

Results from “Life at Berkeley High” Survey

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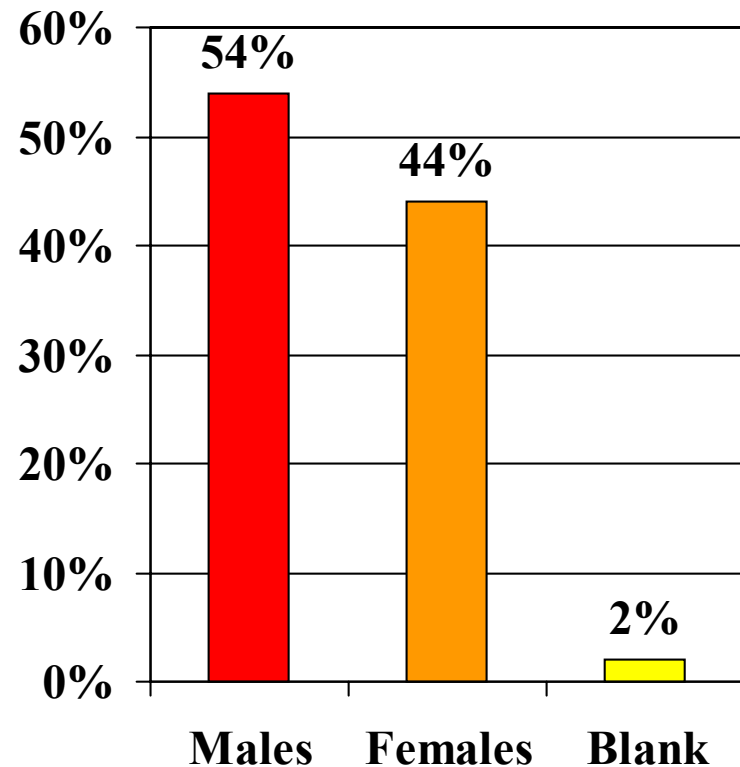
Presentation Topics

- Background Information
- Access
- Race Relations
- Gender Relations
- Safety
- BHS Activities & Programs
- MPR Findings



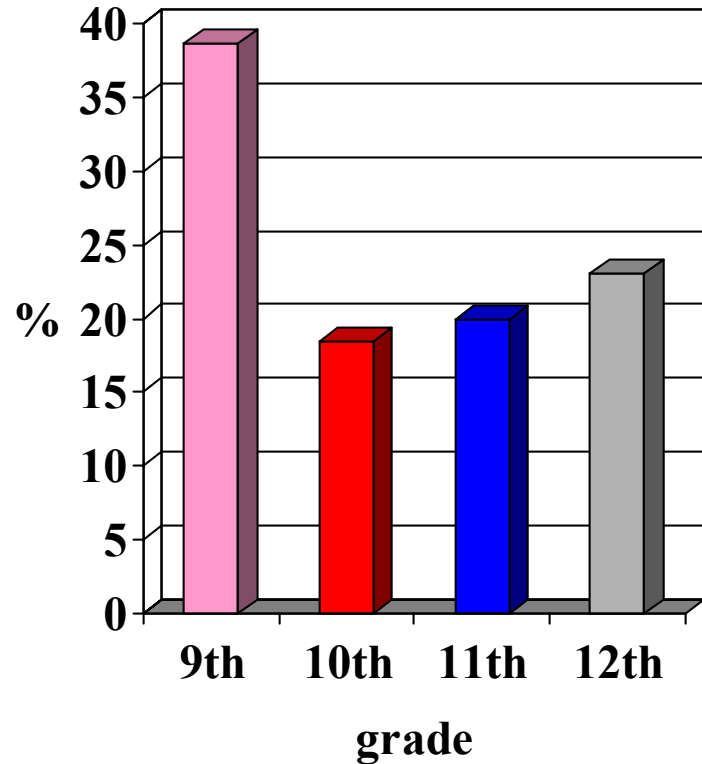
Gender of the Survey Respondents

- 277 students responded to the survey
- 54.2% were males and 44% were females and 1.8% left answers anonymous which were categorized under blank.
- More males filled out this survey than females.



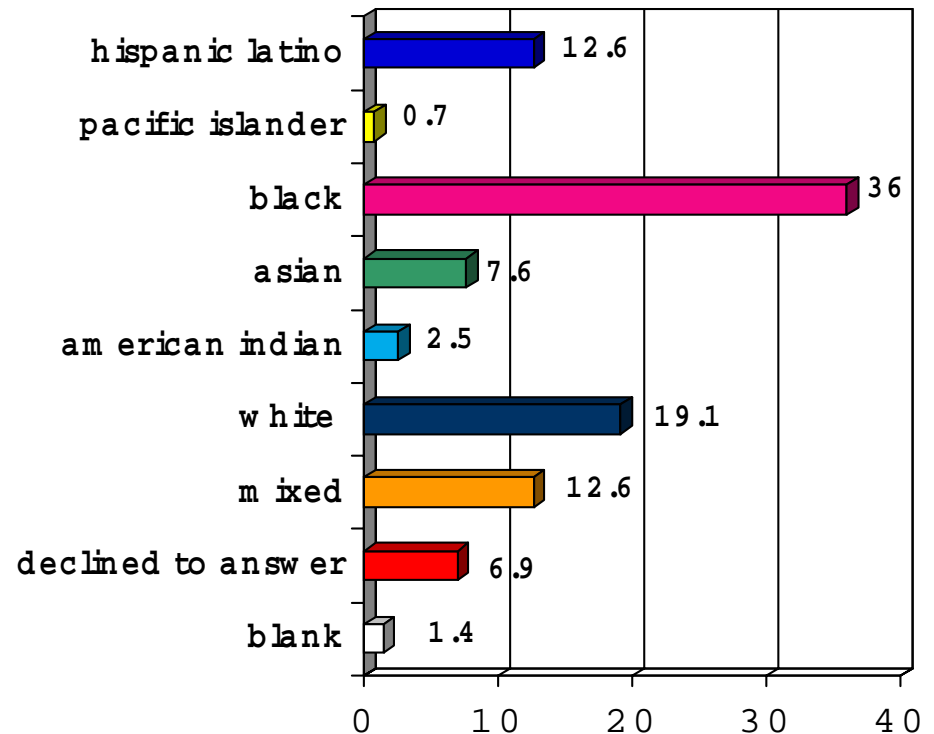
WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN?

- Most of the people that took the survey were ninth graders.
- The least amount were tenth graders.
- More than 50 people from each grade took the survey.



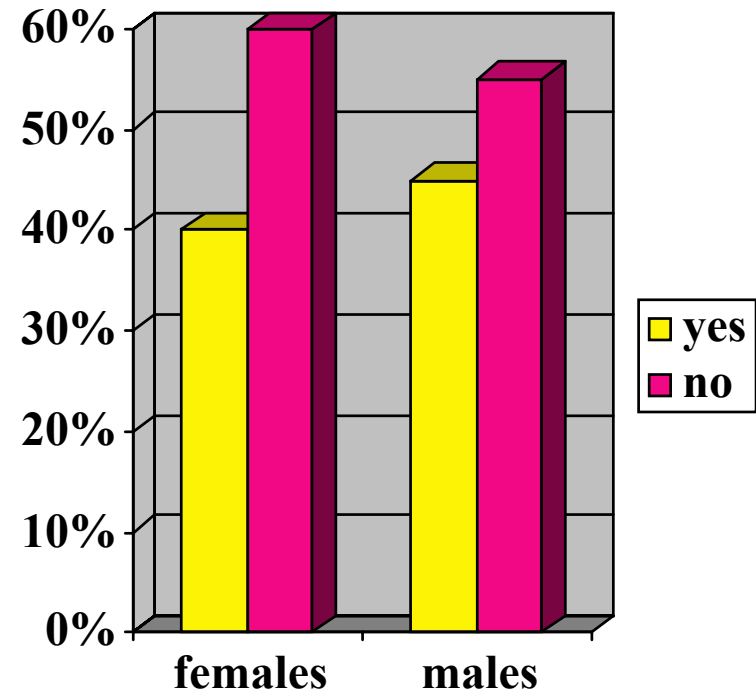
How do you describe yourself?

