



Lunch Survey Results

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YPE Team (Youth Participatory Evaluation Team) works with the REAA department to fulfill the OCR requirement. YPE looks at ways to make the school better through data collection and evaluating results. Each Middle and High School in Minneapolis has a team and MPS is the only district in the country with this program!

- 6th Grade (Emma Engstram and Kiersten Herr)
- 7th Grade (Isis Loya and Abdifattah Hassan)
- 8th Grade (Treveon Marshall-Hall, Harry Larche, Koffi Koudaya, Audrey Swanson)

What is YPE?

- **Project:** Changing the school to make it less stressful for students
- **Public survey during lunch**
 - Posters in the lunch room for each of our questions. Students wrote answers on sticky notes.
 - Put answers (sticky notes) for each grade in an envelope so that we could compare grades.
 - Looked at sticky notes and counted how many were the same/similar. Made graphs.
 - More engaging for students than a paper survey.
 - Drawing at the end – one winner per grade level.

Introductions

- We represent each grade level and discussed what kids talk about
- Things we hear students talk about a lot, but don't talk to teachers about it – feels weird to talk to adults about these things
- Wanted to create a safe place for students to be honest
- Students wouldn't want to say these things out loud or share in a classroom

How did we pick the Questions?

Powerful statements were made on Sticky Notes and we wanted to share a few from each questions and grade level

