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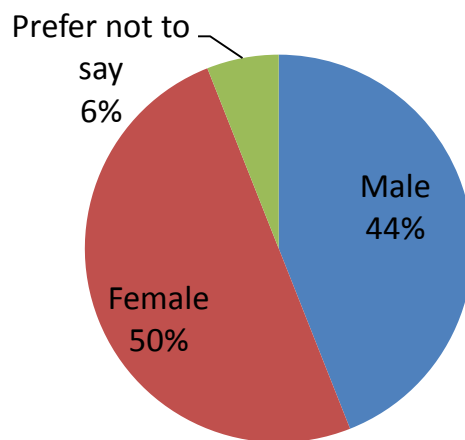
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Safe Surf Compilation 2016

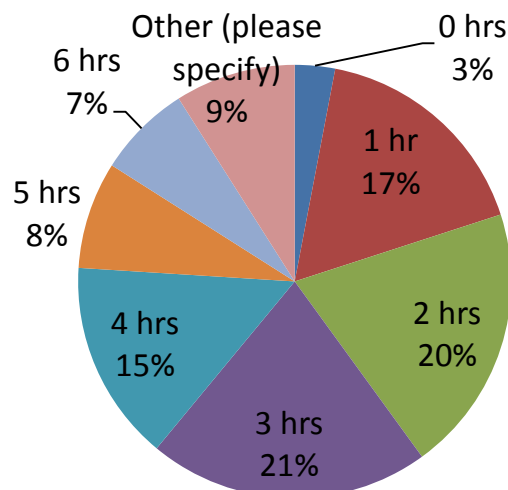
Safe Surf is a psycho-education workshop presented to sixth grade students in Needham. The Safe Surf program provided students and parents with the knowledge to navigate the Internet with confidence. Through the workshops, students learned about appropriate ways to use the Internet, areas of the Internet that may harmful, and what to do if they experience something dangerous on line.

405 sixth grade students completed an online survey following the classroom presentation. Below is a summary of student responses.

1. What is your gender?



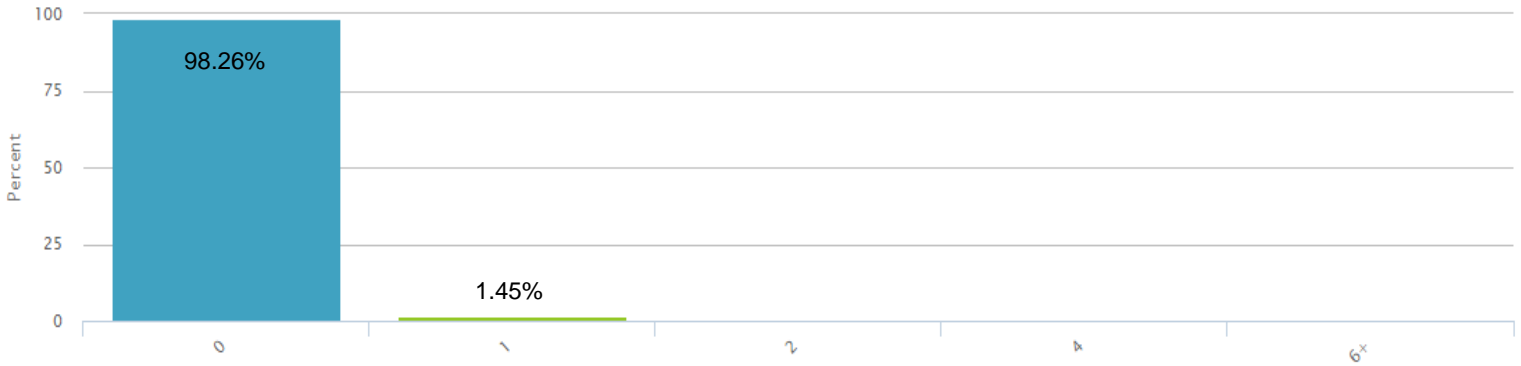
2. On an average day, about how much total time do you spend using technology (internet/texting)?



