



Mears Middle School

The Activity Interest Survey is administered to all schools within the Anchorage School District who serve grades 5 through 11 in order to comply with Alaska Regulation 4 AAC 06.520 (Recreational and Athletic Activities) in order to assess student interest in extracurricular activities. The survey was administered online from October 3-14, 2016 and results from this survey will be used for future planning around the extracurricular activities at the school.

Enrollment as of September 30, 2016	800
Completed surveys	756
Response rate	94.5%

	Male	Female
Grade 7	187	196
Grade 8	175	198

Results for Grade 7-8 male students

164 grade 7-8 male students participate in an interscholastic sport at their school

Results represent the number of grade 7-8-6 male students who answered “yes” to the following question: “Do you participate in any other sport(s) at your school.”

Ranking of interscholastic sports grade 7-8 male students participate in at their school

	2016
Basketball: Boys	91
Track and Field	64
Cross Country Running	49
Wrestling	28
Cross Country Skiing	7
Volleyball	5
Basketball: Girls	1

Interscholastic sports students could choose from: I do not participate in an interscholastic sport at my school, Basketball: boys, Basketball: girls, Cross Country Running, Cross Country Skiing, Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling.

198 grade 7-8 male students do not participate in any other interscholastic sport at their school

Results represent the number of grade 7-8 male students who answered “no” to the following question: “Do you participate in any other sport(s) at your school.”

Ranking of reasons for grade 7-8 male students not participating in a sport or club at their school

Of the grade 7-8 male students who answered “no” to the participation question, the table below represents the ranking of reasons for students not participating in a sport or club at their school.

	2016
Just not interested in playing a sport	81
Other (please specify)	55
Not interested in the sports offered by my school	38
The sport I am interested in is not offered at my school	23
Too much homework	22
After-school family responsibilities	11
Involved in other activities that are not sports related	9
No transportation	8
Have an injury/medical reason	6
My sport is only offered to the opposite gender	1
Low grades	1
Tried out, but did not make the team	1
Parents do not want me to play sports	1
Did not meet eligibility requirements	1
I have a conflict with the coach	1

Reasons for not participating that students could choose from: After-school family responsibilities, After-school job/volunteering requirements, Did not meet eligibility requirements, Have an injury/medical reason, I have a conflict with the coach, Involved in other activities that are not sports related, Just not interested in playing a sport, Low grades, My sport is only offered to the opposite gender, No transportation, Not interested in the sports offered by my school, Other, Parents do not want me to play sports, The sport I am interested in is not offered at my school, Too much homework, Tried out but did not make the team.

168 grade 7-8 male students are interested in a sport that is not offered at their school

Results represent the number of grade 7-8 male students who answered “no” to the following question: “Are all the sports you are interested in offered at your school.”

Grade 7-8 male student interest in sports not offered at their school

Of the students who answered “no” to the previous question, the table below represents the ranking of sports students are interested in but that are not offered at their school.

	2016
Football	70
Flag Football	43
Boxing	39
Riflery	37
Ski/Snowboard	34
Baseball	33
Ice Hockey	31
Weightlifting	28
Rugby	24
Bowling	23
Martial Arts	21
Table Tennis	20
Ultimate Frisbee	20
Badminton	20
Biking	19
Rock Climbing	19
Lacrosse	19
Swimming/Diving	16
Field Hockey	15
Soccer (outdoor)	12
Fencing	12
Water Polo	10
Frisbee Golf	10
Archery	9
Indoor Soccer	9
Tennis	9
Golf	9
Cheerleading	6
Ice Skating	6
Native Youth Olympics	6
Rowing	5
Softball	4
Gymnastics	4
Sporting Clays	4
Racquetball	3
Triathlon	2
Dance	2
Biathlon	1
Curling	1

304 grade 7-8 male students do not participate in a club at their school

Results represent the number of grade 7-8 male students who answered “no” to the following question: “Do you currently participate in any club at your school?”