- **36.5% OF RESPONDENTS WERE AFRICAN AMERICAN**
- **ONLY 19.1% OF RESPONDENTS TO THE SURVEY WERE WHITE**



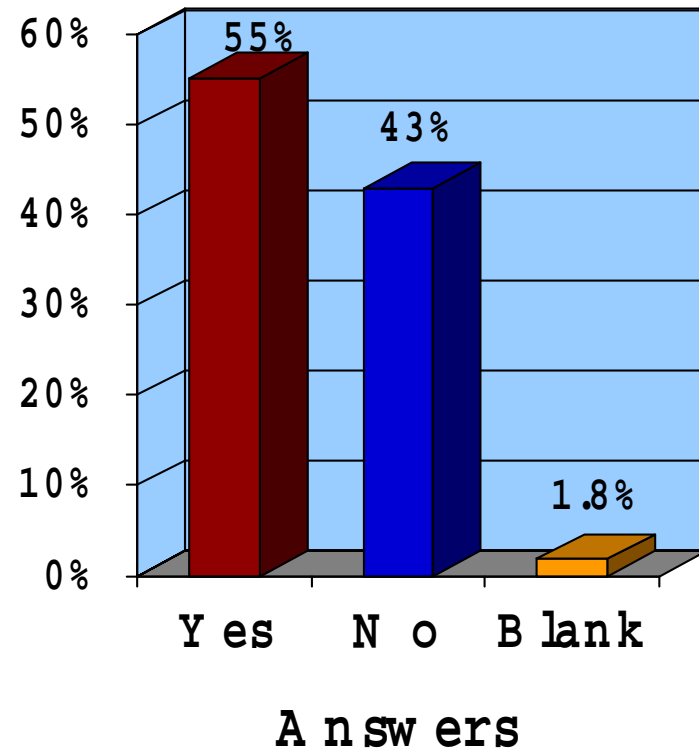
Respondents currently in small schools

- Are you in a BHS “small school?”
- 40% of females said yes and 60% of females said no.
- 45% of males said yes and 55% said no



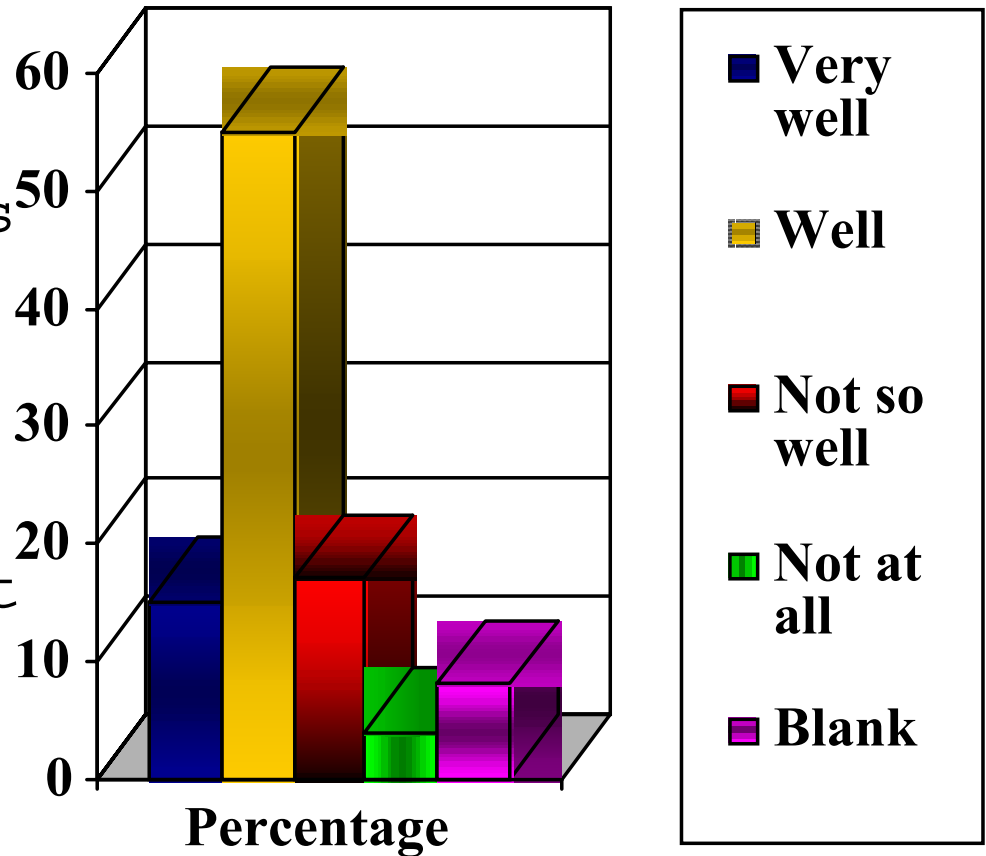
The Percent of BHS Students Encouraged to Take AP Classes

- **55% of respondents said they were encouraged**
- **Among BHS students who were encouraged, parents and friends were most supportive**
- **Only 11.9% of encouraged students were supported by school counselors.**



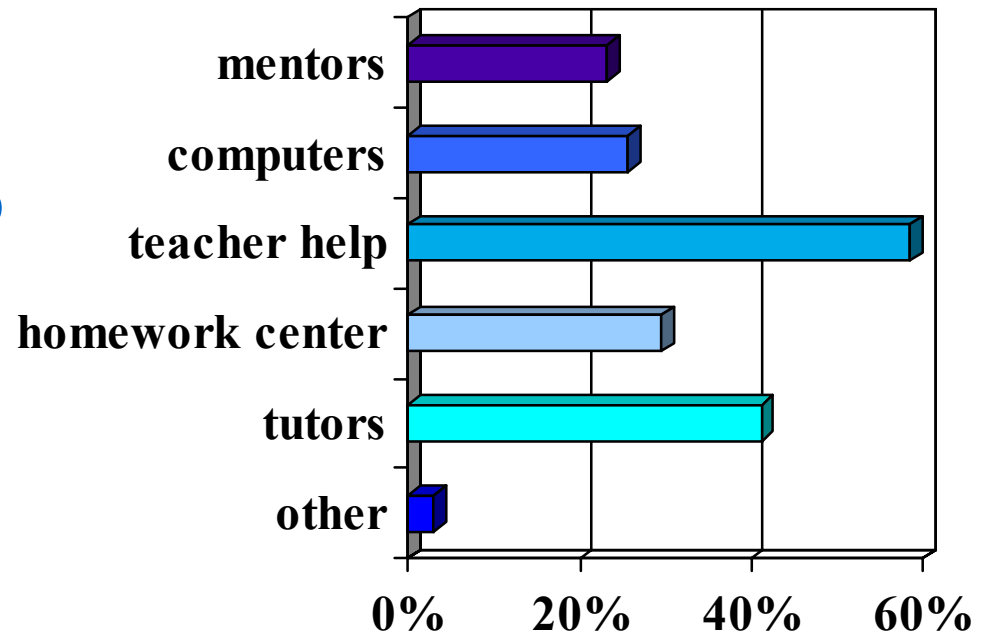
Preparation for BHS

- How well did your classes in Junior High school prepare you for your classes at BHS?
- 70 % of respondents said they were well or very well prepared for BHS.
- 17 % of respondents said not so well.
- Only 4 % of students do not feel prepared for BHS.



