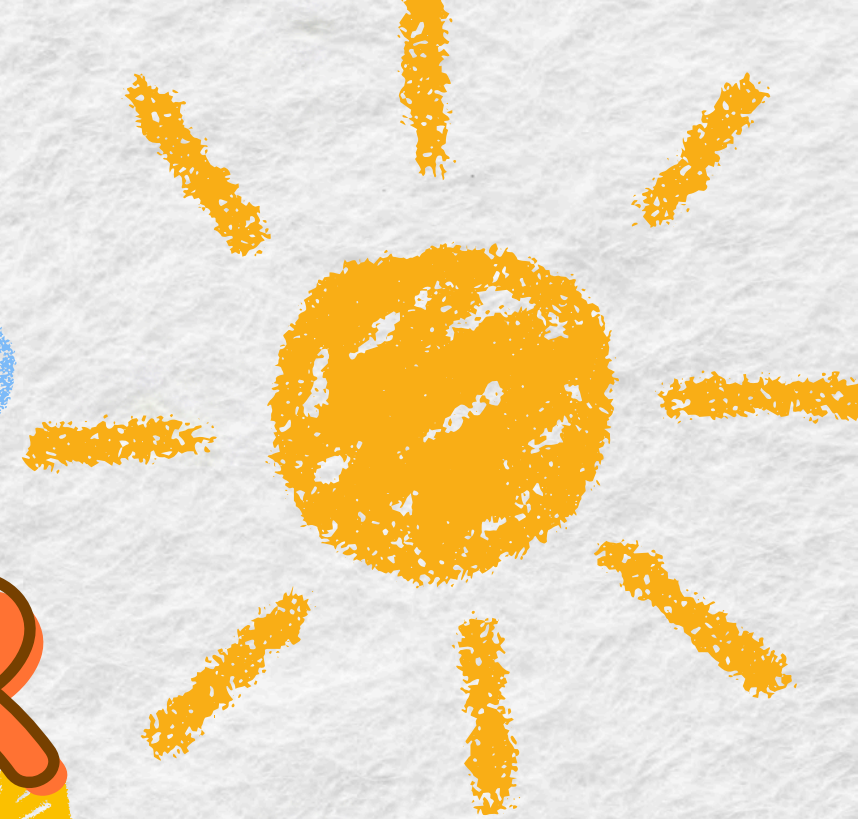
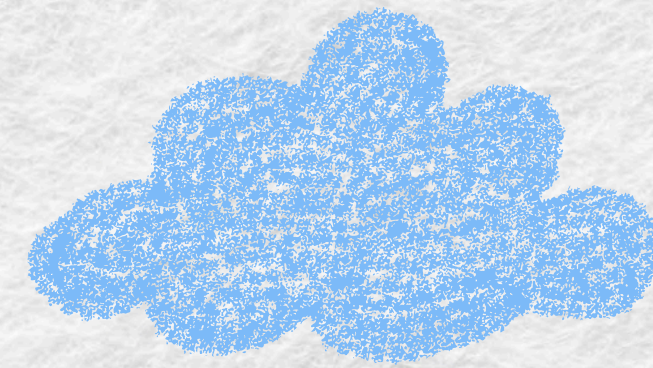


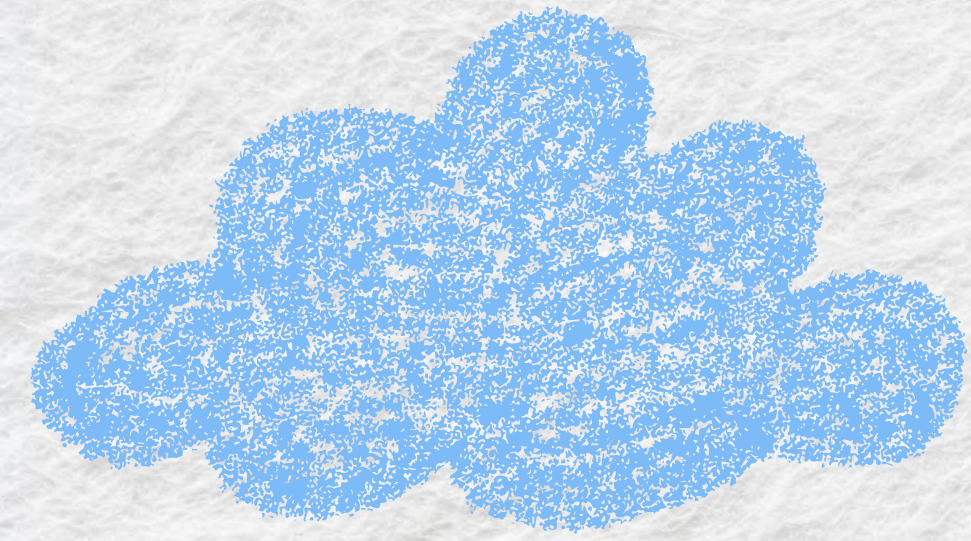
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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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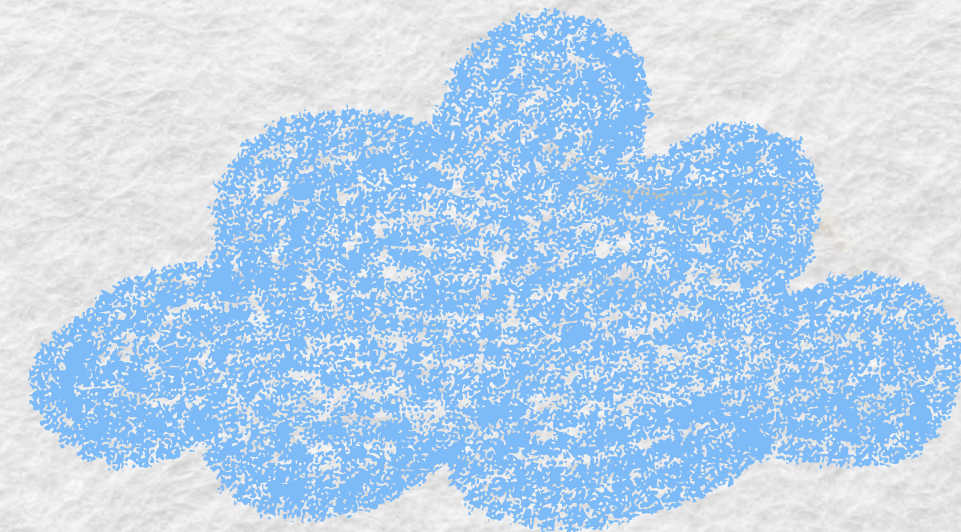




RESEARCH QUESTION :



