



Stanford Survey of Adolescent School Experience  
Gunn High School

*3 words to describe your school*

Total number of students surveyed= 1594

Number of students who responded to this question: 1515

CODE/ANSWER	EXAMPLES	FREQUENCY	STUDENT %
Caring/Accepting	Inclusive, Cares for students, Accepting, Welcoming, Kindness	393	24.7%
Stressful	Pressure-cooker, Stressed-out, Stress, Stressful and tiring	377	23.7%
Challenging or rigorous	Challenging, Rigorous, Intense, High expectations, Demanding	361	22.6%
Competitive	Competitive, Cutthroat, Competition to be the best	300	18.8%
Academic	Academic, Studious, Academically intensive, Academic driven	247	15.5%
Difficult/Hard	Hard, Tiring, Exhausting, A struggle	246	15.4%
High quality	Awesome, Cool, Excellent, Amazing, The best	195	12.2%
Fun	Fun, Enjoyable, Entertaining, Lots of fun	184	11.5%
Family or community	Unity, Strong sense of community, All in this together, Connected	172	10.8%
Diverse	Diverse, Multicultural, Ethnically Diverse	144	9.0%
Helpful or supportive	Helpful, Supportive, Useful, Gets you prepared	127	8.0%
Bad	Uncaring administrators, Annoying, Sad, Broken, Miserable	127	8.0%
Interesting or engaging	Stimulating, Interactive, Engaging, Exciting	121	7.6%
Friendly	Friend-filled, Friendly, Friendship	112	7.0%
Educational	Mind-opening, Learning, Great education, Enriching	98	6.1%
Average	Ok, Mediocre, Fine	95	6.0%
Smart	Smart, Intelligent, Intellectual	94	5.9%
Boring/No fun	Routine (same every day), Boring, Dull, Not fun	82	5.1%
Driven or Goal-oriented	Driven, Focused, Determined	66	4.1%
Spirit	Spirit, Prideful, Good spirit	66	4.1%
Big	Large, Big school, Massive	64	4.0%
Motivating or encouraging	Everyone is motivated to work hard, Enthusiastic, Passionate, Encouraging environment	58	3.6%
Controlling or strict	Restrictive, Uncompromising, No student voice, Overbearing	46	2.9%

Too much work or homework	Lots of work, Homework, Too much homework	44	2.8%
Unique	Different, Unique, One of a kind	42	2.6%
Freedom or openness	Open-minded, Students are open as well as teachers, Free, Encourages independence	42	2.6%
Mental health or suicide	Depression, Suicidal, Suicide, Troubled	35	2.2%
Wealth	Privileged, Advantaged, Affluent, Rich	34	2.1%
Positive	Optimistic, Happy, Positive learning environment	33	2.1%
Superficial	Shallow, Fake people, Concerned with its image and ranking	28	1.8%
Relaxed or stress-free	Chill, Calm, Un-stressing	24	1.5%
Focused on grades or college	Too focused on grades/taking high lane classes, College oriented, Too focused on grades and college	25	1.6%
Sheltered	Bubble, Sheltered, Narrow	23	1.4%
Asian	Asian, Full of Asians	23	1.4%
Prestigious	Prestigious, Accomplished, Highly ranked	19	1.2%
Social	Social, Relationships, Network	17	1.1%
Teachers are good	Good teachers, Amazing teachers	17	1.1%
Opportunity	Opportunity for everyone, Full of opportunities	17	1.1%
Safe	Safe, Anti-bullying	17	1.1%
Progressive or innovative	Modern, Cutting edge, Innovative	16	1.0%
Comfortable	Comfortable environment, Comforting, Comfortable	14	0.9%
Unattractive	Dank, Ugly, Dreary (old buildings)	14	0.9%
Lonely	Isolation, Lonely, Everyone is friendly but isolated and solitary	13	0.8%
Respect	Respectful, Equality	12	0.8%
Beautiful	Attractive, Beautiful scenery	10	0.6%
Cliques	Cliquey, Must be in a certain group to have friends	10	0.6%
Liberal	Radically liberal, Not accepting of Republicans	10	0.6%
Overrated	Overrated, Overhyped	9	0.6%
Creative	Artistic, Creative	9	0.6%