What could BHS provide to help you do well in your classes?

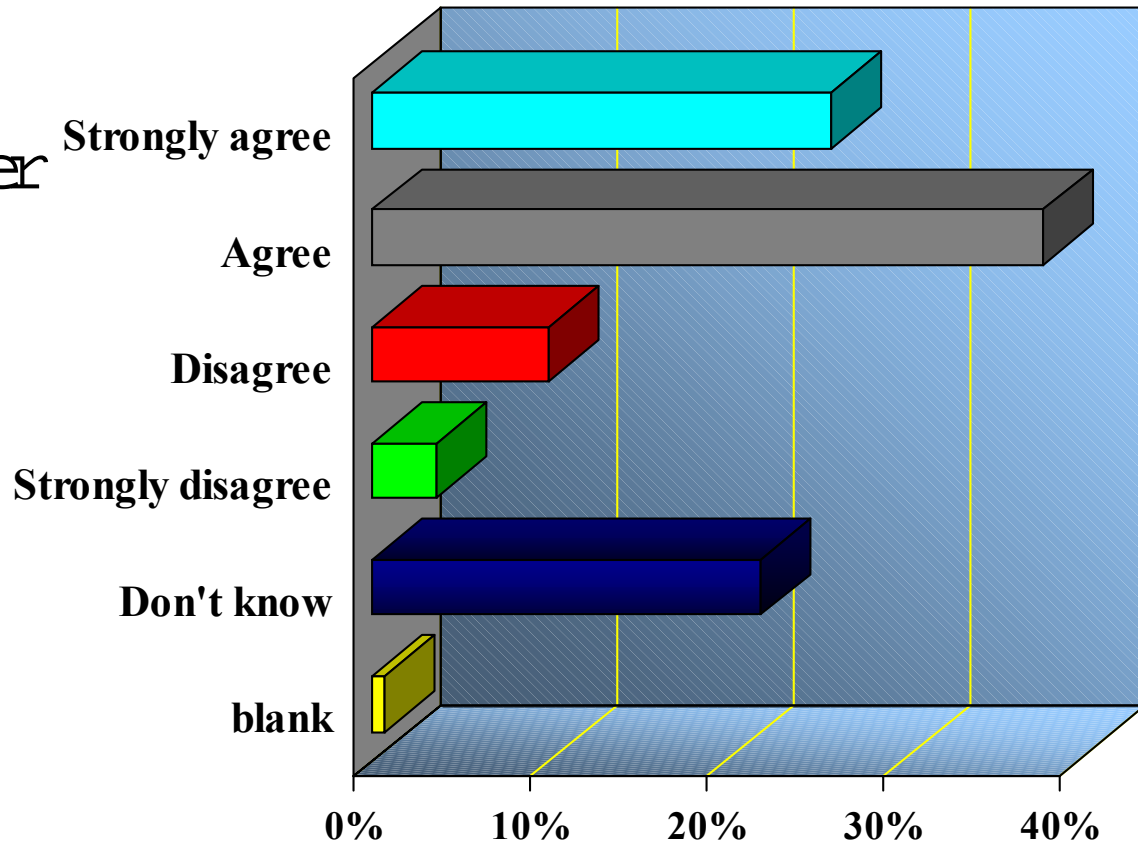
- You could choose more than one answer but the most common answer was more help from teachers.



Small school and students

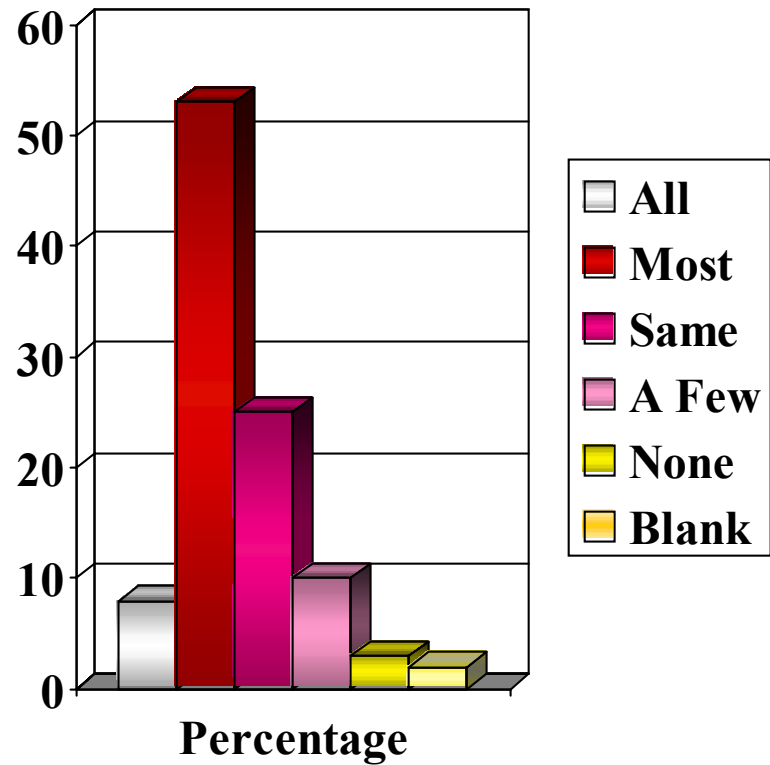
SUCCESS

- Do small schools give students a better chance to do well?
- Most respondents agree or strongly agree.



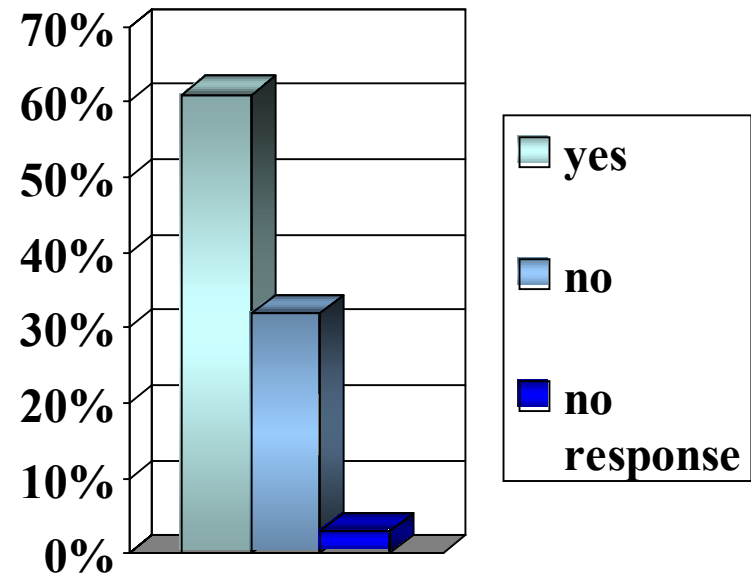
Racial Diversity at B*High

- How many of your friends are the same race as you?
- Over 50% of the respondents said that they hang with mostly people the same race as them.
- Less than 5% of the respondents don't hang with people of the same race as them.