*Do extracurricular activities motivate
students to come to school?*





BACKGROUND RESEARCH

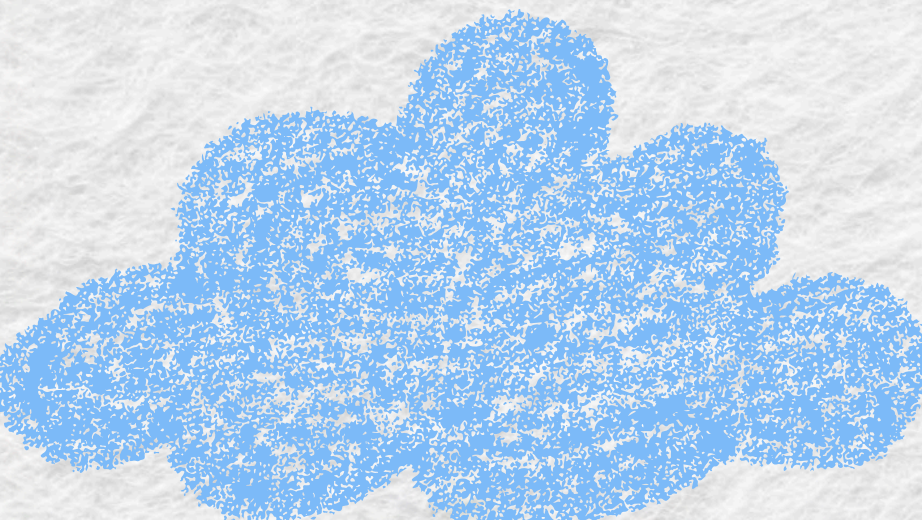


Why do students join extracurriculars?

- Confidence
- academic skills
- teamwork/friendship
- responsibility (National Center for Education Statistics, 1995; Web MD, 2025)

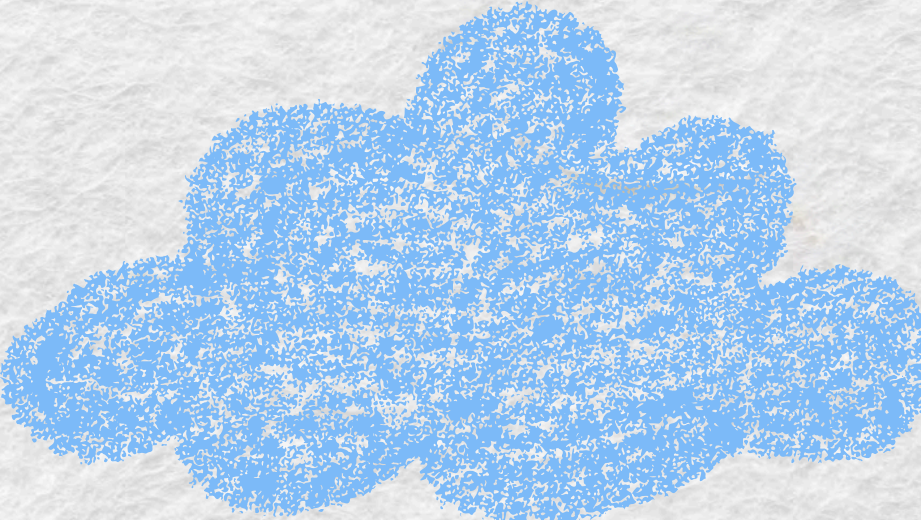
Extracurriculars and Attendance

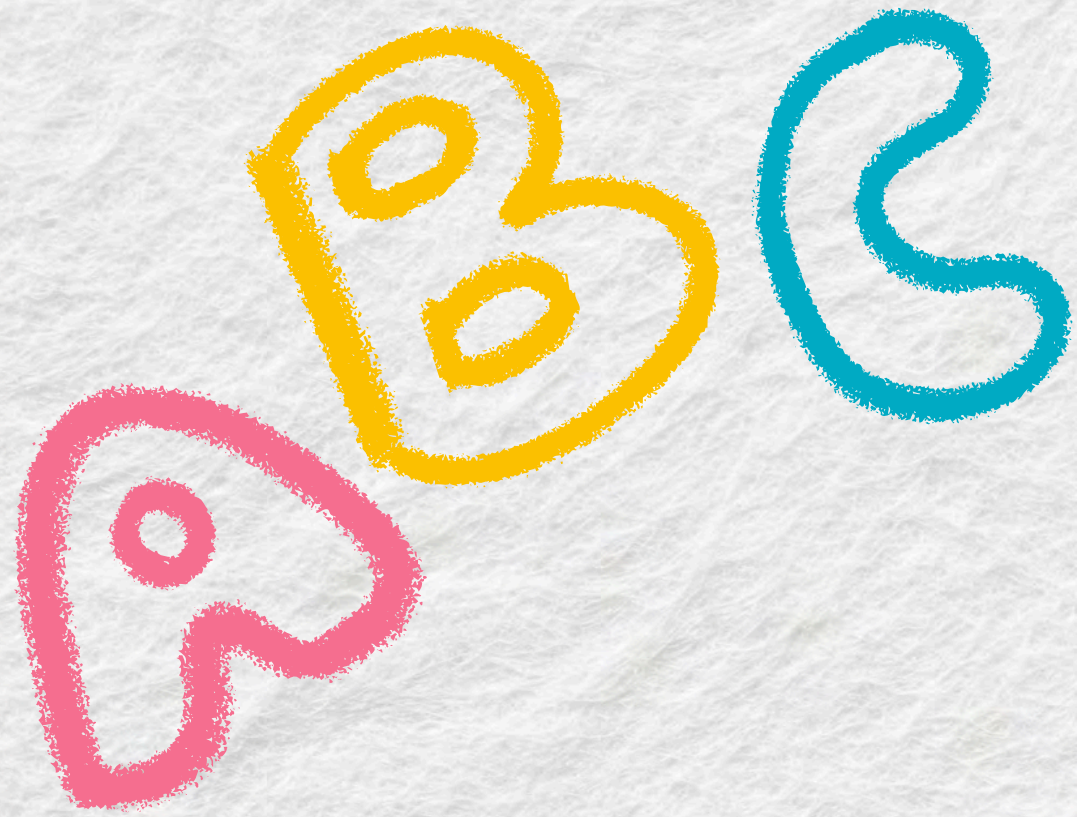
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- “For example, a meta-analysis of 68 studies of afterschool programs found that students attending quality afterschool programs saw improvement in their school day attendance.” (After School Alliance)



EXTRACURRICULARS

In our study we define extracurriculars as special activities that occur during school, like field trips, and after school like tutoring and sports.