Examples of Sticky Notes



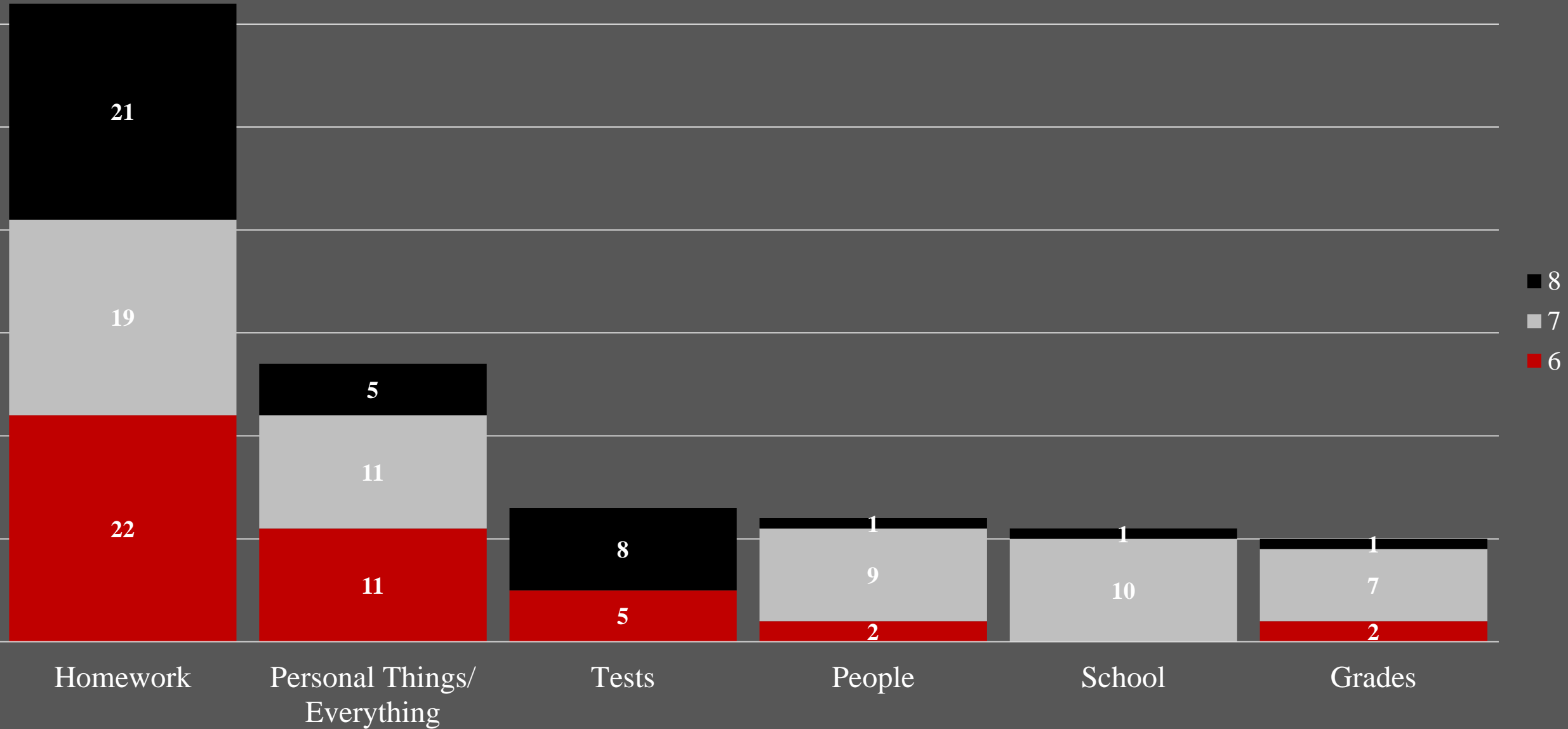
6th: Racism • My Body • The News

**7th: Literally Everything • Life • Teachers
don't listen to students talk about
situations**

**8th: Potential Failure • Getting in trouble
with the law • Getting into a good college**

What Stresses You Out at School

What stresses you out?



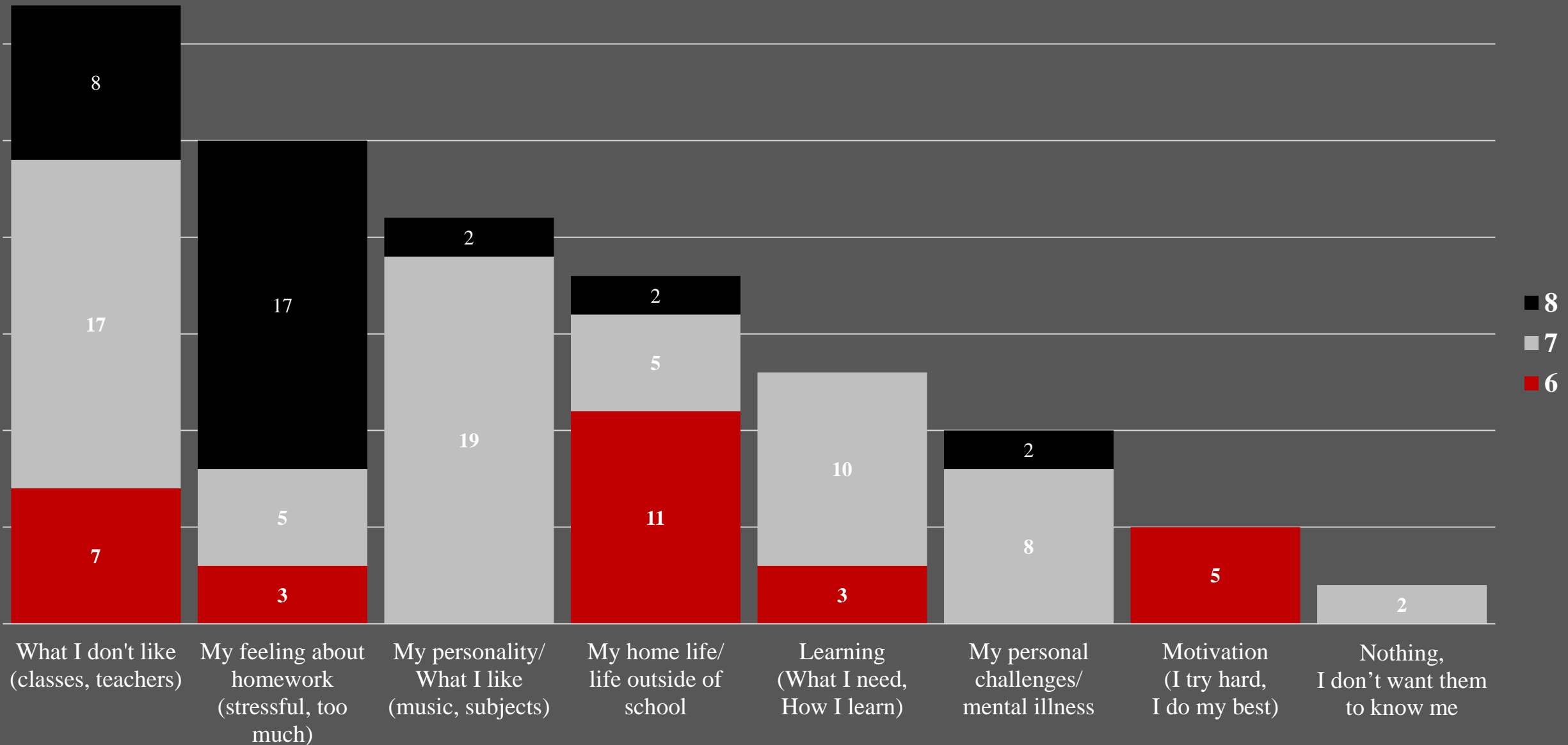
6th: That I hate myself and have a super hard life • Spell my name correctly • That I suck at Everything • I have divorced parents •