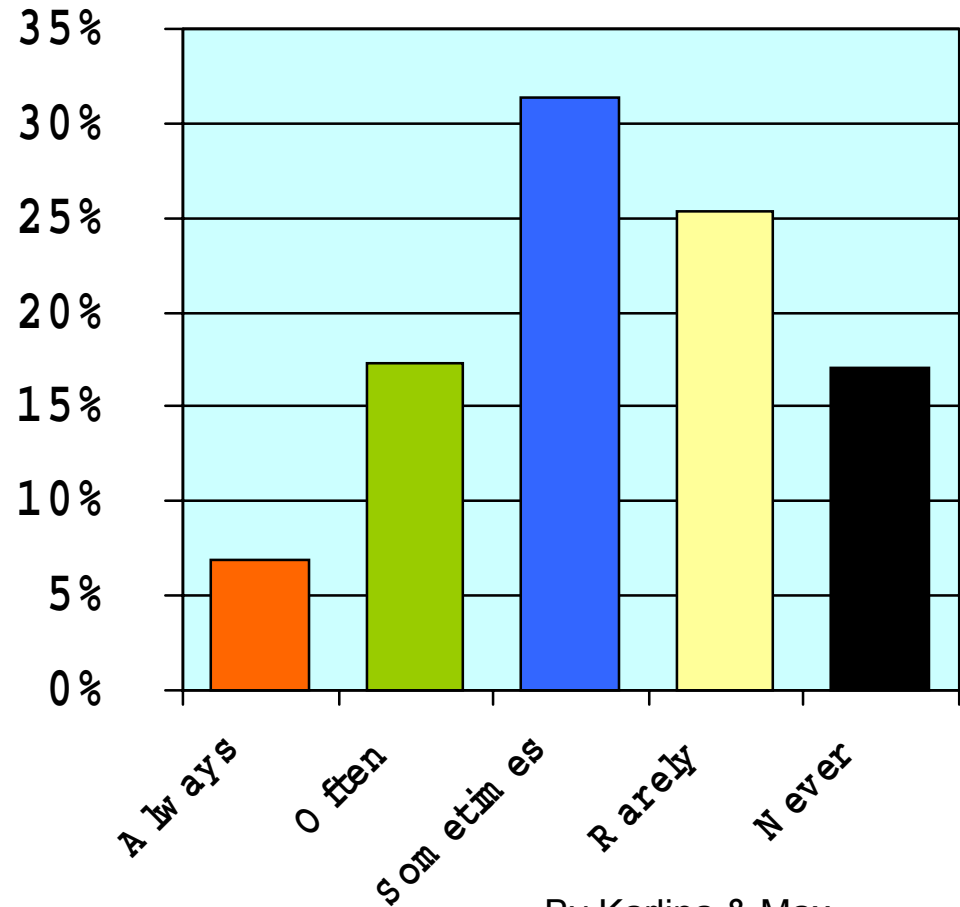
Diversity of Classes at BHS

- 61% of students feel that their classes are representative of the student population at large



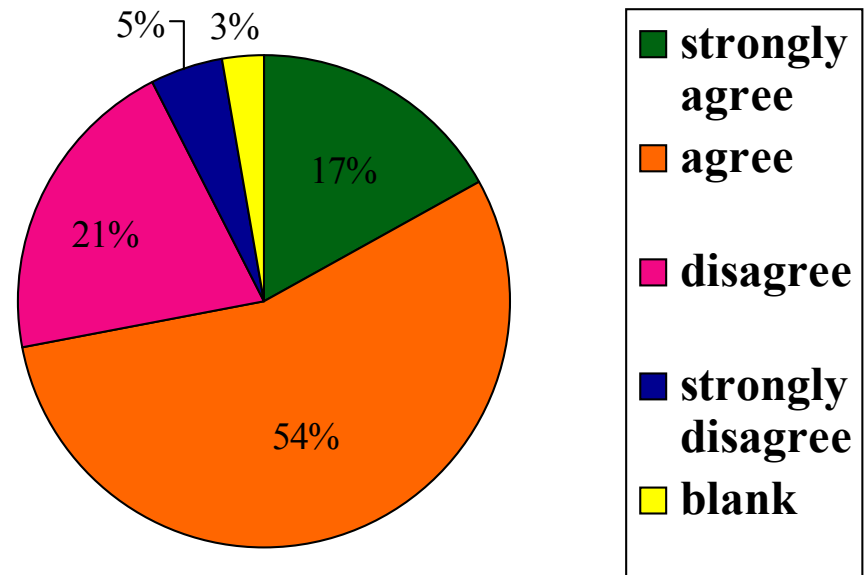
How Often do Teachers Stereotype at BHS?

- How often do you feel your teachers stereotype you based on your race?
- Most people feel that teachers stereotype them based on their race sometimes or rarely.



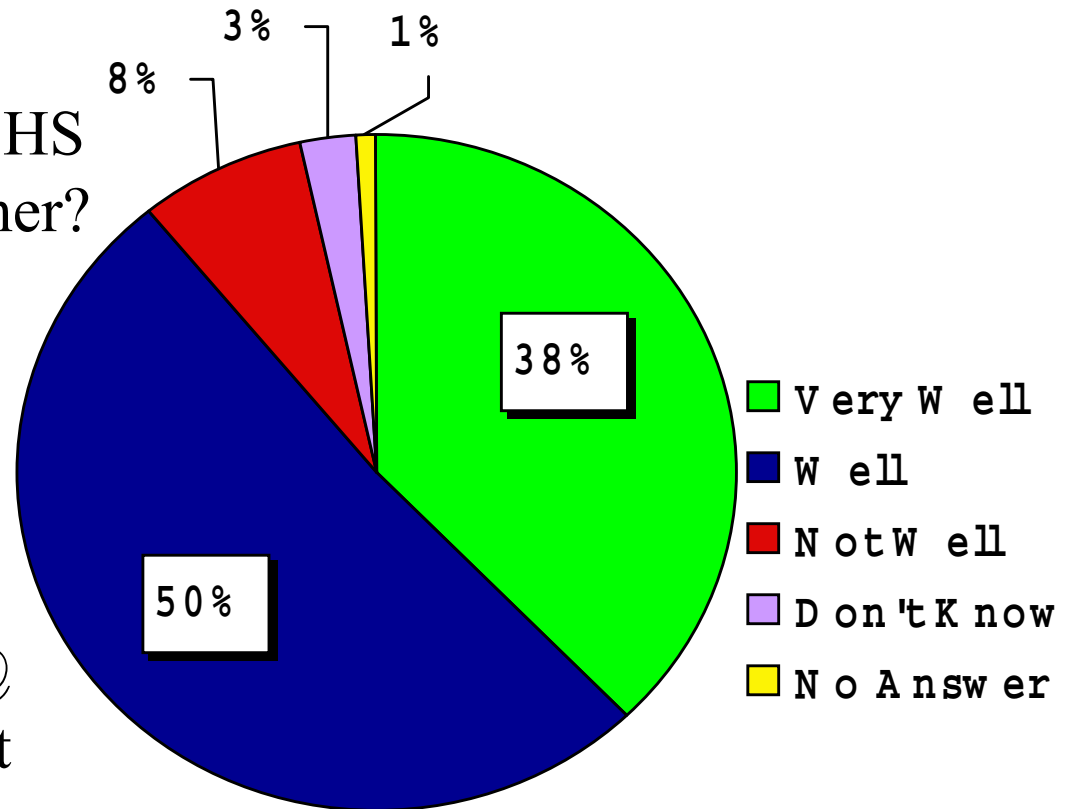
Is BHS A Supportive Place For Different Races To Learn Together?

- Do students feel like BHS is a supportive place for different races to learn together?
- 54.9% of students at BHS agree that BHS is a supportive place to learn.
- Though many people agree, 27% of people disagree or strongly disagree.