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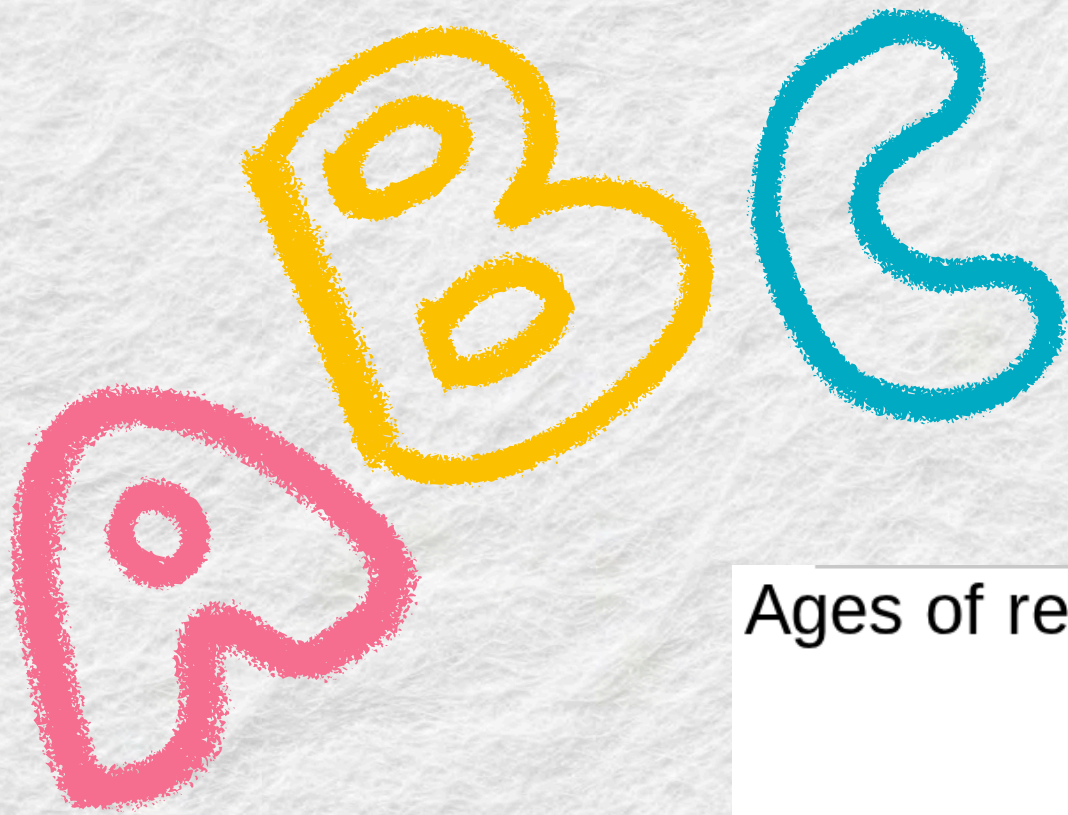
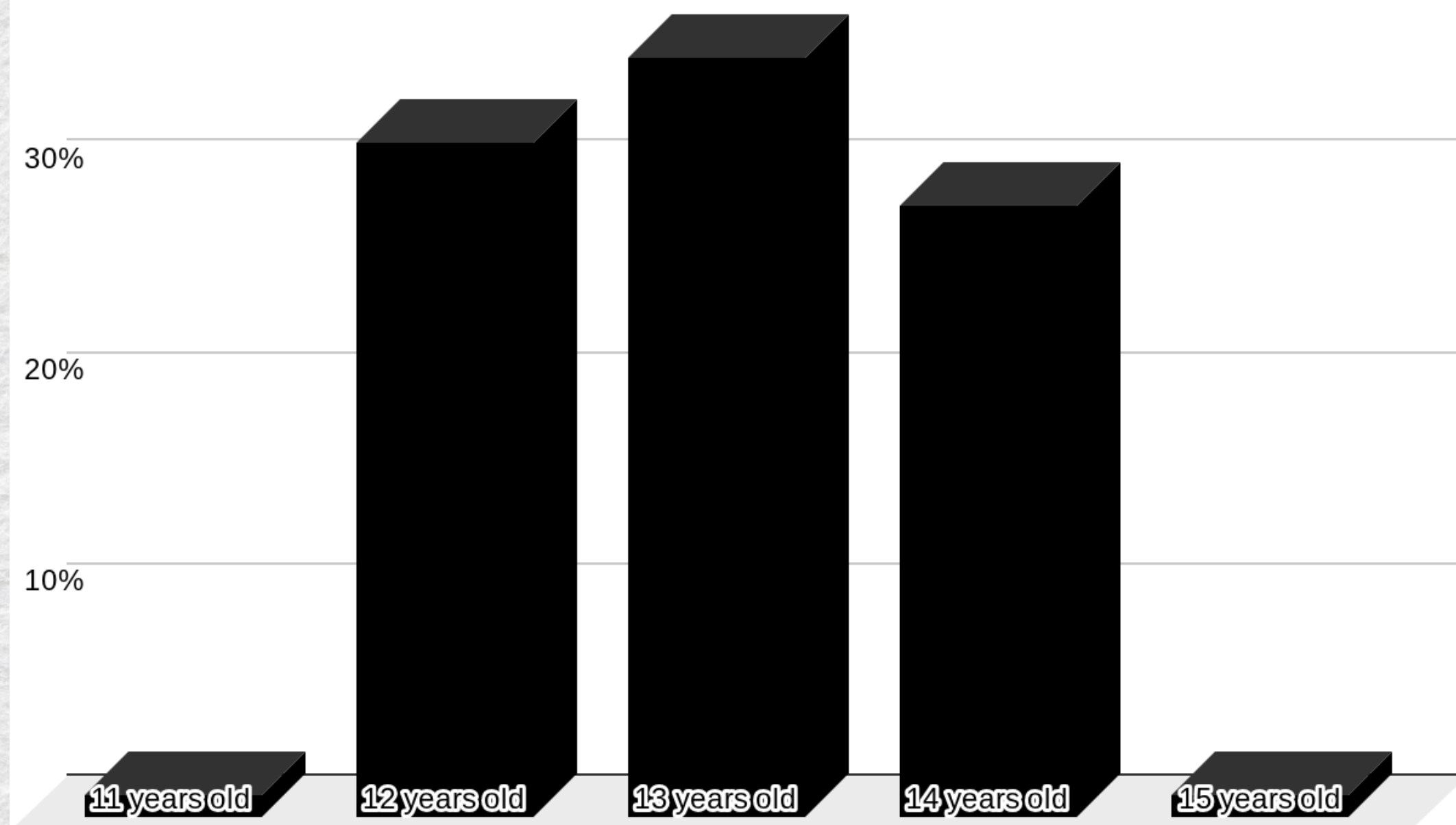
- In-person Interviews -7 Esperanza teachers
- Surveys - 104 of 7th graders and 8th graders