7th: I'm hungry all the time • I am more than my mental illness • How to say my last name • I am not to smart

8th: School is hard and I don't have time for homework • I hate myself • I want to die • I have stuff at home that keeps me away from doing my homework

What Do you Wish Your Teachers Knew About You?

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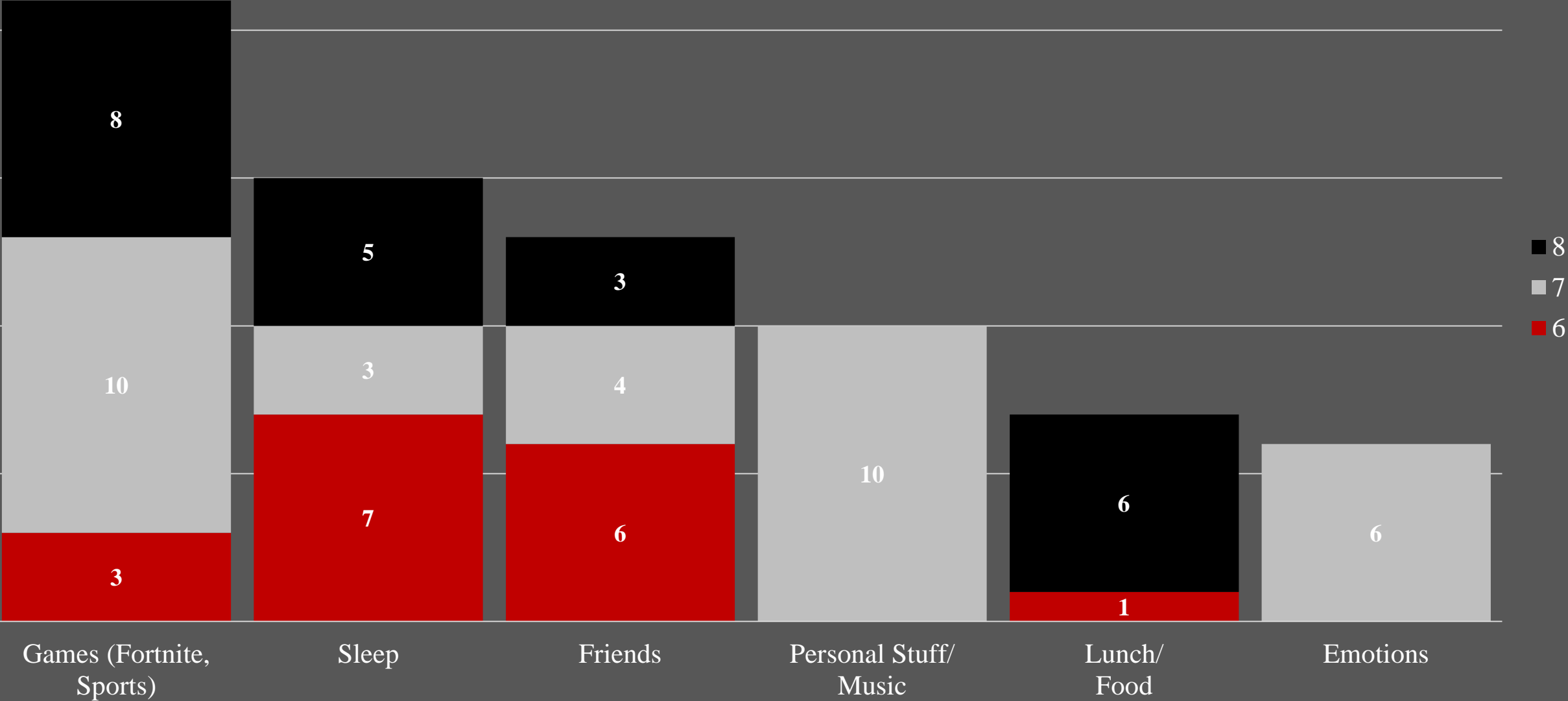
6th: Going home and crying • My family • School days are fun

7th: Family Stuff • Anxiety • I don't want to be here • Everybody dies

8th: Everything • The next time someone makes me cry • Leaving • Why am I still here?