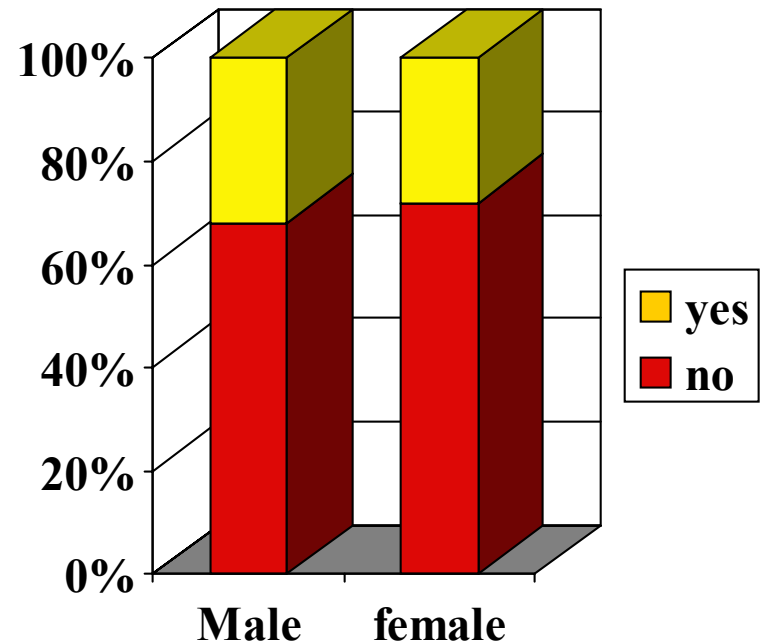
GENDER RELATIONS

- Do boys and girls @ BHS get along with each other?
- 37.9% -- very well
- 51.3% -- well
- 7.6% -- not well
- 2.5% -- don't know
- Most of the students @ BHS surveyed feel that boys and girls get along well with each other.



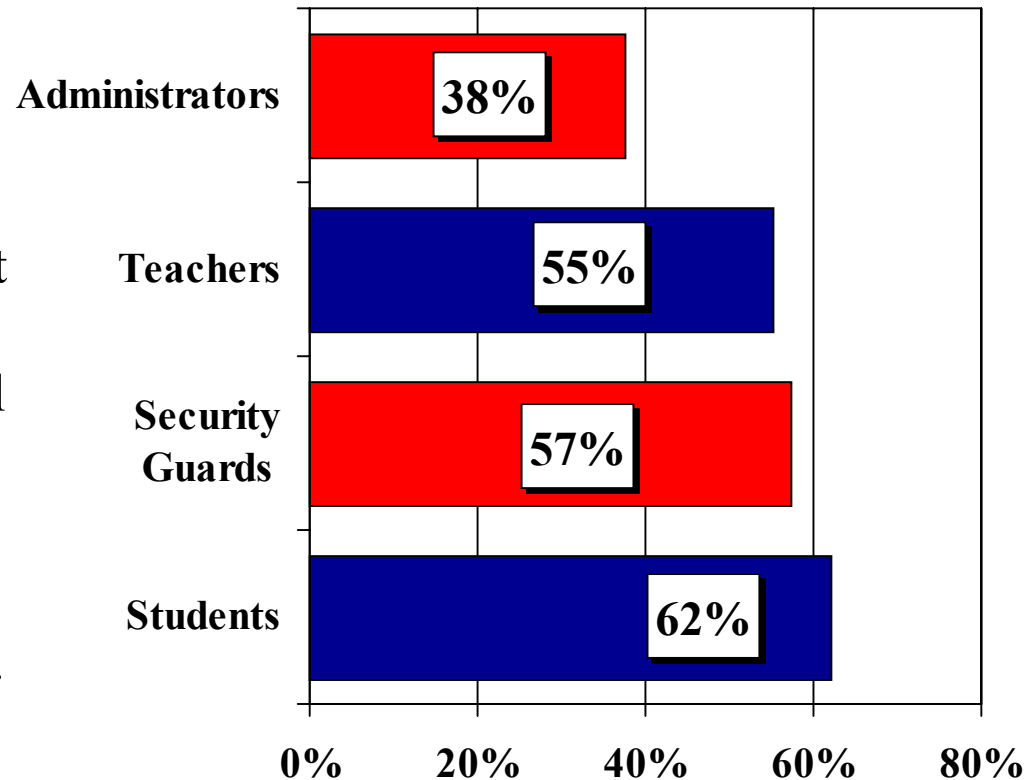
Gender Opportunities at Berkeley High School

- Do students feel they have more opportunities because of their gender ?
- Of 32% of males and 28% females responded, yes.
- 72% of female and 68% of males responded, no.
- Conclusion: Most male and female students at BHS feel that they do not have more opportunities because of their gender.



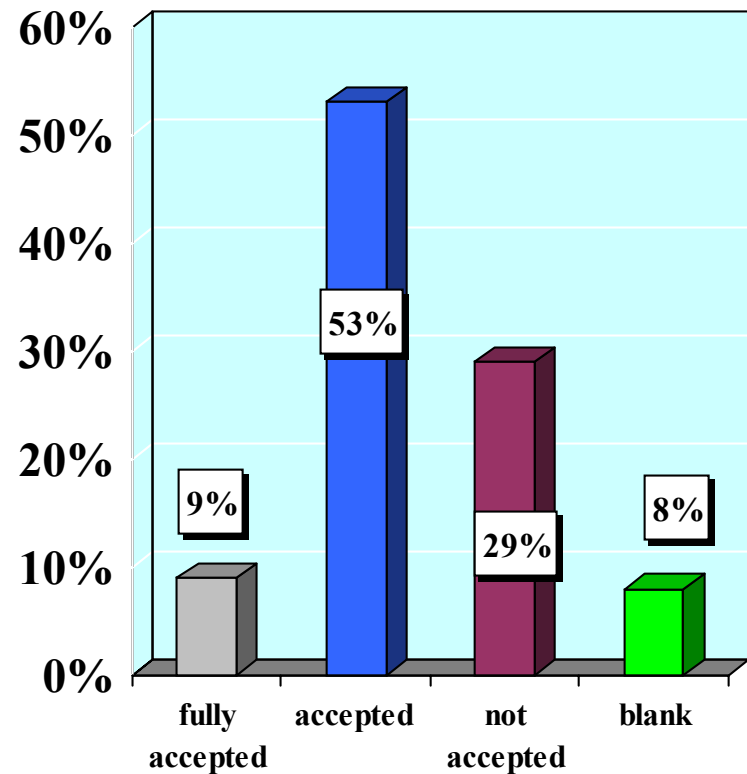
Treatment of Students at BHS Based on Gender.

- Do you feel that the following people at BHS treat boys and girls differently.
- According to this survey students at this school feel that security guards and other students that attend this school treat one another differently.
- Only 37.5% of respondents think that administrators treat students differently by gender.