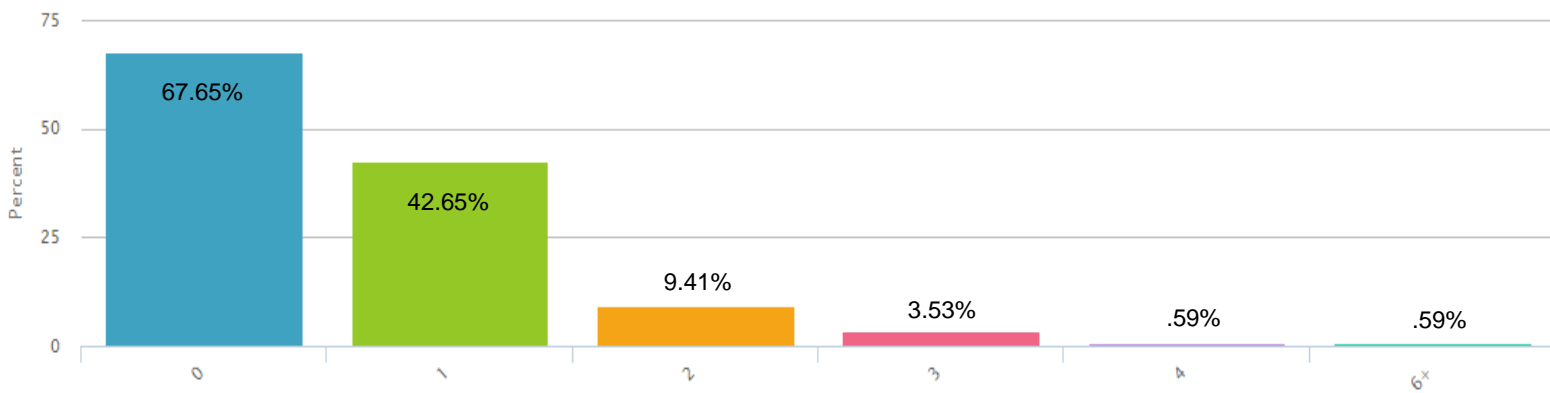
In the Other category in question 2, responses included 30 minutes, 8 hours, and that it depended on the day of the week. Another common “other” response was that it depending on what they were using technology for, whether it was for personal usage or for homework.

