





## YOUTH VOICE & ENGAGEMENT: PARTICPATORY ACTIVITY



Actively engaging youth in improving conditions that greatly that impact them promotes future-ready skill development when they ...



- 1. Collaboratively analyze student survey data and what they mean for NAF, your NAF academies, and/or NAF students
- 2. Identify and discuss emerging questions, ideas, and/or issues to address
- 3. Document ideas and/or recommendations for improving or enhancing the academy experience
- 4. Communicate ideas or recommendations with each other and with Decision-makers



Ultimately it contributes to a culture that reflects shared-ownership for student, school, and community outcomes

# Youth Voice and Engagement Resources in ASH:







## YOUTH PARTICPATORY ACTION RESEARCH (Y-PAR)

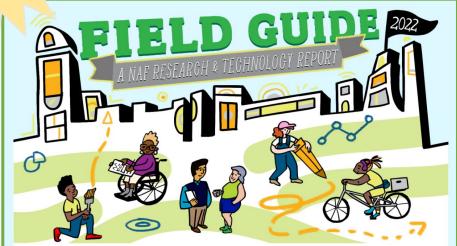


How do we actively engage students in identifying and addressing issues to improve programs, conditions, experiences impacting them most?



Start with Data and issues that affect them most, like those addressed in the Annual Student Survey.







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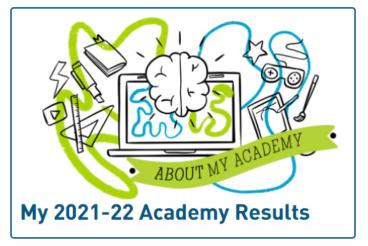












#### **Examining Student Survey Results for** Teacher/Facilitator Session Notes and Resources **Improvement** ☐ Review the activity – including the presenter's notes in the Notes section. **Pre-Activity Prep** ☐ Give Decision-Makers a Heads Up: Communicate with key decision-makers — letting them know about the Issue activity in which students are engaging and that they may have reflections, recommendations, and/or questions for them to review/consider. □ Secure the Materials you will need for smooth facilitation of the activity (a timer, poster board, sticky notes, fillable notes template, way to share the data and questions with the students, etc.) □ Decide on Documentation/Notetaking: How will you capture what students are sharing? Consider this notes template Identify and secure the data and/or an Issue Select your NAF Student Survey issue. **Review the Survey Overview: About the Participants** Present the Data on the selected Issue Issue Introduction & Data Presentation Data 15-20 mins **Culturally Responsive Practices** is highlighted in this deck as an example. A summary of student responses is included in this packet for students to review and discuss. More detailed 2022 Survey data points on this issue and others can be found in the NAF ASH Data Library — Student Survey Results 2022 for NAF or your school, district, or academy for the 2022 NAF Student Survey. Follow the slides and the SLIDE NOTES to guide students through this activity. Students review survey data – making sense of it based on ☐ Ask students to think about the data they just reviewed. ☐ In your own words: Ask students to capture what they feel this topic or issue is about. their own experiences This prompts helps establish a shared context across the group for the examining the data and discussing the **Exploration and Discussion of the Issue/Data for** topic. **Understanding and Relevancy – 5 mins** Methods: Use a method that gives each participant an opportunity to contribute. Consider the following options: Have students write their definitions down in their own notebooks to reflect on during the discussion In your own words, what is [insert name of issue]? Have students share orally (popcorn) or by placing their response on a poster board/sheet using sticky notes – you may Did anything about this data surprise you? want to have a poster for each of the different questions in this activity) Use Slido.com to create a quick poll and aggregate responses and share them on your screen(remote or in person) Use the "waterfall" approach in Zoom Chat (if you are remote) • Create a Miro board for students to enter their individual definitions (remote or in-person when has his own device) □ Did anything about this data surprise you or leave you with questions, like What about ...? • Have students to share out their responses to this question.

#### Students review survey data – making sense of it based on their own experiences (continue)

#### **Discover Learnings - 25 mins**

Discuss Ideas and Suggestions for Improved Conditions using posters or Miro Board



5-7 minutes



#### Present the following prompts for individual reflection, notetaking, and posting.

- ☐ In what ways do you feel your teachers, school leaders, and partners are responsive to your culture, your needs, and your interests?
- ☐ What do you feel other students and/or adults in the school/academy, district, or partner organizations should know about culturally responsive practices in schools?