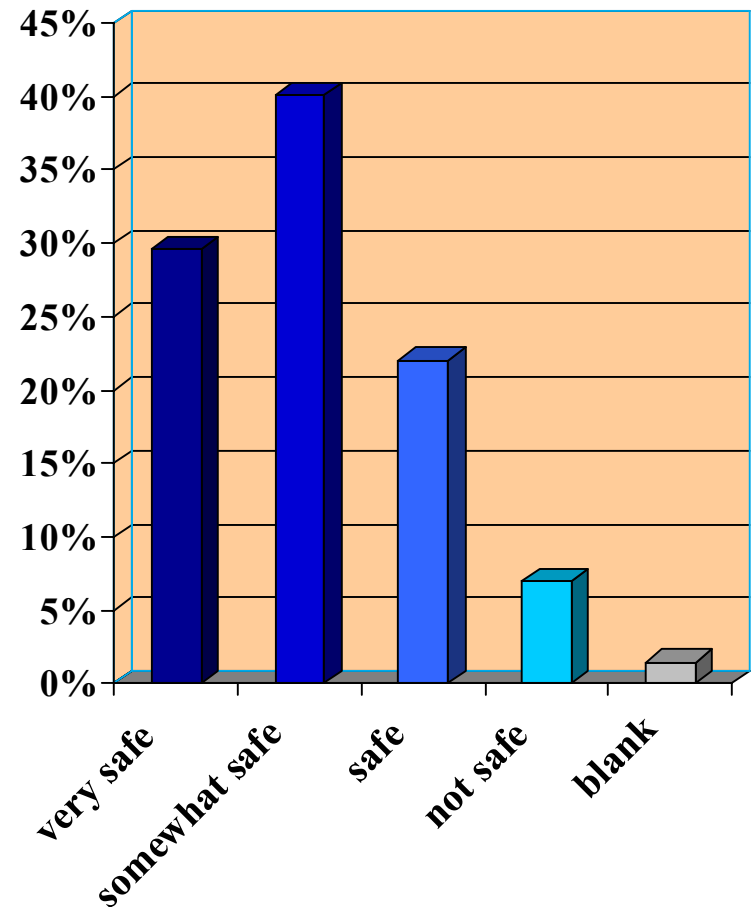
Are Homosexuals Accepted At BHS?

- Do students feel that homosexual couples are accepted at BHS?
- We found out that a little over 50% of students thought that homosexual couples were accepted at BHS.
- We also found out that around 30% of students thought that homosexual couples are not accepted at BHS.

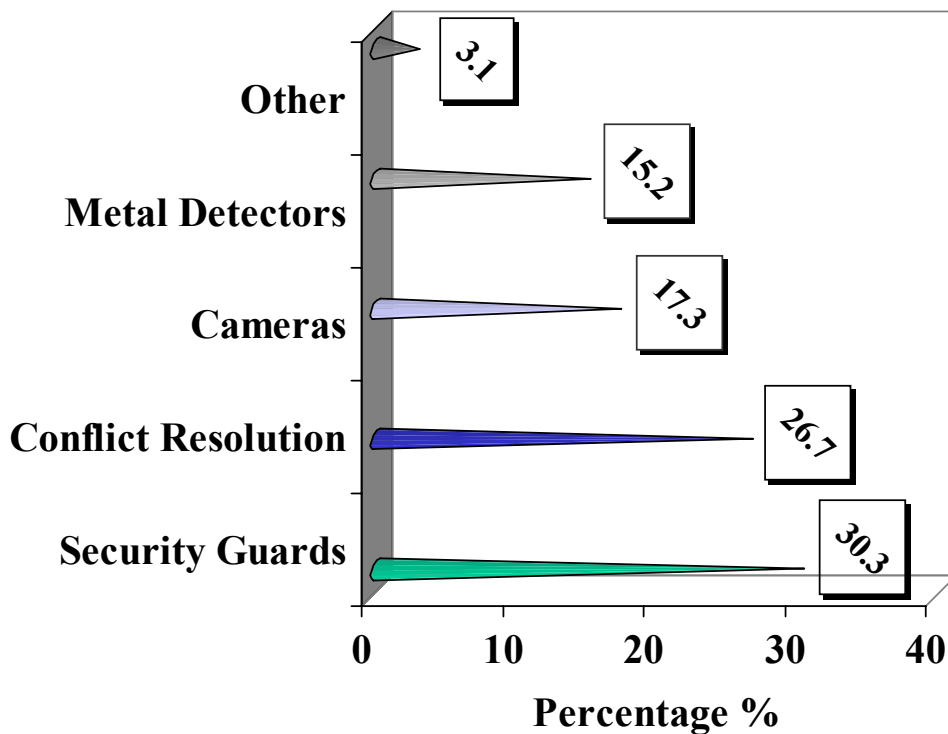


Students Feelings on Safety at BHS

- How safe do you feel at BHS?
- 40% of people at BHS feel somewhat safe while 6.9% do not feel safe and 29.6% of students feel very safe
- The percentage of people that didn't respond was 1.49%



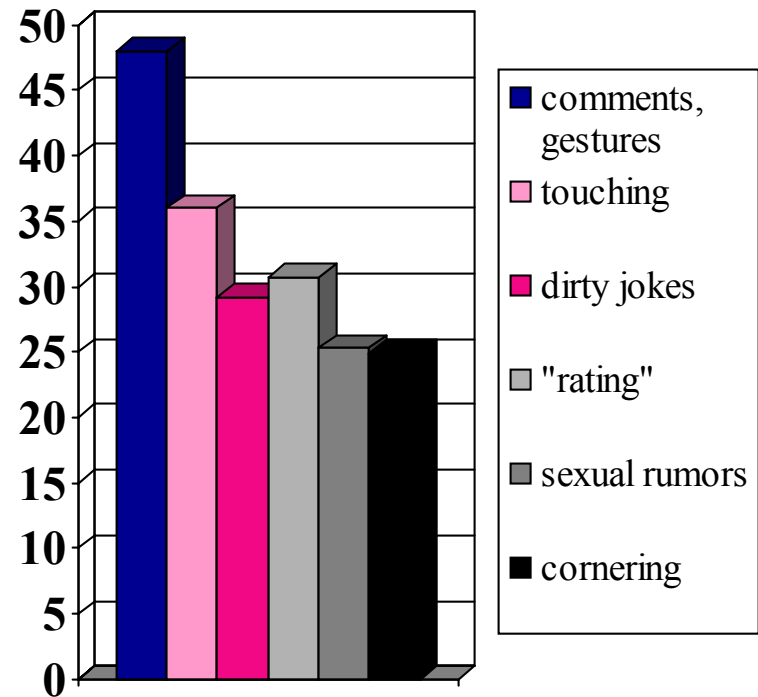
Extra Safety Precautions



- Are there ways that BHS could make you feel safer?
- 30 % of the students would feel safer with more security guards.
- Conclusion: Most students want Security Guards or Conflict Resolution Workshops to make them feel safer.

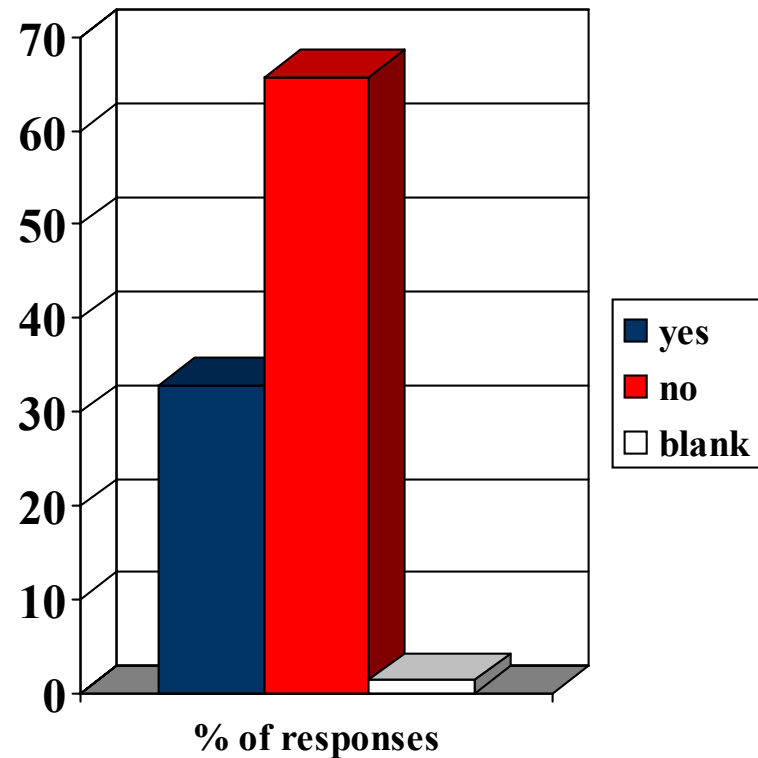
Experiences of sexual harassment

- 81.6 % of students have experiences sexual harassment.
- The most common harassment was sexual comments, gestures or looks.
- 18.4% didn't respond
- The least common harassment was cornering, blocking or standing too close

