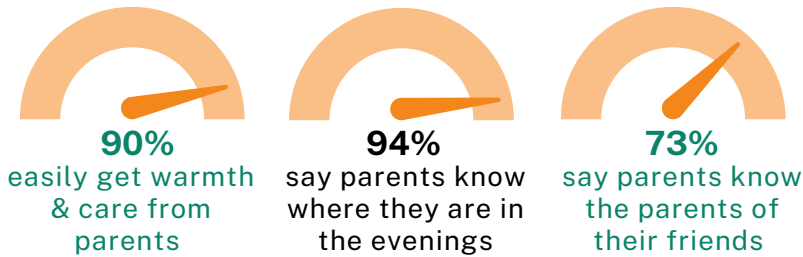


# 2023-24 FRANKLIN COUNTY YOUTH SURVEY

61% of students in 7th-10th\* grade took the anonymous Franklin County Youth Survey in February 2024. The survey allows youth to tell the community what's going on in their lives. Adults can use the data to take action to support young people. Figures in **green text** show improvements from last school year; **red text** indicates worsened conditions; black text indicates no change.

## FAMILY

Parental support & social capital improved; parental monitoring remains strong.



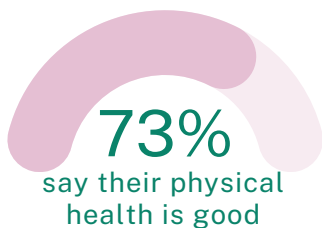
## SCHOOL

Belonging and engagement improved across measures, but disengagement from school remains a concern.



## WELLBEING

Most do not get enough sleep; mental health remains a big concern despite improvements.



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## OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

More kids participated in organized activities; more stayed out late; social media usage remains high.



## PEERS

Relationships have improved; kindness remains a key concern.



26% say students at school are nice to each other



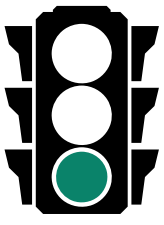
77% have friends at school that care about them

## SUBSTANCE USE

A large majority of students do not engage in any substance use. While substance use has decreased overall, marijuana use has increased at the middle school level. Early alcohol use remains high.

	Drank alcohol	Used e-cigarettes	Been drunk	Used marijuana
Lifetime	24%	15%	8%	9%
At 13 or younger	20%	10%	4%	5%
Last 30 days	4%	7%	2%	4%
Daily	n/a	5%	n/a	n/a

\*While 11th & 12th graders also took the survey this year for the first time, this datasheet includes only data from 7th-10th graders. This allows for comparison to last year's results. 11th-12th grade data is available upon request; please email [amelia.berry@ky.gov](mailto:amelia.berry@ky.gov).

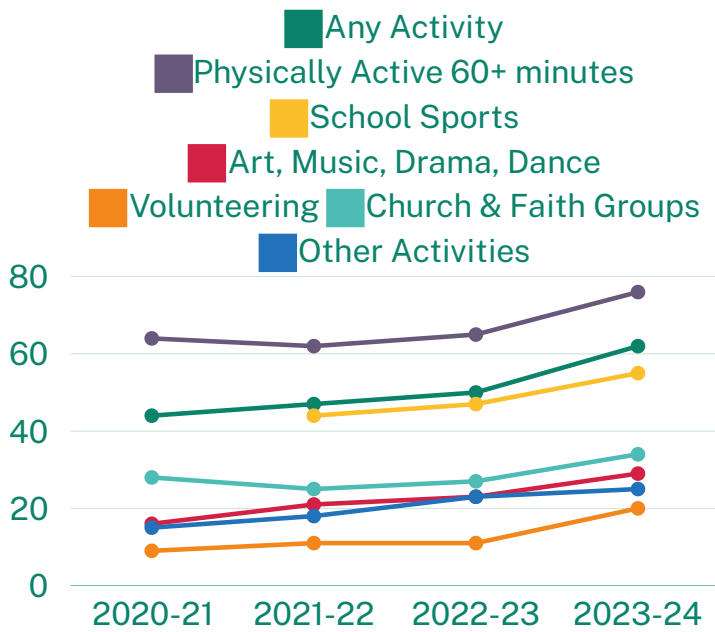


# BRIGHT SPOTS & IMPROVEMENTS

## OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

Many more students are participating in organized extracurricular activities.

Percentage of 7th-10th grade students participating at least once/week, 2020-2024



## OTHER AREAS

Most kids don't use alcohol, tobacco or other drugs, and alcohol & tobacco use (smoking/ vaping) have decreased.

The perception of risk of substance misuse has increased significantly, along with parental disapproval of misuse.

Most students report high levels of parental support & monitoring.

Most measures of mental health improved since last year.

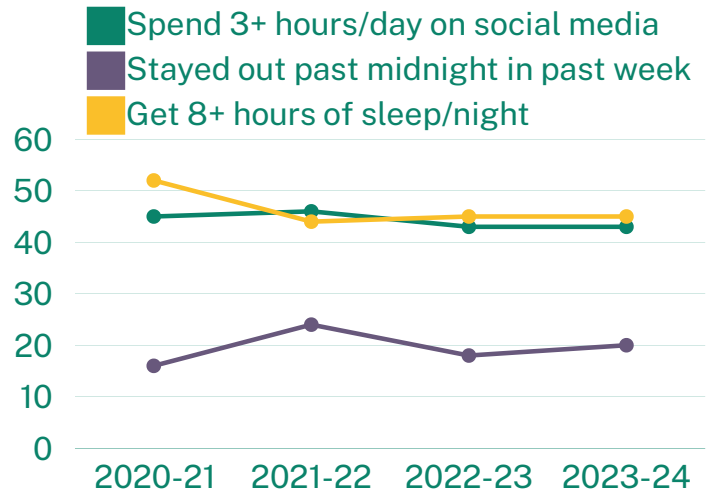
School climate improved, including measures of relationships with peers and adults and school engagement.



# AREAS OF CONCERN

## OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

Students still spend a lot of time on social media, more students are staying out late, and most students don't get enough sleep..



## OTHER AREAS

More students are using marijuana compared to past years.

Too many students begin using substances very early, at age 13 or younger.

Although mental health and school climate have both improved since last year, these areas remain important concerns.

## GET INVOLVED

Share this information and use it to spark conversations about how to support youth.

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