AGE

Ages of respondents

Age / Percentage of respondents





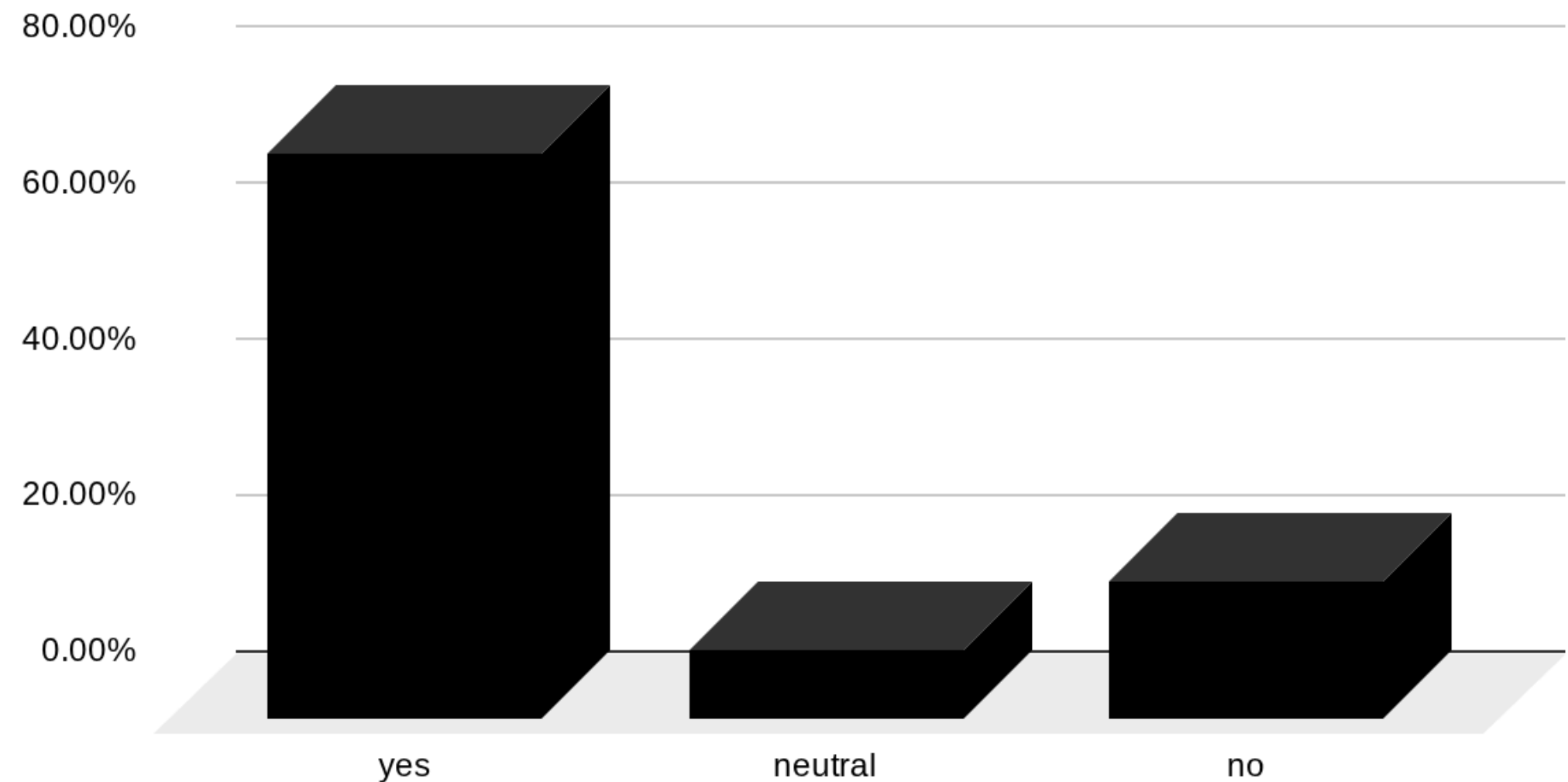
BENEFITS OF EXTRA-CURRICULARS



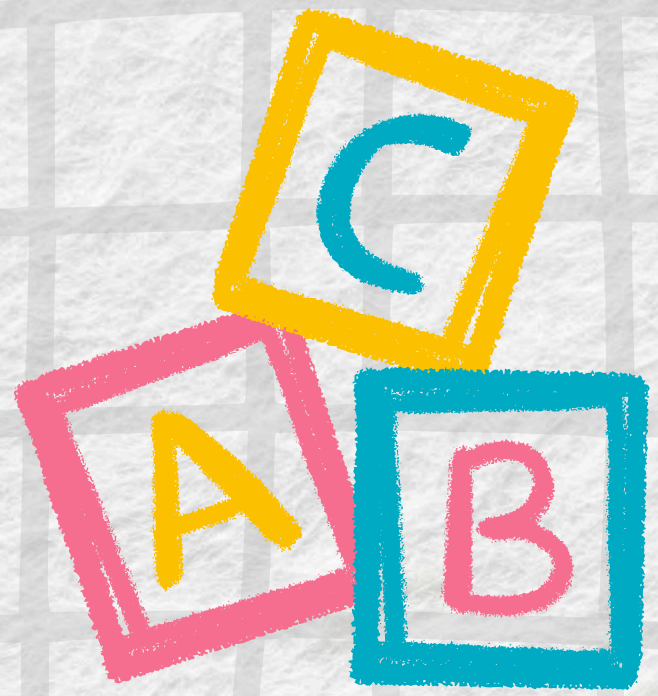
“Of course [extracurriculars] improved my grades because I wanted to be a part of this. I had to have a certain GPA to be a part of this, and I knew that, and I loved that.” (Teacher/Staff)

“For most of our kids, when they become engaged in an extracurricular activity, it makes them want to come to school. You don’t want to miss that practice. You don’t want to miss that friendship circle of the people who you joined that particular extracurricular activity with. So I do see an increase in their attendance.”(Teacher/Staff)

Does participation in extracurricular activities make school seem more enjoyable?