What Do You Think About During
the School Day

What do you think about during the school day?



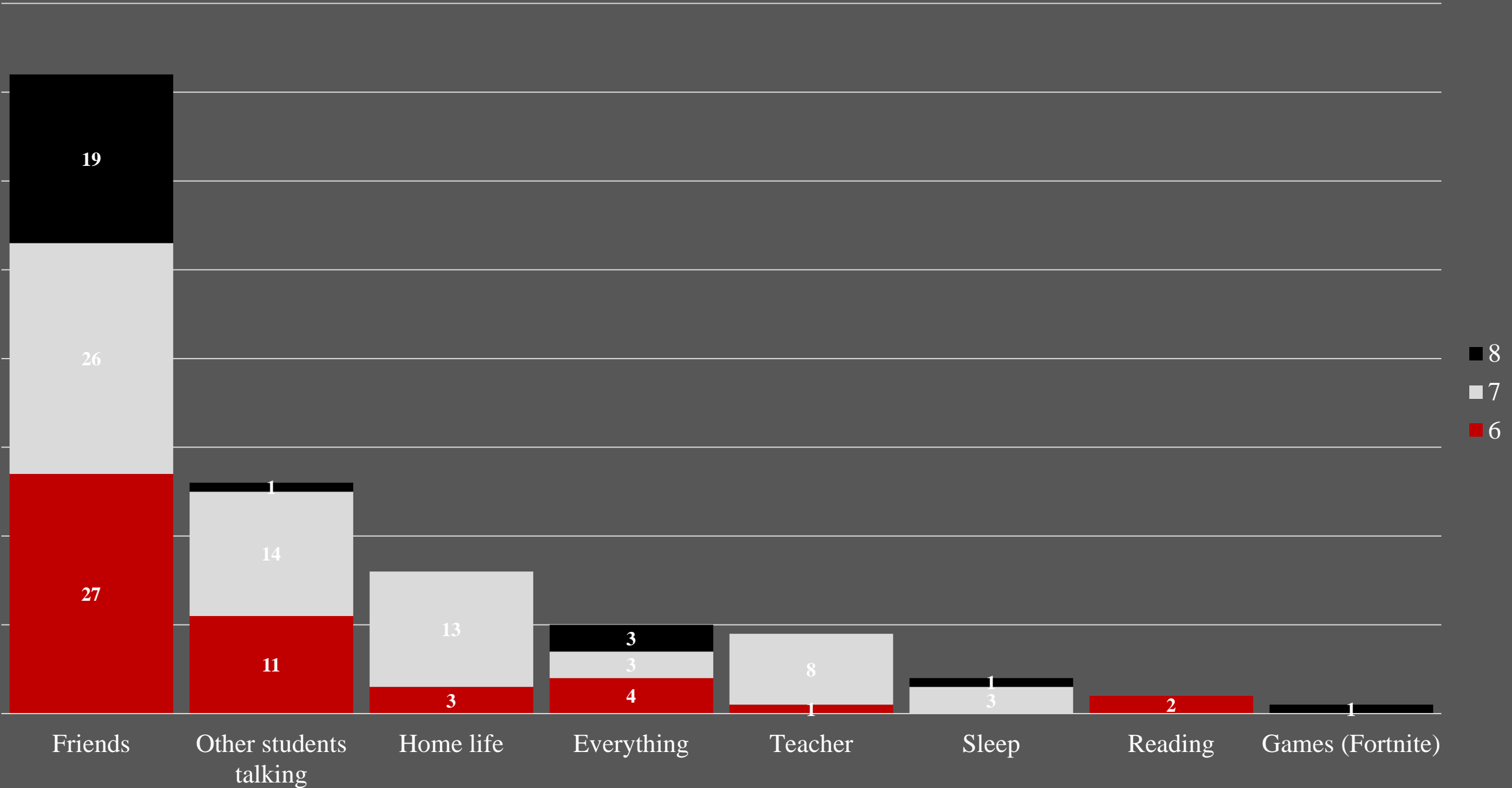
6th: Being safe at school and coming home safe

7th: Mental illness • Kids talking

8th: Fornite • People who don't want to learn • Big classes • When others mess around when we have subs

What Distracts You At School

What distracts you at school?