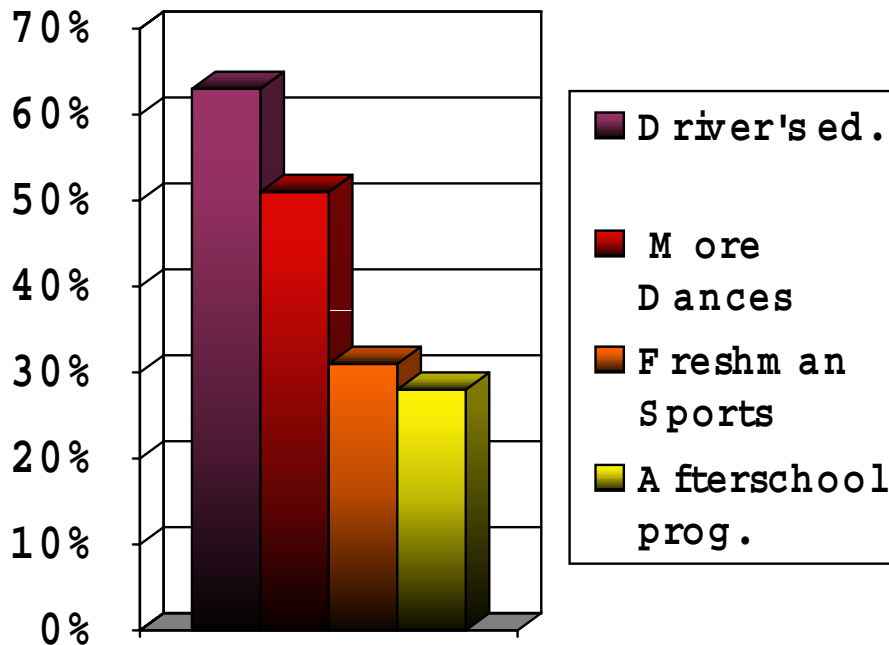


R Gangs a Problem at BHS??

- Almost 1/3 of Berkeley High students said that gangs are a problem
- For future consideration: What do people consider gangs to be? What kind of activities are considered gang related?



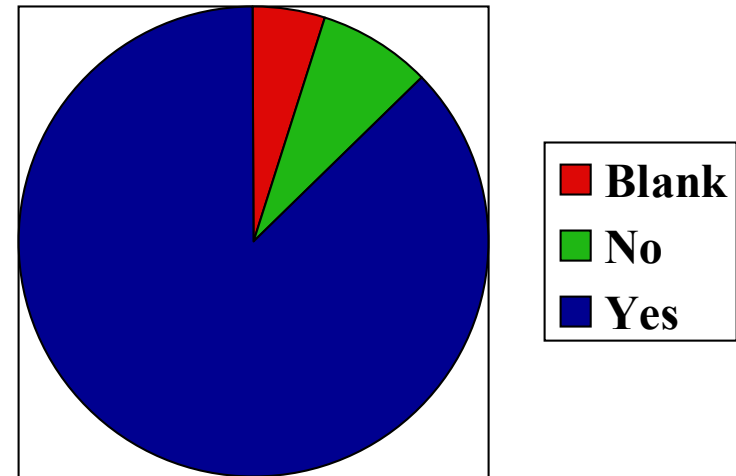
B.H.S Activities



- What types of activities would you like to see at B.H.S?
- 63% of students want to see Driver's education.
- Only 28% of the students want afterschool prog.

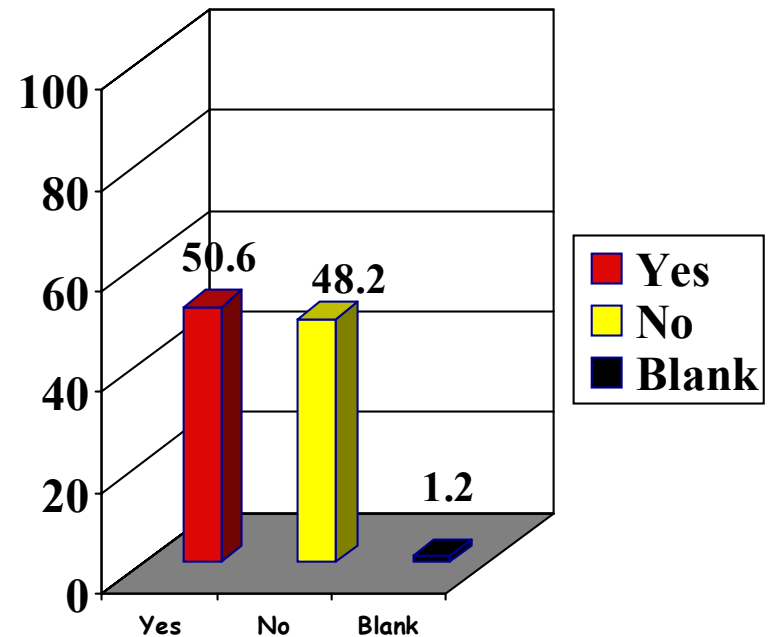
Lunch At Berkeley High

- Do you think that BHS should have an extra 15 minutes added to our lunch period?
- 90.3% of Berkeley High School students think they should get an extra 15 minutes for lunch.



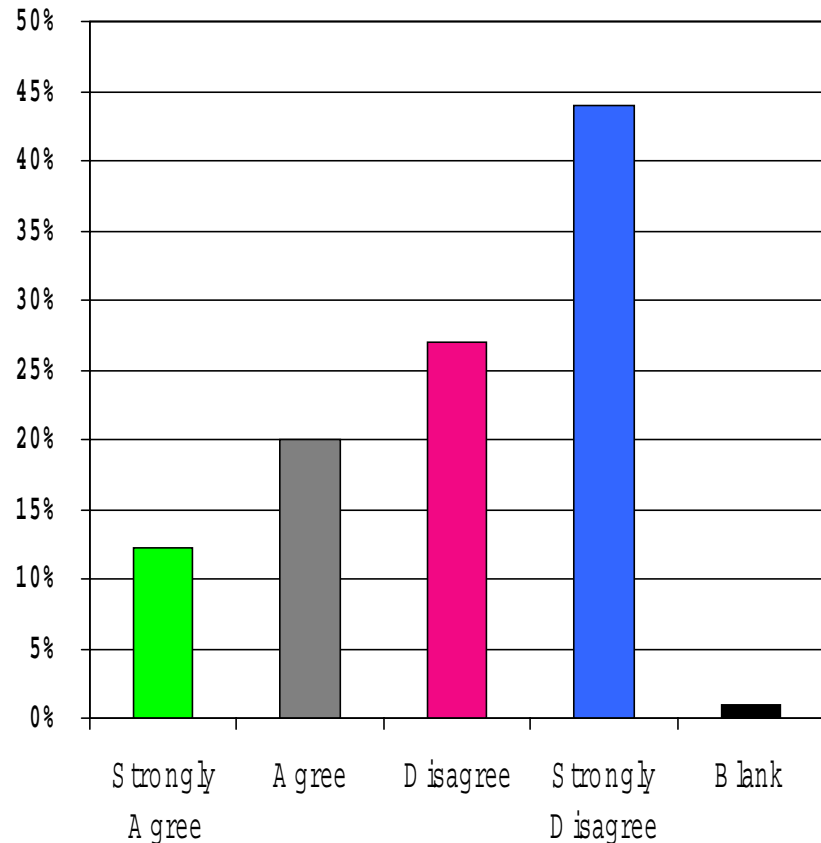
Longer Lunch??

