

STUDENT WELLNESS AND EDUCATION SURVEY

Grades 6-12: School and Community


Province
New Brunswick

School engagement

School connectedness

A sense of school connectedness can support students in making healthy choices. Below are students reporting “Strongly agree” or “Agree.”

High level of school connectedness % 2023-2024	86.6
I feel close to people at my school % 2023-2024	74.7
I feel I am part of my school % 2023-2024	72.3
I am happy to be at my school % 2023-2024	67.3
I feel the teachers at my school treat me fairly % 2023-2024	80.8
I feel safe in my school % 2023-2024	75.0

Activities inside school

Participates in activities or groups inside school % 2023-2024	62.1
Sports team % 2023-2024	38.8
Individual sport % 2023-2024	11.7
Arts group % 2023-2024	12.4
STEM - science, technology, engineering, and mathematics % 2023-2024	4.8
Religious / spiritual group % 2023-2024	5.0
Student club or group % 2023-2024	10.1
Other activity or group % 2023-2024	13.0

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Learning

Learning needs are met at school, agree or strongly agree % | 2023-2024 **80.4**

Reads for fun every day % | 2022-2023 **52.2**

Student values

Students reporting "Very important" or "Important"

Getting good grades % | 2023-2024 **91.9**

Making friends % | 2023-2024 **82.2**

Getting to class on time % | 2023-2024 **82.4**

Learning new things % | 2023-2024 **90.3**

Expressing their opinion in class % | 2023-2024 **59.4**

Getting involved in student groups % | 2023-2024 **41.3**

Learning about their culture/heritage % | 2023-2024 **66.4**

Community engagement

Sense of community belonging

Students reporting "Strongly agree" or "Agree"

Average score of community belonging (scale from 5-25) Number | 2023-2024 **18.1**

People say 'hello' and stop to talk to each other % | 2023-2024 **53.7**

It is safe for children to play outside % | 2023-2024 **71.3**

You can trust people around here % | 2023-2024 **53.2**

There are good places to spend your free time % | 2023-2024 **60.5**

I could ask for help from neighbours % | 2023-2024 **65.6**

Most people here would try to take advantage of you % | 2023-2024 **25.5**

Activities outside school

Participates in activities or groups outside school % | 2023-2024 **64.8**

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Sports team % 2023-2024	39.2
Individual sport % 2023-2024	17.3
Arts group % 2023-2024	11.7
STEM - science, technology, engineering, and mathematics % 2023-2024	3.0
Religious / spiritual group % 2023-2024	9.8
Community group % 2023-2024	4.0
Other activity or group % 2023-2024	10.9

Volunteering

Participates in volunteer activities, last 12 months % 2023-2024	62.0
Supporting a cause % 2023-2024	21.8
Fundraising for charity % 2023-2024	21.4
Helping in my community % 2023-2024	28.4
Helping neighbours or relatives % 2023-2024	45.8
Another organized volunteer activity % 2023-2024	28.3

About this Table

Content and description

This table presents data collected from students in grades 6 to 12 through the New Brunswick Student Wellness and Education Survey (SWES). It contains self-reported information regarding demographic characteristics, social and emotional development, healthy lifestyles, and school.

The questionnaire comprises modules, which means that certain questions are asked every other cycle.

Why it is important

Only when we understand who our students are and what their needs are can we better plan for services and allocate resources to meet their health and educational needs.

Availability of the data

The information in this data table is available by school district, school sector and overall New Brunswick, by the seven (7) New Brunswick health zones and 33 communities created by the NBHC, as well as by demographic groups. More information is available on our [New Brunswick Student Wellness and Education Survey](#) page.

Note about demographic groups:

In 2023, the NBHC undertook a review of the demographic questions in its surveys to more accurately report on the experience of citizens who identify with particular groups. As such, starting in 2024, all demographic groups (characteristics) have been adjusted to reflect this change. Data tables and indicator pages were adjusted to allow for trending where applicable.

Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

S = Data suppressed due to confidentiality requirements and/or small sample size