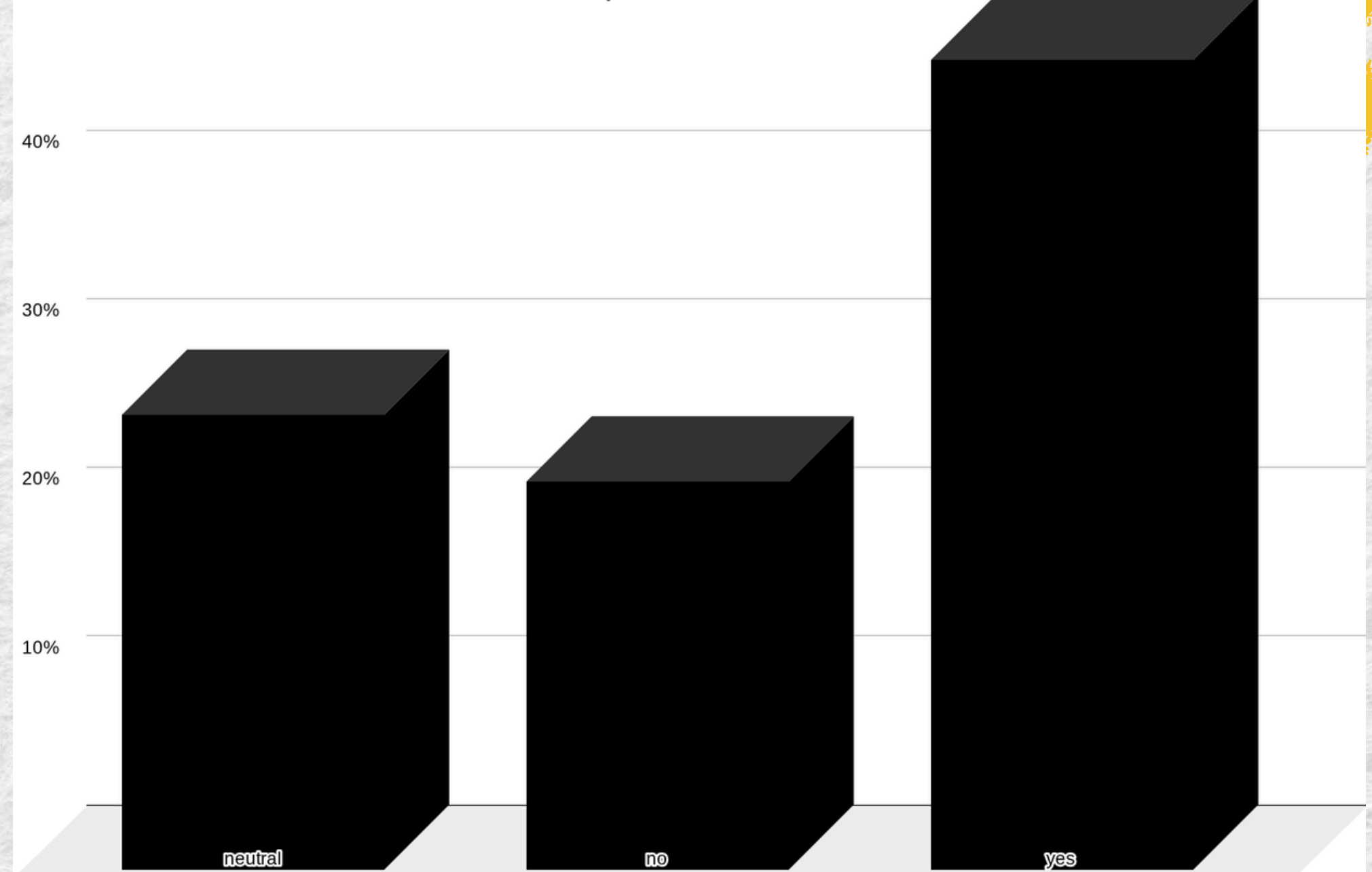


MOTIVATION FOR SCHOOL WORK



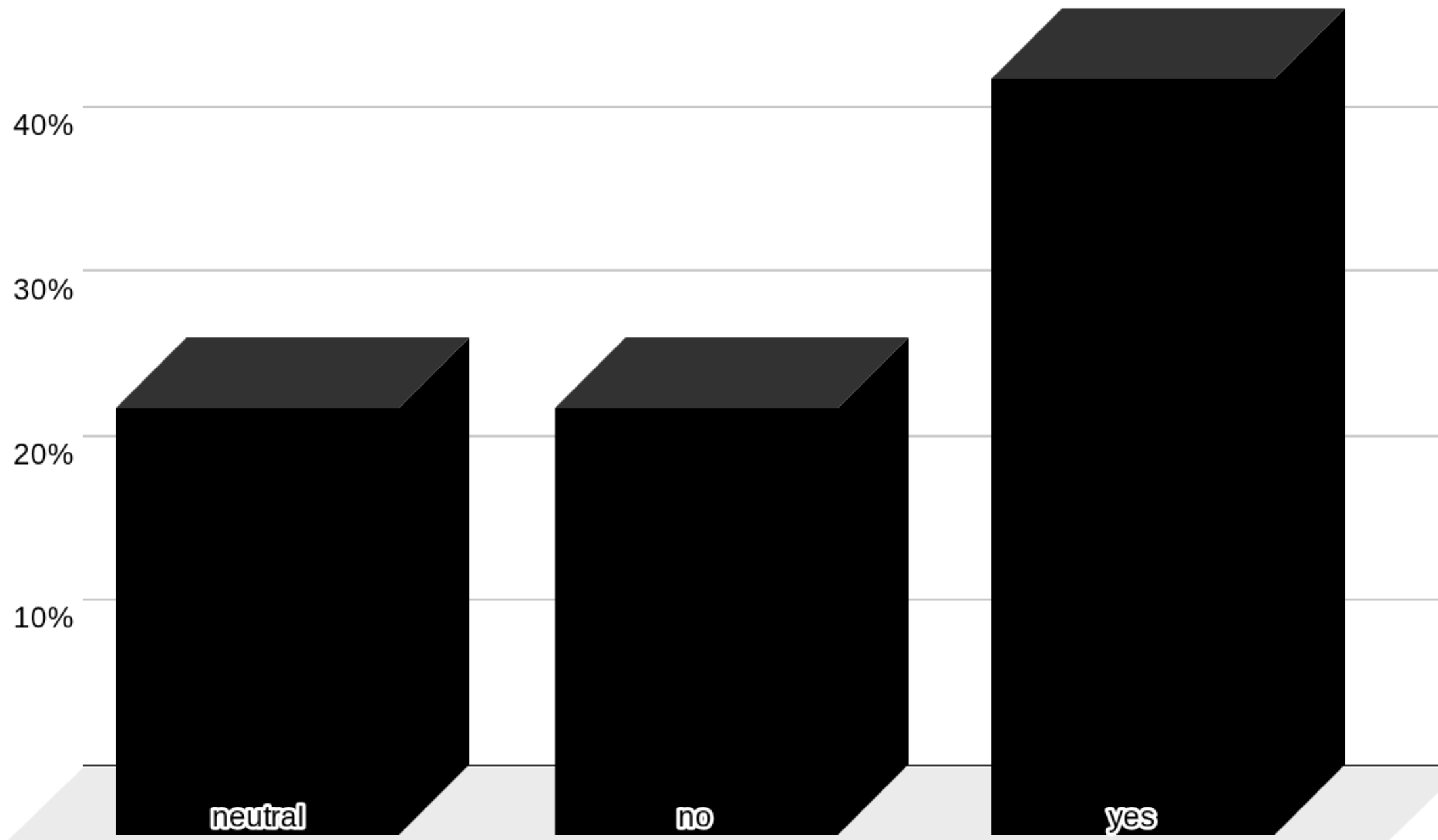
“I think when students are able to do extracurricular activities, they’re more motivated to be well-behaved and get good grades because a lot of times that’s incentives to stay on teams or whatever they’re participating in. So I definitely think it kind of is a motivator.”(Teacher/Staff)

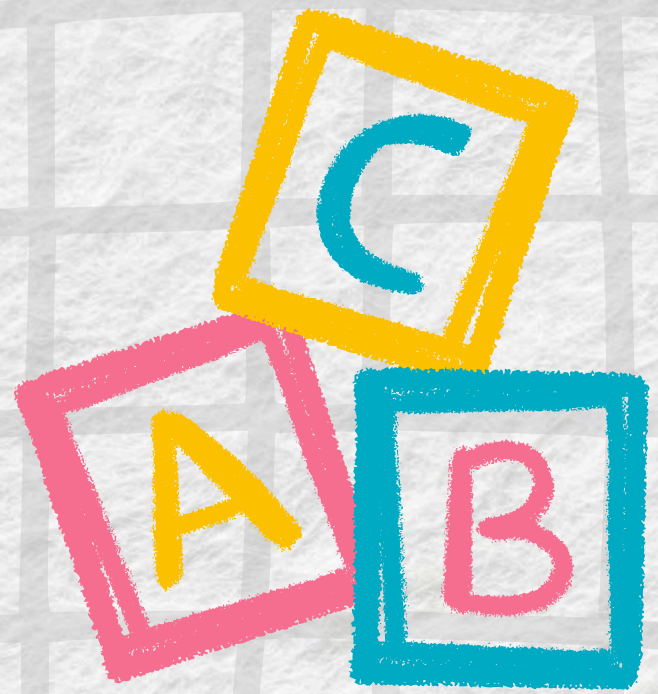
Are extracurriculars a factor that motivates you to come to school?



