

YPE Presentation: Would students learn more if school were more fun?

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Research questions

- ▶ Is school boring?
- ▶ Do students feel they learn better when school is interesting?
- ▶ If so, what can be done to make school more interesting?



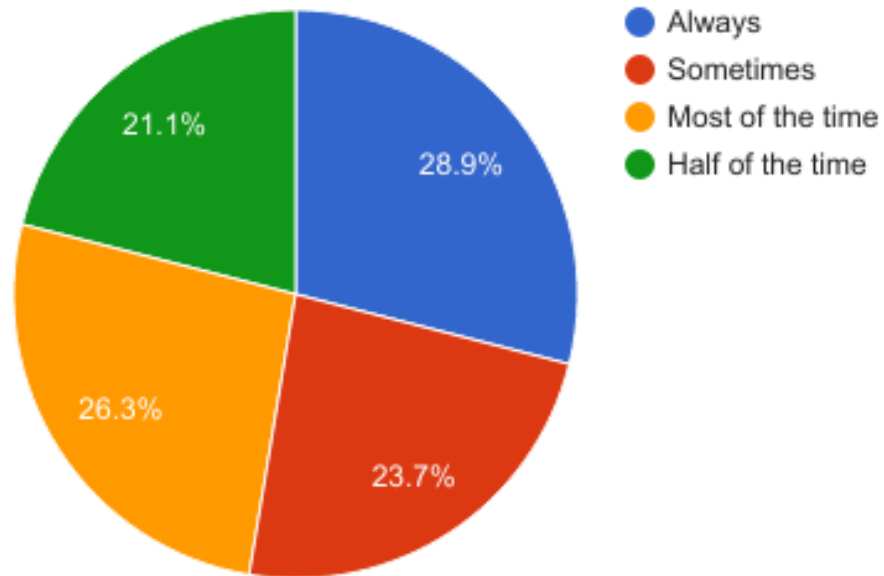
Research method

- ▶ We surveyed 38 6th and 7th grade students and asked them to rate how boring they felt school was and whether they thought they learned better when school was fun. We also asked them if they had ideas about what would help school be less boring.



Do you think school is boring?

Count of Do you think school is boring ?



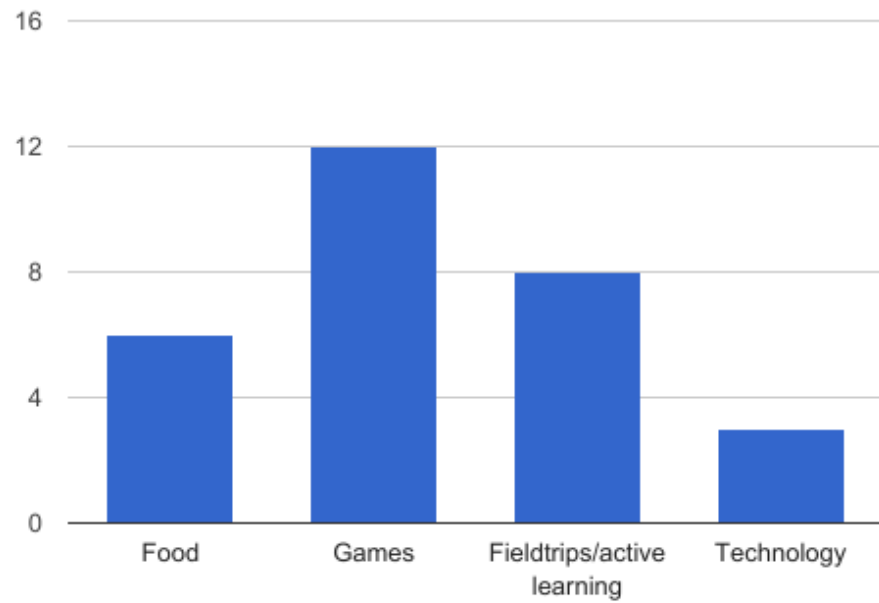
76 % of students say that school is boring at least half the time.

Do you learn more when school is fun?

- ▶ 20 students said they felt that they learned more when school was fun
- ▶ 4 said they didn't learn more when school was fun
- ▶ 14 did not answer



What can we do to make school more fun?



Conclusions



- ▶ Students feel that school is boring.
- ▶ They feel they would learn more if school was more interesting.
- ▶ They feel school could be made more fun by including more games, field trips, rewards and technology.

Areas for Further Research

- ▶ A next step for this research would be to ask students about specific classes that do incorporate the things they suggest to see if they made school less boring. Then to see if students in those classes had better grades, attendance and test scores.