

Student Focus Group Questions

Purpose: The task force is looking for ideas to generate recommendations about what works well and what to do to improve character education, digital citizenship, and social/emotional wellness in AHISD. In the student voices, listen for guidance about what the task force could recommend. The questions below are designed to solicit guidance for concrete recommendations.

Small Groups: Students should be talking most of the time. Task force members should take notes. The questions below are a starting point and an anchor. Follow up questions may be needed, but stick to the anchor of the questions, generally. You don't need to get through all the questions. Let's assure the students that we will not mention who said what, and we will ask the students to assure each other the same.

To begin, one task force member asks the first question. When it is time to move to the next one, another task force member asks the next question, and so on.

Mistreatment

1. At school, what is most effective to get students to treat each other the right way and to get along? What does NOT work?
2. Do you know what to do if someone mistreats you, teases you, picks on you, etc.? What do you do?
3. What is the best way to stop that sort of behavior?

Social Media, etc.

4. Do you have any personal guidelines about what is and is not appropriate to post on the web? What are they? How did you learn these?
5. What is the best way to help students understand what is and is not appropriate to post on the web? What works? What does not work?
6. Are cell phones a distraction to learning in the classroom (what campus are you at)? What if their presence was restricted? What sorts of restrictions make sense? Don't?

Social/Emotional Wellness

7. Do your peers openly talk about feeling stress or anxiety? What about feeling depressed? What other terms do they use for these feelings?
8. Who can you talk to about issues like these? Do you know an adult at school who could help?
9. How can we help you with these feelings?

General

10. What do you want us to recommend regarding character education, digital citizenship, and/or social emotional wellness?