STRESS MANAGEMENT

Do extracurricular activities help you manage stress?





IMPROVED SOCIAL SKILLS

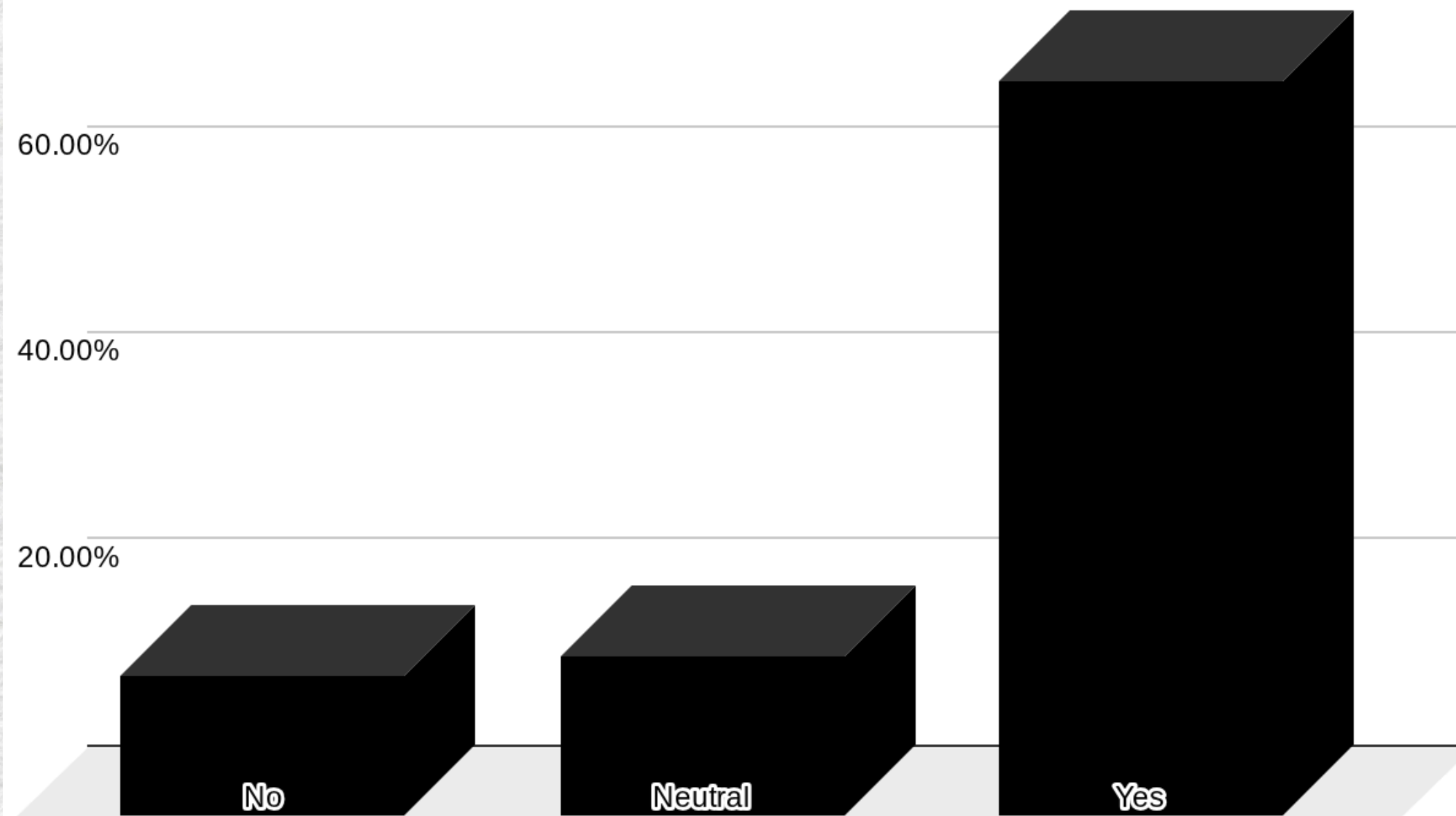


“[Extracurriculars help with] communication. Because you have to deal with so many different people that you wouldn’t normally have contact with because I’m not seeing the fifth graders if I’m in seventh grade so I’m not knowing that I need to be more receptive to their emotions and how I react and respond to them because they aren’t at that level as far as maturity when I’m in seventh grade.”(Teacher/Staff)



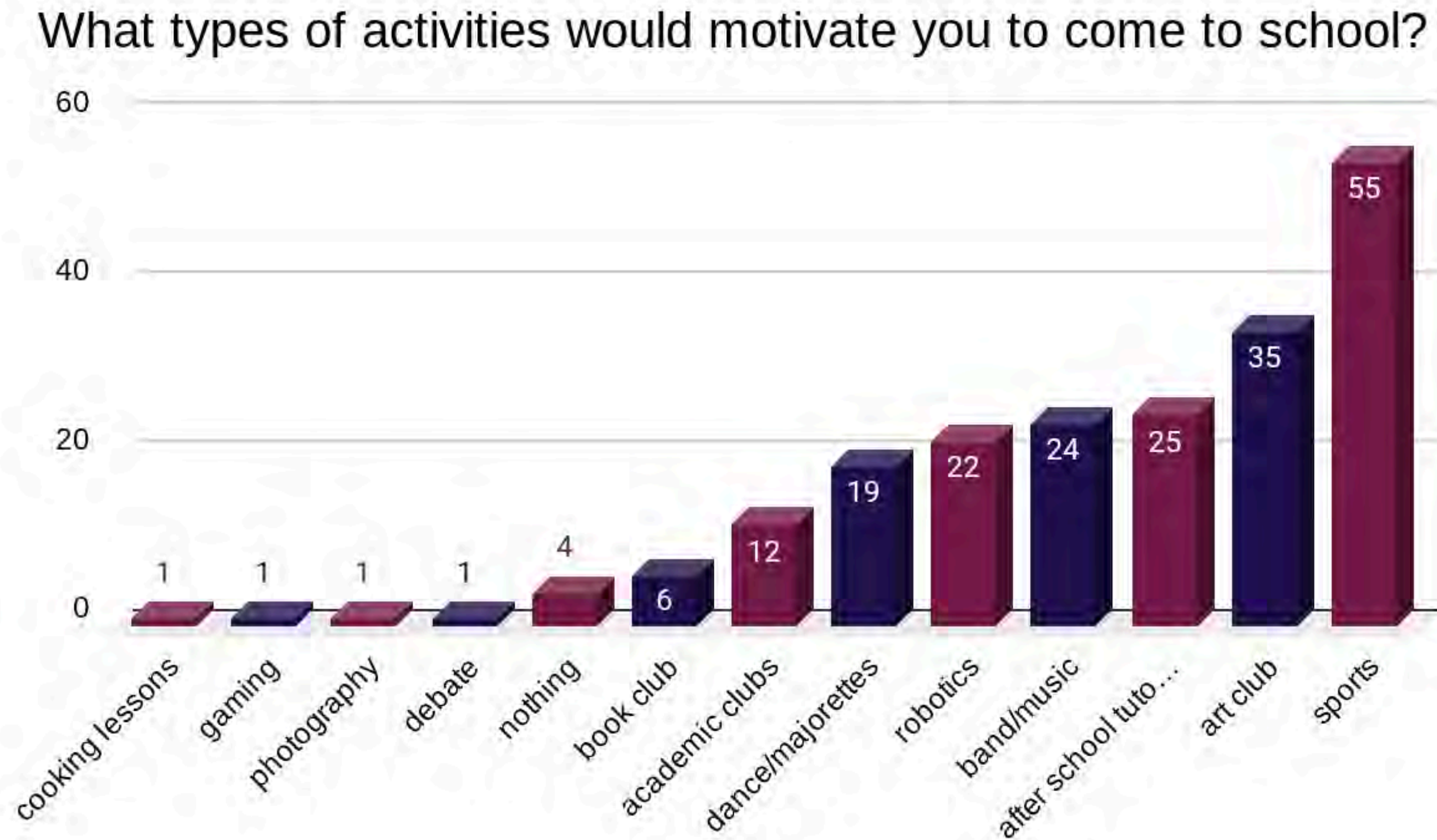
MORE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Do you wish there was more after school activities?