#### Methods:

Using poster paper, sticky notes, and/or a Miro board Select Method for reflection and sharing

- Individual Reflection and posting of responses (can be done anonymously)
- Facilitated discussion of the responses contributed for each item (1 and 2
- Facilitated organization and discussion of ideas and/or recommendations

#### **Materials:**

Post-it notes, Poster paper or white board; Link to a prepared Miro Board **Individual and Group Reflection** 

- 10 mins Each participant will take 3-5 minutes to respond to each of the 2 questions using the "sticky notes" or
- 25 minutes Leader will facilitate the review of the responses for items 1 and 2 and lead discussion for each question, including item 3.
- Leader or designee will document and organize comments during discussions generating a set of ideas and suggestions that can be shared. See the Notes Template offered: https://nafnycmy.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/dchambliss naf org/EfZtyzn-WfJHosZUktDWiPgBuzEHd91ftIXBf1q9A8ZnOg?e=TeewRG.

Students identify any emerging issues or questions that need to be sha d – 10 minutes

- ☐ What ideas, questions, and/or suggestions do you want to share with decision-makers about improving **culturally** responsive practices and/or student experiences in your school?
- ☐ What would you like to see happen? Change?
- Use methods options presented above.

Discuss and Finalize Next Steps –

Capture student feedback in the document to be shared with decision makers.

Students identify ideas and/or recommendations that can be shared with decision-make and decide on taking action.

Synthesize student feedback into a document that can be shared with decision-makers.

#### **Next STEPS:**

Is there more information you would like to have? Gather?

- Will this info be shared with decision-makers? If so, when and by whom?
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**Culturally Responsive Practices** 





NAF - along with your school - strives to foster environments where the lived experiences and perspectives of students drive learning and support meaningful adult relationships

**BIAS AWARENESS** 





**GLOBAL AWARENESS** 





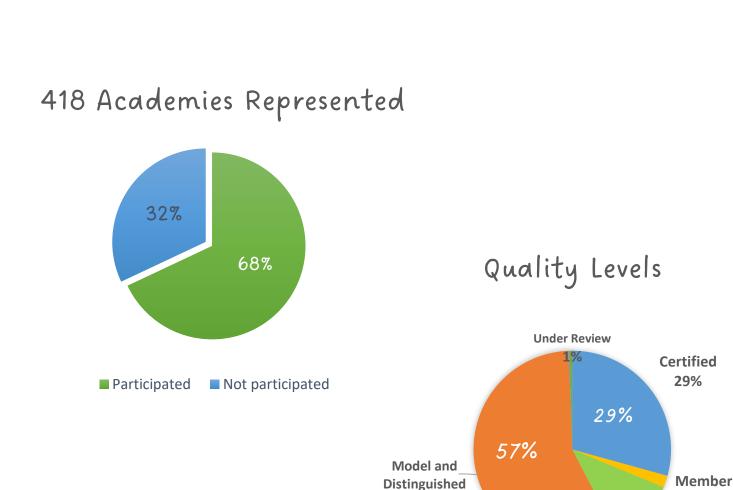
**Culturally responsive practices** create a supportive, inviting environment where students feel a <u>sense of belonging</u>.

- This school environment also <u>gives students</u> <u>agency and voice</u> as well as fosters <u>critical</u> <u>thinking</u> and <u>self-reflection</u>.
- In these schools, <u>students see their cultural</u> <u>identities reflected</u> in the curriculum, books and materials.