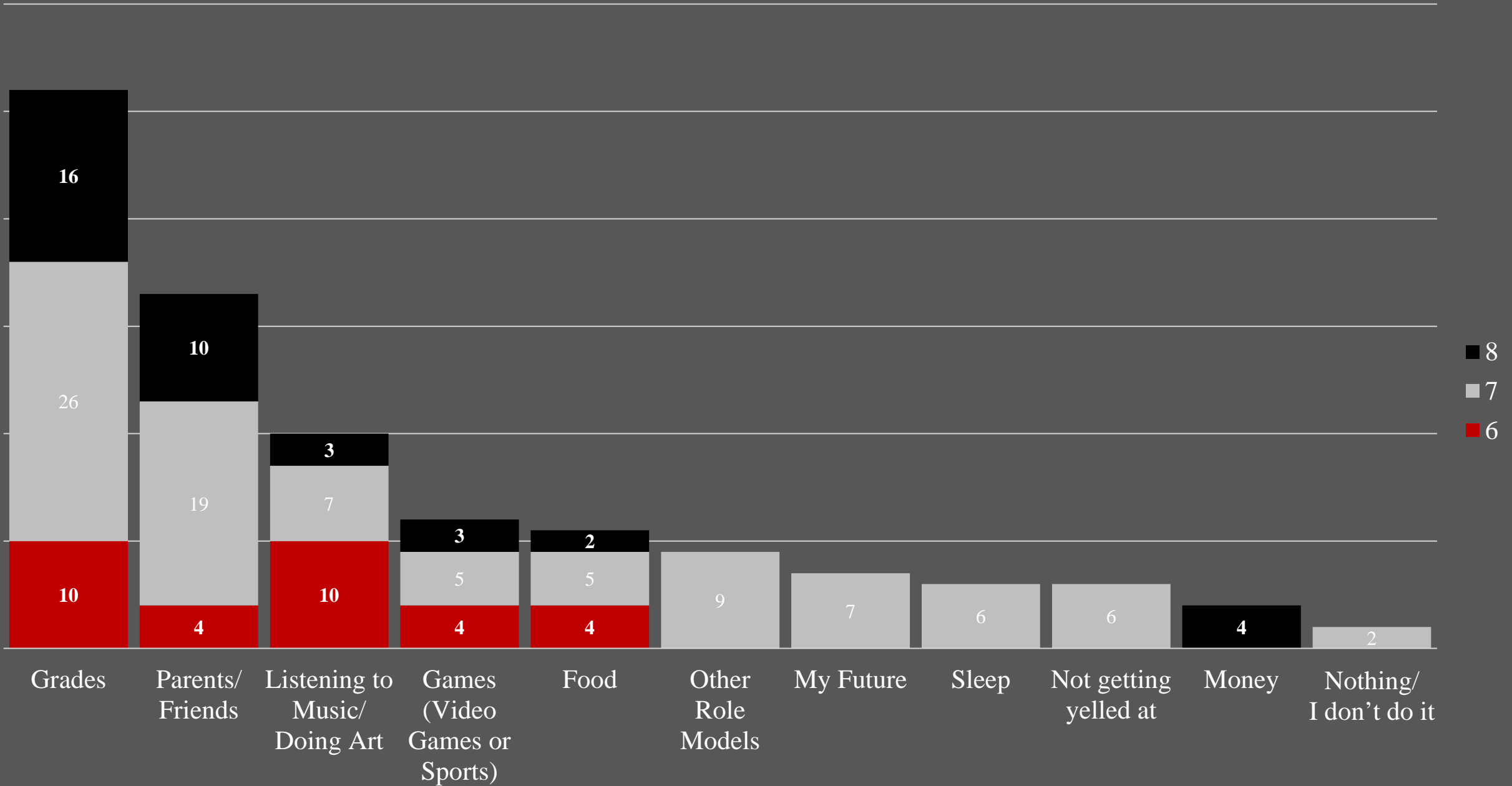
6th: Prizes • Doing fun stuff after my homework • Some help

7th: Obama • Not getting in trouble • My future • Special opportunities • If it is fun • Parents

8th: College • Jesus • My father • Rewards • Money • The looming fear of failure • Not being yelled at