TYPES OF EXTRACURRICULARS

“Being from New Orleans, I would definitely say band. I believe we should have a marching band because of course, it’s Mardi Gras season, but we do have a football team, and for our kids to be able to play in the band for the football team will be amazing.”
(Teacher/Staff)





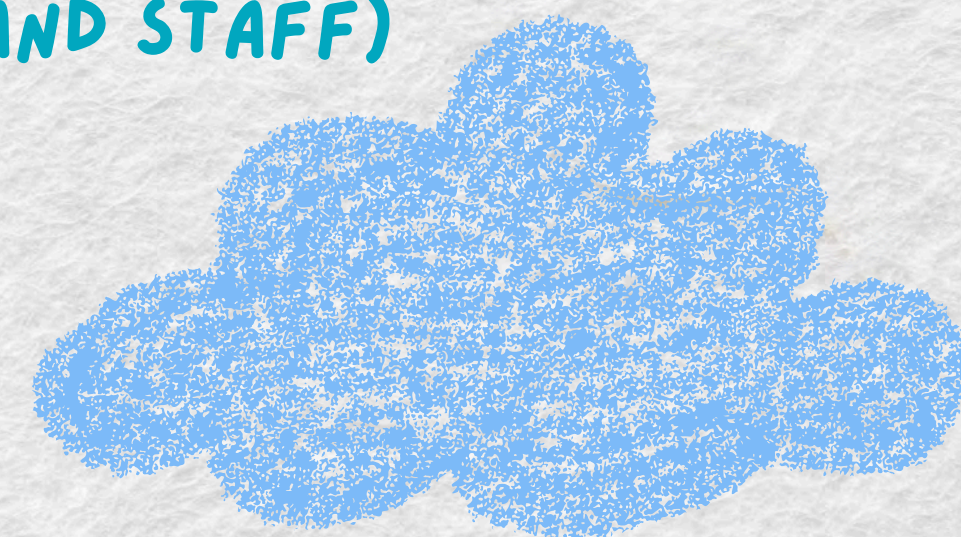
AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING



"I THINK... HAVING AFTER CARE COME BACK WOULD BE HELPFUL SO THAT STUDENTS HAVE A SPACE TO DO HOMEWORK."

"I WOULD SAY [WE NEED] TUTORING. I MEAN, IT'S NO SECRET. WE KNOW WHAT OUR LETTER GRADE IS."

"I THINK WE REALLY SHOULD HAVE MORE TUTORING AFTER SCHOOL. I THINK THAT DEFINITELY WOULD BE BENEFICIAL."(TEACHERS AND STAFF)



FIELD TRIPS



"MUSEUM WISE... I'M GONNA SAY THE AFRICAN MUSEUM THAT WE HAVE DOWN HERE. I BELIEVE THAT WILL GIVE US MORE EXPOSURE, BESIDES JUST BLACK HISTORY MONTH."(TEACHER/STAFF)

"WE HAVE SO MANY GOOD CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SITES HERE. I THINK WE COULD GO TO THE WORLD WAR II MUSEUM. THERE'S A LOT. THERE'S THE JAZZ MUSEUM... EVEN JUST DOING LIKE A WALKING TOUR THROUGHOUT NEW ORLEANS JUST TO LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY COULD BE HELPFUL."(TEACHER/STAFF)