Ranking of reasons for grade 7-8 male students not participating in a club at their school

Of the grade 7-8 male students who answered “no” to the club participation question, the table below represents the ranking of reasons for students not participating in a club at their school.

	2016
Just not interested in clubs (organized activities)	189
Not interested in the clubs offered by my school	40
Other (please specify)	25
Too much homework	23
No transportation	9
The club I am interested in is not offered at my school	7
After-school family responsibilities	5
Have an injury/medical reason	2
After-school job/volunteering	2
Low grades	2
Parents do not want me to participate in clubs	2
It is too expensive to participate	1
Did not meet eligibility requirements	1
I have a conflict with the club leader	1

Reasons for not participating that students could choose from: After-school family responsibilities, After-school job/volunteering requirements, Did not meet eligibility requirements, Have an injury/medical reason, I have a conflict with the club leader, It is too expensive to participate, Just not interested in clubs, Low grades, My club is only offered to the opposite gender, No transportation, Not interested in the clubs offered by my school, Other, Parents do not want me to participate in clubs, The club I am interested in is not offered at my school.

12 grade 7-8 male students participate in the Student Advisory Board

Results represent the number of grade 7-8 male students who answered “yes” to the following question: “Do you currently participate in the Student Advisory Board.”

79

grade 7-8 male students are interested in participating at a club that is not offered at their school.

Results represent the number of grade 7-8 male students who answered “no” to the following question: “Are all the clubs that you are interested in offered at your school.”

Grade 7-8 male student interest in clubs not offered at their school

Of the students who answered “no” to the previous question, the table below represents the ranking of clubs students are interested in but that are not offered at their school.

	2016
Chess	28
Robotics	15
Creative arts (art, cartooning, fashion, film, video production)	12
Science Clubs	11
Yearbook	8
Journalism	5
Instrumental music (orchestra, band, drumline)	4
Performance clubs (Dance, drama, theater)	4
Recycling	3
Student Council	3
Geography Bee	2
Language Clubs (World languages and ASL)	2
Battle of the books	2
Math Clubs	2
Vocal music (choir, glee)	2
Spelling bee	1
National Jr Honor Society	1

Clubs students could choose from: Battle of the Books, Chess, Creative arts (art, cartooning, fashion, film, video production), Geography Bee, Instrumental music (orchestra, band, drumline), Journalism, Language clubs (World languages and ASL), Math clubs, National Junior Honor Society, Performance clubs (dance, drama, theater), Recycling, Robotics, Science clubs, Spelling bee, Student council, Vocal music (choir, glee), Yearbook.

Results for Grade 7-8 female students

250

 grade 7-8 female students participate in an interscholastic sport at their school

Results represent the number of grade 7-8 female students who answered “yes” to the following question: “Do you participate in any other sport(s) at your school.”

Ranking of interscholastic sports grade 7-8 female students participate in at their school

	2016
Volleyball	196
Track and Field	84
Cross Country Running	56
Basketball: Girls	39
Cross Country Skiing	27
Wrestling	8
Basketball: Boys	3

Interscholastic sports students could choose from: I do not participate in an interscholastic sport at my school, Basketball: boys, Basketball: girls, Cross Country Running, Cross Country Skiing, Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling.

144 grade 7-8 female students do not participate in any other interscholastic sport at their school

Results represent the number of grade 7-8 female students who answered “no” to the following question: “Do you participate in any other sport(s) at your school.”

Ranking of reasons for grade 7-8 female students not participating in a sport or club at their school

Of the grade 7-8 female students who answered “no” to the participation question, the table below represents the ranking of reasons for students not participating in a sport or club at their school.