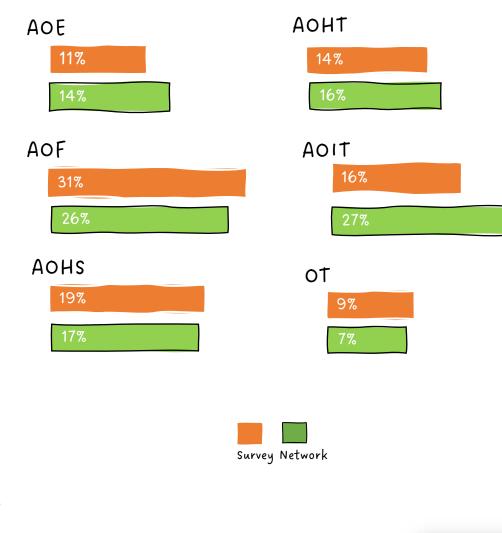


# 2022 SURVEY RESPONDER DEMOGRAPHICS: ACADEMIES

## Academy Themes



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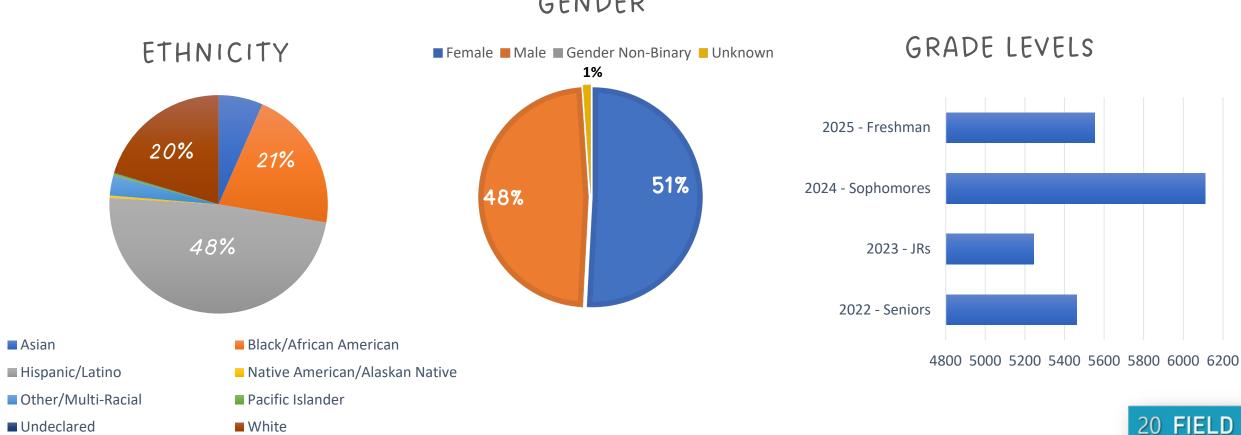




## 2022 SURVEY RESPONDER DEMOGRAPHICS: **STUDENTS**

Total # Survey Responders 22,371

### GENDER









## What did students say about **Culturally Responsive Practices** in their learning environments?



56% of students say NAF teachers acknowledge their own cultural influences and biases in the classroom.

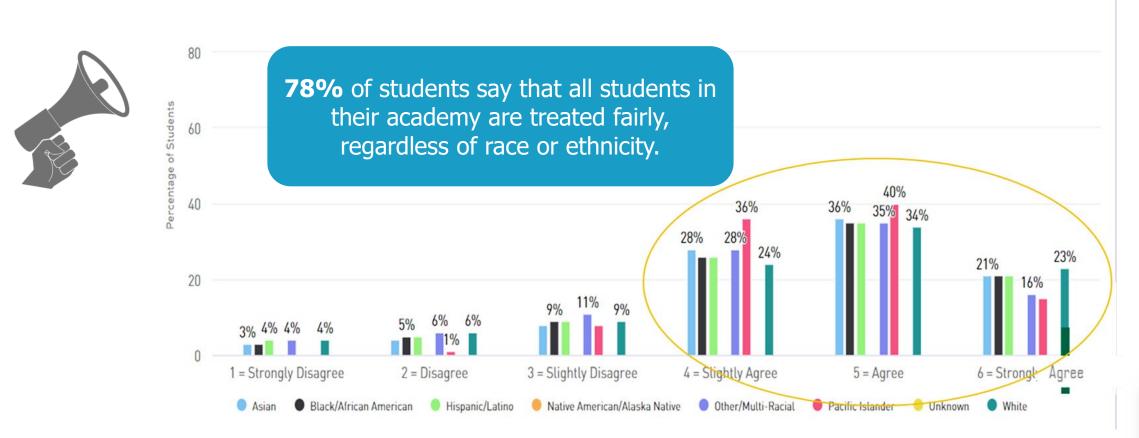
56% of students say NAF teachers teach in a way that relates to students' cultures and experiences.

71% of students say NAF teachers make an effort to get to know them as a person and build a positive working relationship with them.



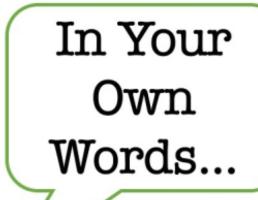


## What did students say about **Culturally Responsive Practices** in their learning environments?











In your own words, what are **Culturally-Responsive Practices?** 

Think about it, then share out based on your facilitator's instructions.





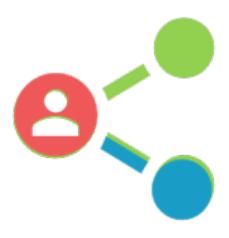


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In what ways do you feel your teachers, school leaders, and partners are responsive to your culture, your needs, and your interests?









What do you feel other students and/or adults in the school/academy, district, or partner organizations should know about **culturally responsive practices in schools**?

Think about it, then share based on your facilitator's instructions.



In other words, what do you WISH others (peers, parents, teachers, administrators, partners, etc.) knew about Culturally Responsive Practices?





# IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS for Improvement

What ideas, questions, and/or suggestions do you want to share with decision-makers about improving **culturally responsive practices** and/or student experiences in your school?

What would you like to see happen? Change?





Culturally Responsive Practices:

The issue was provided but youth examined the data and discussed their own experiences with the issue.

## **NEXT STEPS:**

This activity represents a snapshot of a Youth Participatory Action Research (PAR) cycle or project (shown in the image to the right) designed to help those most impacted by an issue actively and meaningfully engage in the process bring about improvement.

- What parts of the Youth PAR cycle did you all complete in this activity?
- What will you all do NEXT? Taking the <u>RECOMMENDED</u> NEXT STEP will help youth demonstrate to others their desire for shared ownership of improving experiences and conditions in their schools/communities.