What Motivates you to do well in school

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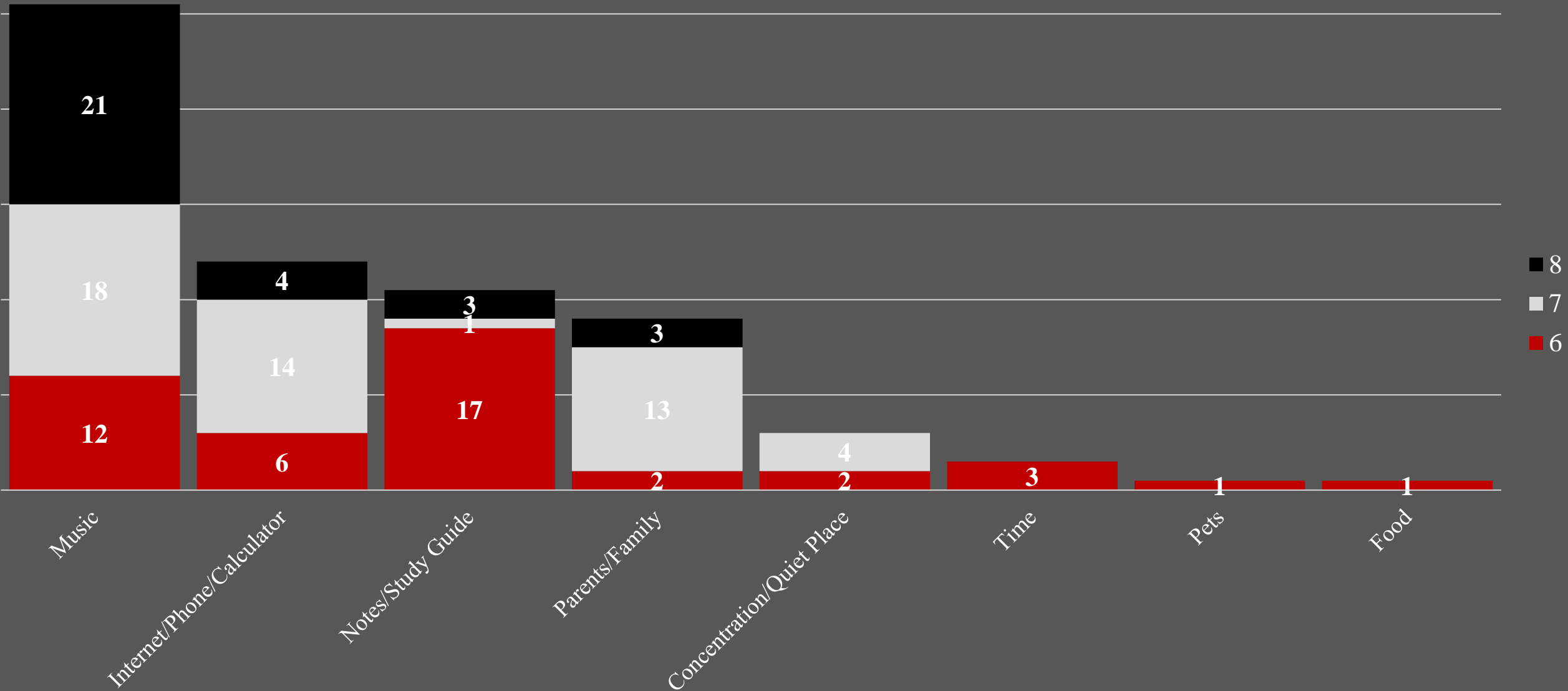
6th: Siri • Rewards • Music • Help from a teacher/parent • Study guide

7th: How to videos • Google • Siri • Parents • 1:1 with teacher • Piano music

8th: Money • Music

What Helps You Do Your Homework

What helps you do your homework?



Best parts:

- Students could ask YPE team questions
- Students thought it was fun answering on sticky notes. Had a chance to stand up and talk to others.
- Surprised at how many did it. Crowds at our station.
- Learn about data collection
- Offering a drawing

What we would change:

- Make sure students don't name specific teachers, silly answers
- Hang up a dos and do not's
- Have preset categories for students to put stickers on and then also have a "write in section)

Public Survey



What we Learned

- Setting up a student to student support network for students to talk with each other about their stressors
- Opportunity for students to share anonymously their concerns/problems
- Have teachers give out a slip where students write something about themselves-what they want teachers to know
- Teachers have a box where students can share with them without having to talk face to face
- Allow students listen to music during homework time (but if misusing phone you lose privilege)

Recommendations
