The students` voice

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<th>1. Do you feel included in school's life? If yes – in which questions?</th>
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<td>• School activities organized by the students.</td>
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<td>• Because we are a small school, we know each other better.</td>
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<td>• Volunteering projects helps students socialize with each other.</td>
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<td>• Discussing about students ideas.</td>
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<td>• Students choose their student union president by voting</td>
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<td>• We as a group sometimes have school meetings, we talk to the teachers about our problems.</td>
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<td>• We feel like our voices are being heard.</td>
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<td>• Teach the teachers</td>
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<td>• Organizing events entirely managed by students.</td>
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<td>• School councils.</td>
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<td>• Host and participate in projects.</td>
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<td>• Nope!!! (unfortunately)</td>
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<td>• Yes. The administration listens to student’s suggestions about anything.</td>
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<td>• I feel involved in social activities and clubs but not in choosing what I learn.</td>
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<td>• Some students like me do. However, I feel like the majority does not.</td>
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<td>• Yes – I am president of the students’ council and I feel like we bring many topics to discuss among students. Everyone is able to participate and this way we make many crucial decisions.</td>
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2. Which key factors create a school with a good school culture?

- Connectivity and understanding between students and teachers.
- Bullying should not be allowed or tolerated.
- Equality between students.
- Mental health of students should be priorities.
- Outdoor activities complex outside of the school.
- Providing a healthy interaction between students from different school years.
- Different services (health care, counseling, etc. easy accessible)
- Discussing with teachers.
- Motivating students.
- Giving students responsibility.
- Activities
  - Clubs
  - Sport events between schools
- Students participation with school and teachers
- No bullying
- Good discipline
- Motivation from all sides (teachers and students)
- Getting along with the teachers
- Pride of being in your school
- Embrace traditions.
- Establish contact with graduated colleagues
- An atmosphere that encourages every individual to compete and work in the name of themselves and for their dreams.
- Respect ideas and actions.
- Embrace new projects.
- Hanging out in school facilities.
- I feel like students can help in this topic. This generation is much more accepting than older generations and they give a lot of room for improvements!
- Dorm life
- Offering extracurricular activities.
- Having students motivated as much as possible
- Having a shared vision in student – teacher relationships
- Take mental health into consideration
- Promote acceptance
- Create a healthy learning environment instead of a competitive one.
- Respect traditions and ideas.
- No discrimination
- Respecting others
- Being open to new cultures.

### 3. Where can students/pupils participate in school life?

- Student councils
- Committees
- Clubs organized by students
- “Cosplay” days – wear whatever you want
- Celebration activity (ex. Valentine’s day)

- Movie nights
- Workshops
- Study groups
- Voluntary projects
- Taking care of the school campus
- Host meetings where you talk about school issues with school board members
- Teachers and student meetings to arrange deals and rules that work for both parties.
- Clubs, councils and assemblies
- Anonymous polls
- School clubs and teacher / student meetings (in-school activities)
- Student groups / councils that get to work with the school’s administration and represent the wishes of pupils. The group should be elected by students.

- Concerts
- Holding social activities.
- Representing the school during important international events.
- Giving feedbacks to the administration.
- Cleaning classes after school.
- Extracurricular activities (clubs…)
- Shows for celebrations
- Voting
4. Which practices could enhance students’ participation at school?

- Students’ councils
- Anonymous polls
- Special days (to dress up, etc.)
- AP courses
- CTM
- CAS classes
- MUN
- FRC Robotics
- First Robotics
- Challenges
- School newspaper
- Suggestion boxes
- Great and dynamic leadership
- Big role of the students’ council in the life of the school
- Having students teach teachers (in some cases)
- Encouragement of student entrepreneurship
- Swapping teachers with students temporarily
- Finding different ways to evaluate students instead of tests. That only works for good test “takers”.
- Ask for the students’ opinions on what motivates them most.
- Having a club lesson.
- Career orientation programs
- International exchange programs.
- Organizing student councils.
### 5. What do you expect from your visit to Istanbul

- I hope to have honest interesting conversations with other students and hopefully change something about the current education system.
- I live in Istanbul. I am hoping to meet new people.
- See some famous sites  
  Gain knowledge from the conference  
  Relax from the daily stress  
  Meet new people
- I expect to meet other people and different point of views on what education means and the role of students in school administration.  
  If that does not happen, at least I have met loads of different people who share some interests with me.
- Meeting with new people  
  Learning about new cultures
- Meet new people  
  Explore new cultures  
  Learn something new  
  Improve our current education systems  
  Have fun
- Meeting new people  
  Getting to use English  
  Getting more social contacts
- I didn’t expect anything
- Seeing a lot of animals  
  To meet new students and learn about their schools and how they study.  
  To explore another part of the world.  
  To go sightseeing  
  To convince people to come to our countries and to promote a touristic visit.
- Visiting new places.
- Exchanging new ideas.
- Acceptance
- I expect to meet new people and share what I think about education with foreigners.
- Learning more about independent schools and different school systems.
- Learn new things about other cultures.
- Share new ideas.
- Meeting new people.
- Get to know new educational systems.
6. **My dream school 🌟**

- Digital board
- Commissions
- Student clubs
- Student council
- Outdoor spaces
- Green spaces
- Sports complex
- Big library
- Recycling program
- Student lounges
- Healthy vending machine
- Deciding how late I go to class
- No uniform
- A school that prioritizes students, not grades
- Inspiring teachers focused on thinking
- More interactive education
- More hours on hobbies and clubs, less hours on lessons.
- More school trips
  - Individual curriculum, focusing on the students preferences, because there is a lot of unnecessary information we have to learn.
- Digitalizing
- Athenian democracy
- Based councils and committees
- An education that is less based on memorizing.
- Awarding students after their success.
- Science labs
- School festivals
- Foreign exchange programs
- Study and common rooms
- Free of charge
- Huge library
- Healthy vending machines
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<td>After school clubs (music, gym, art…)</td>
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