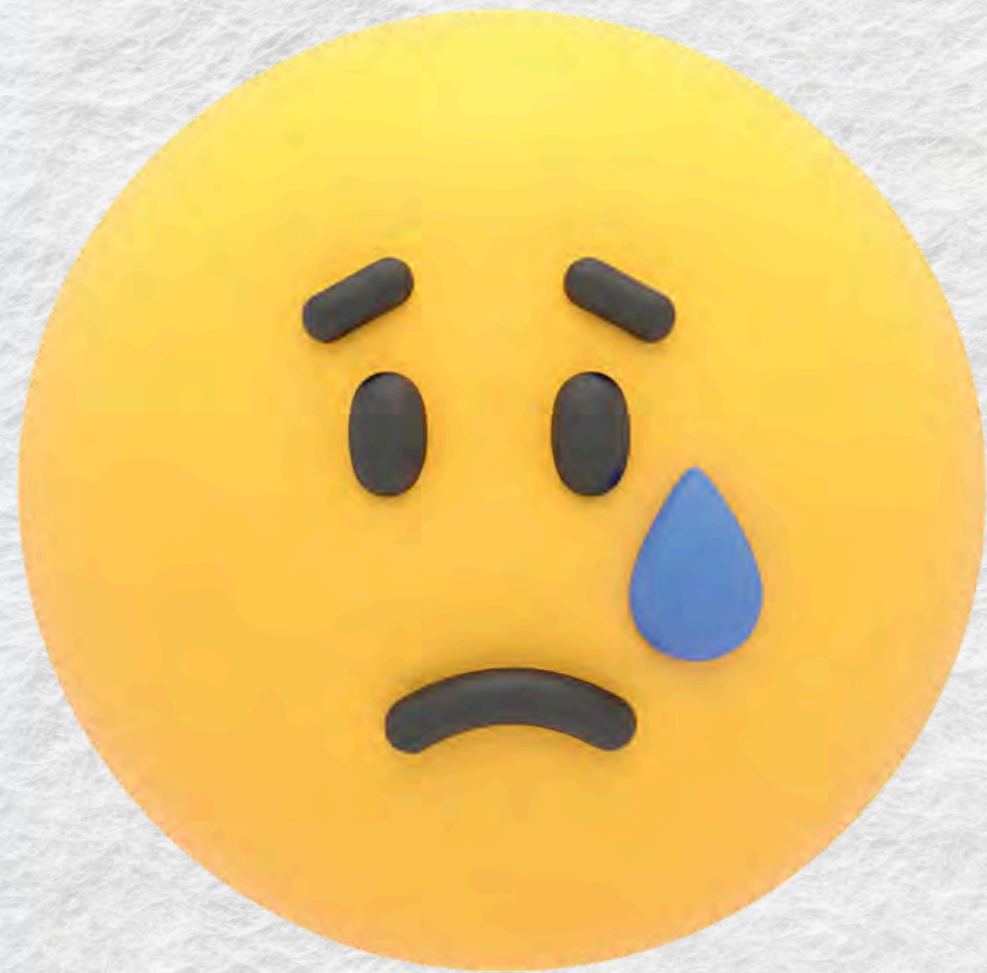


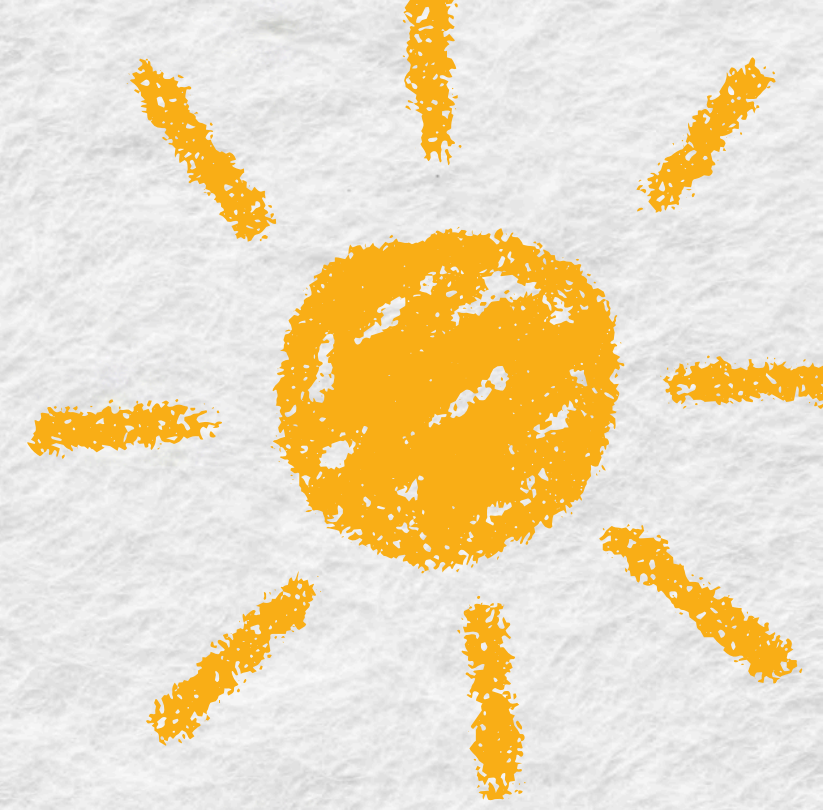
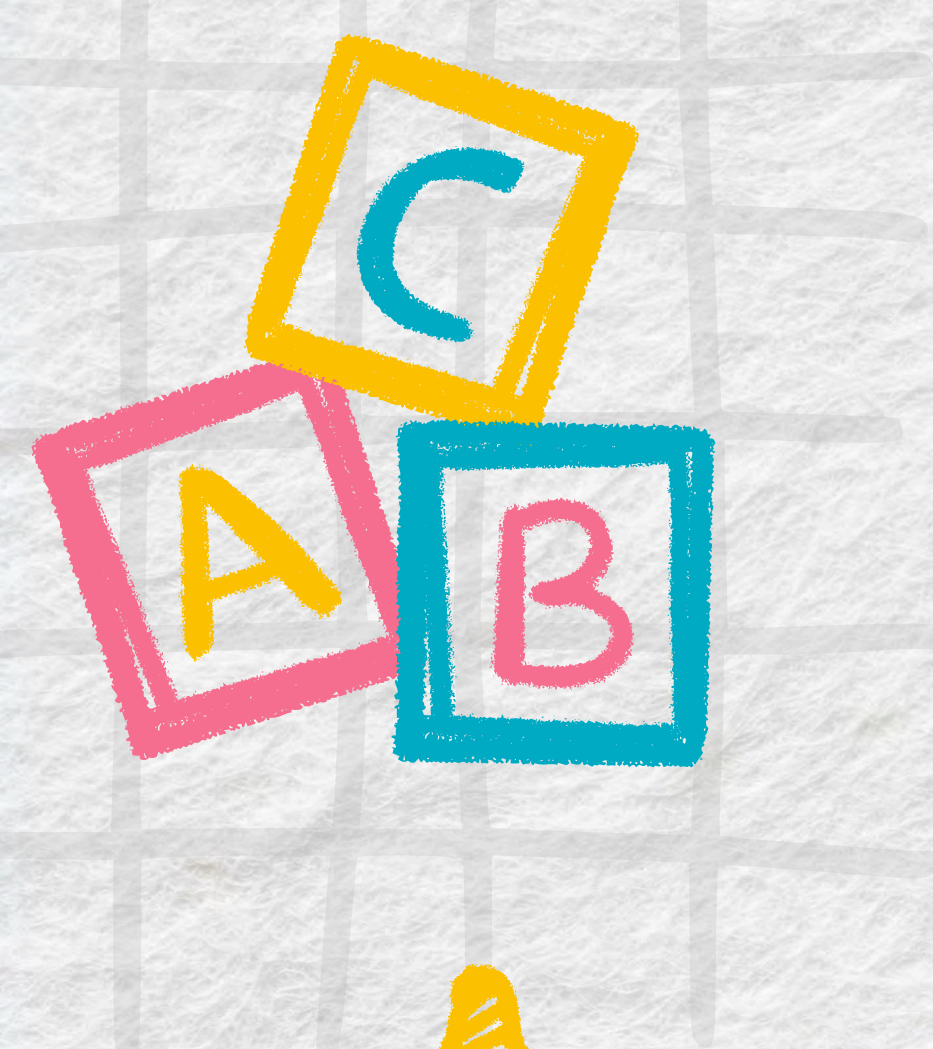


NEGATIVE EFFECTS



“Because I didn’t have any structure around how I was approaching the dance, it affected me very negatively when it came to school. So my grades were actually declining because of the attention I was putting into this, but I wasn’t taught how to balance that out, how to take things from that and then transfer it into school. I just spent all my time just practicing, dancing, going out with friends to dance. So it affected me in a negative way until I realized that and then I switched things around a bit.”- Teacher/staff





RECOMMENDATIONS

- Offer more after school activities like robotics club, track, band, majorettes, art club, and tutoring
- Provide transportation so all students can participate
- 2 field trips per semester

These solutions will increase students' motivation to come to school.





CONCLUSION

In conclusion, students think that having more extracurricular activities in school will help students be more engaged and motivated for school.

Also, teachers say that they see a change in attendance when students participate in extracurricular activities.



Furthermore, teachers say that they think students are more accountable and responsible with their school work when participating in extracurricular activities.

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THANK YOU

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