- 50% of the students who took the survey said they were willing to get out of school 15 minuets later
- 48% of the students said they were not willing to get out of school 15 minuets later.
- There is no solution to this problem. Too many people want to get out late and too many people want the lunch period to stay like it is.



* Freshmen Friday*

- Students were asked if they agreed to this statement, “Freshmen Friday is a big problem at B.H.S”
- A little less than three quarters of students who answered said that they think Freshmen Friday is not a problem at B.H.S
- Conclusion: Most students at B.H.S think that Freshmen Friday is not a problem at B.H.S



Who encourages students to take AP courses?

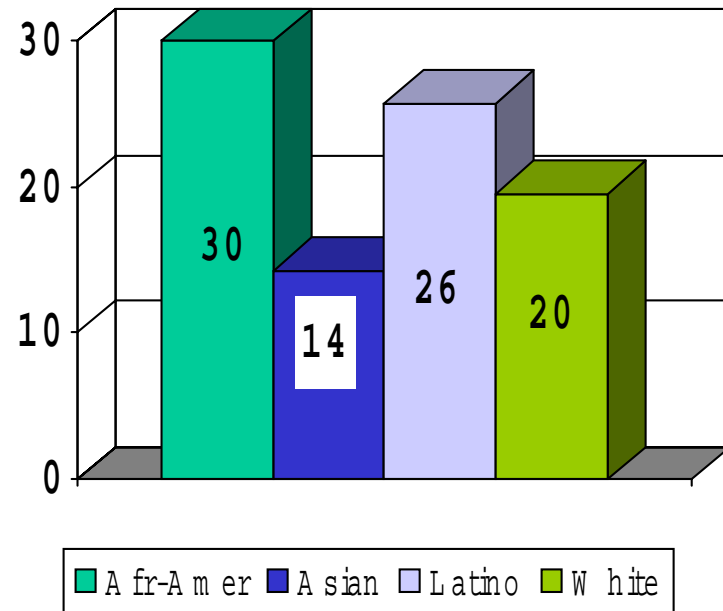
	African-Amer	Asian	Latino	White
Friends	45%	54%	37%	59%
Parents	55%	77%*	58%	81%*
Other family	22%	31%	0%	12%
Teachers	57%*	15%	32%	37%
Counselors	29%	15%	21%	10%
Self	33%	39%	37%	63%

- African-American students encouraged most likely to be encouraged to take AP courses by their teachers
- White and Asian students most likely to be encouraged by their parents

Do students feel stereotyped by their teachers?

- 30% of African-American students felt stereotyped by their teachers
- 20% of White and 14% of Asian students felt stereotyped

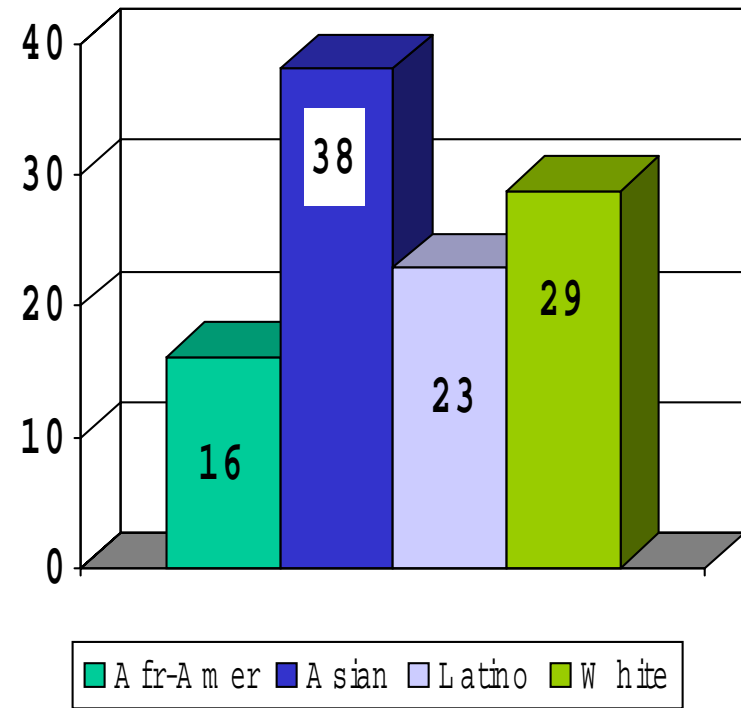
Percentage of Students Responding "Always" or "Often" when asked if they feel stereotyped by their teachers



Do other students make rude remarks about race?

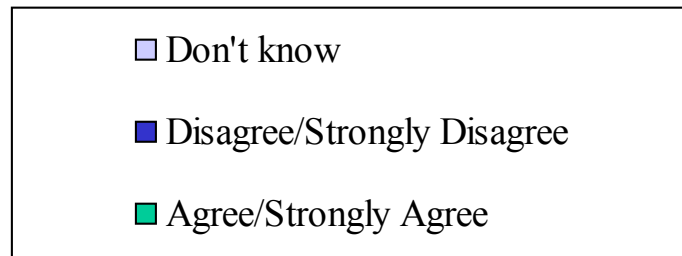
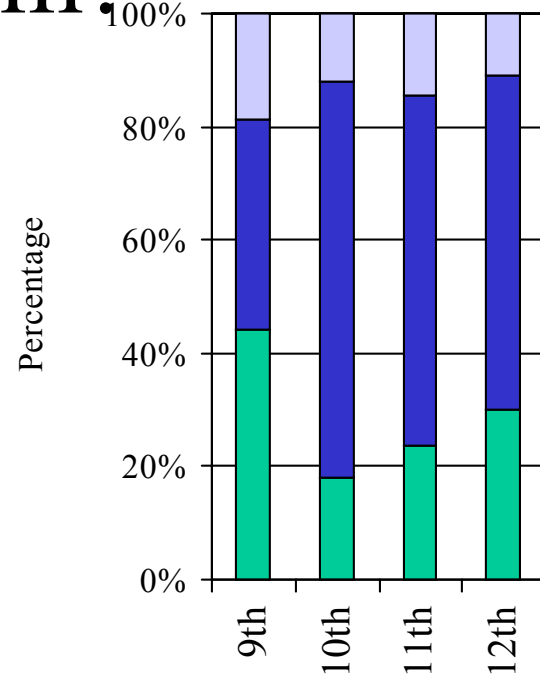
- Asian students were most likely to report hearing rude remarks
- African-American students were least likely to report hearing rude remarks by other students

Percentage of Students Who Said that other students have made rude remarks about their race 3x or more



Who thinks Freshman Friday is a problem?

- Almost half of 9th grade students agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, “Freshman Friday is a big problem at BHS”
- Only 18% of 10th graders agreed or strongly agreed



Do small schools help students?

- Students in small schools were much more likely to believe being in a small school helps
- Almost 1/3 of students who are not in a small school did not know if being in a small school helps
- Few students in either group felt that being in a small school did NOT help students