	2016
Just not interested in playing a sport	72
Other (please specify)	51
Too much homework	26
Not interested in the sports offered by my school	18
After-school family responsibilities	18
The sport I am interested in is not offered at my school	16
No transportation	11
Have an injury/medical reason	6
Low grades	5
After-school job/volunteering	3
Involved in other activities that are not sports related	2
My sport is only offered to the opposite gender	1
Tried out, but did not make the team	1
Did not meet eligibility requirements	1

Reasons for not participating that students could choose from: After-school family responsibilities, After-school job/volunteering requirements, Did not meet eligibility requirements, Have an injury/medical reason, I have a conflict with the coach, Involved in other activities that are not sports related, Just not interested in playing a sport, Low grades, My sport is only offered to the opposite gender, No transportation, Not interested in the sports offered by my school, Other, Parents do not want me to play sports, The sport I am interested in is not offered at my school, Too much homework, Tried out but did not make the team.

132 grade 7-8 female students are interested in a sport that is not offered at their school

Results represent the number of grade 7-8 female students who answered “no” to the following question: “Are all the sports you are interested in offered at your school.”

Grade 7-8 female student interest in sports not offered at their school

Of the students who answered “no” to the previous question, the table below represents the ranking of sports students are interested in but that are not offered at their school.

	2016
Swimming/Diving	45
Gymnastics	43
Cheerleading	41
Dance	38
Flag Football	38
Softball	34
Rock Climbing	31
Ice Skating	25
Badminton	19
Martial Arts	18
Football	18
Rugby	18
Ski/Snowboard	15
Riflery	15
Triathlon	14
Baseball	14
Fencing	13
Ice Hockey	13
Indoor Soccer	12
Tennis	12
Bowling	12
Table Tennis	11
Boxing	10
Field Hockey	10
Biking	9
Soccer (outdoor)	9
Lacrosse	9
Weightlifting	8
Rowing	7
Water Polo	6
Native Youth Olympics	6
Archery	5
Golf	5
Ultimate Frisbee	5
Frisbee Golf	4
Racquetball	3
Biathlon	3
Curling	2
Sporting Clays	1

281 grade 7-8 female students do not participate in a club at their school

Results represent the number of grade 7-8 female students who answered “no” to the following question: “Do you currently participate in any club at your school?”

Ranking of reasons for grade 7-8 female students not participating in a club at their school

Of the grade 7-8 female students who answered “no” to the club participation question, the table below represents the ranking of reasons for students not participating in a club at their school.

	2016
Just not interested in clubs (organized activities)	147
Not interested in the clubs offered by my school	45
Other (please specify)	27
Too much homework	22
The club I am interested in is not offered at my school	12
No transportation	11
After-school family responsibilities	8
After-school job/volunteering responsibilities	4
Low grades	4
It is too expensive to participate	1
Parents do not want me to participate in clubs	1
I have a conflict with the club leader	1
Have injury/medical reason	1

Reasons for not participating that students could choose from: After-school family responsibilities, After-school job/volunteering requirements, Did not meet eligibility requirements, Have an injury/medical reason, I have a conflict with the club leader, It is too expensive to participate, Just not interested in clubs, Low grades, My club is only offered to the opposite gender, No transportation, Not interested in the clubs offered by my school, Other, Parents do not want me to participate in clubs, The club I am interested in is not offered at my school.

19 grade 7-8 female students participate in the Student Advisory Board

Results represent the number of grade 7-8 female students who answered “yes” to the following question: “Do you currently participate in the Student Advisory Board.”

103 grade 7-8 female students are interested in participating at a club that is not offered at their school.

Results represent the number of grade 7-8 female students who answered “no” to the following question: “Are all the clubs that you are interested in offered at your school.”

Grade 7-8 female student interest in clubs not offered at their school

Of the students who answered “no” to the previous question, the table below represents the ranking of clubs students are interested in but that are not offered at their school.

	2016
Creative arts (art, cartooning, fashion, film, video production)	44
Performance clubs (Dance, drama, theater)	35
Journalism	21
Yearbook	16
Vocal music (choir, glee)	11
Chess	11
Science Clubs	10
Robotics	10
Instrumental music (orchestra, band, drumline)	9
Language Clubs (World languages and ASL)	9
Student Council	8
Recycling	5
Spelling bee	3
Battle of the books	3
Math Clubs	2
National Jr Honor Society	2
Geography Bee	2