3. Please indicate the average number of hours you spend in one day using/doing the following:

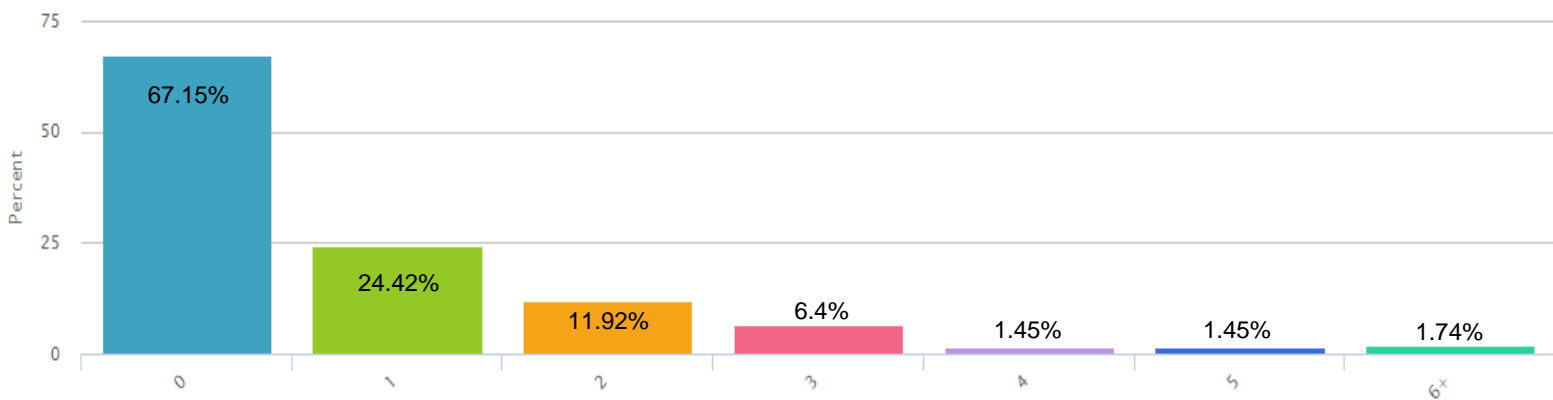
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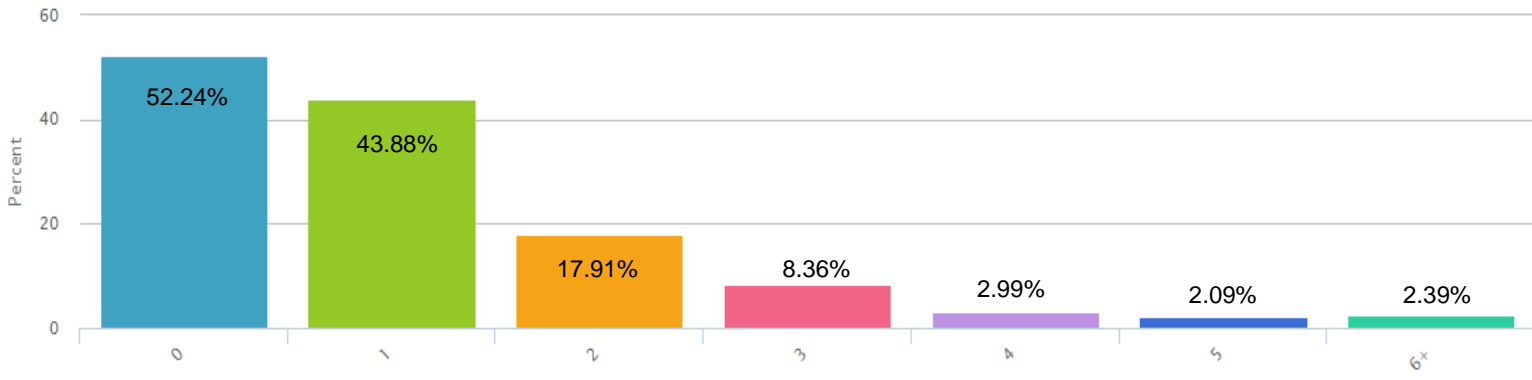
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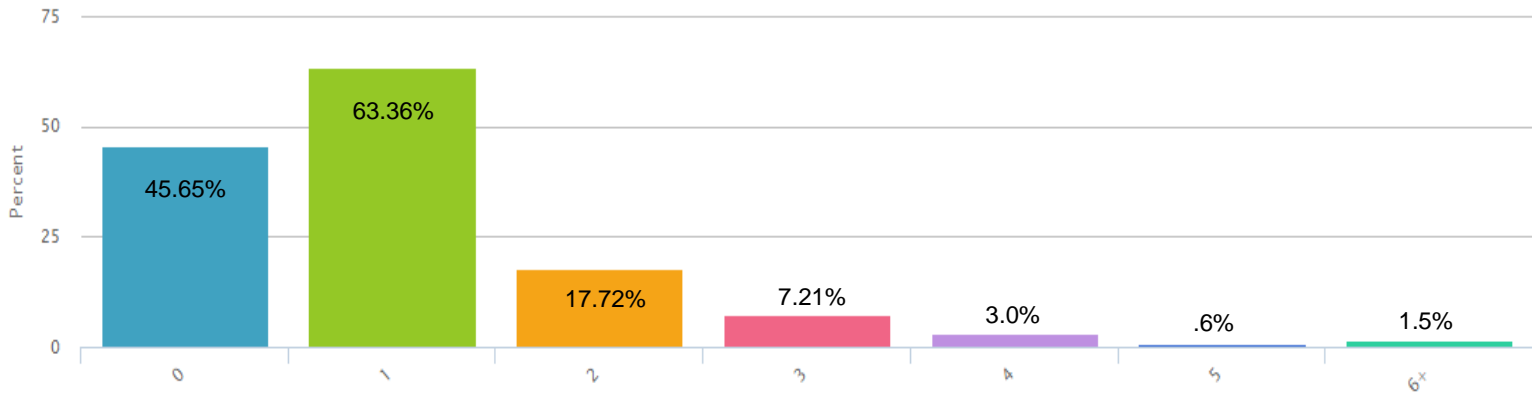
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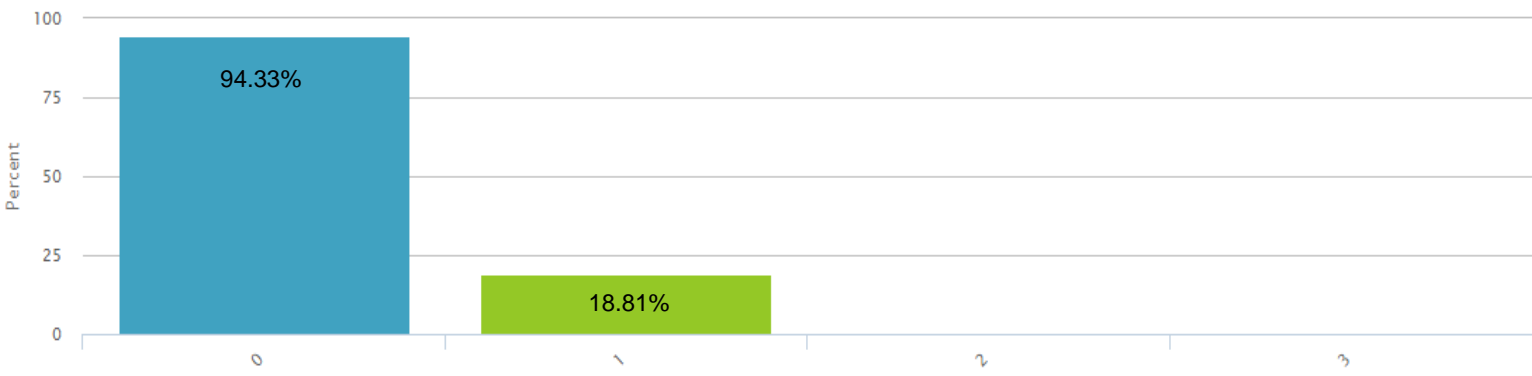
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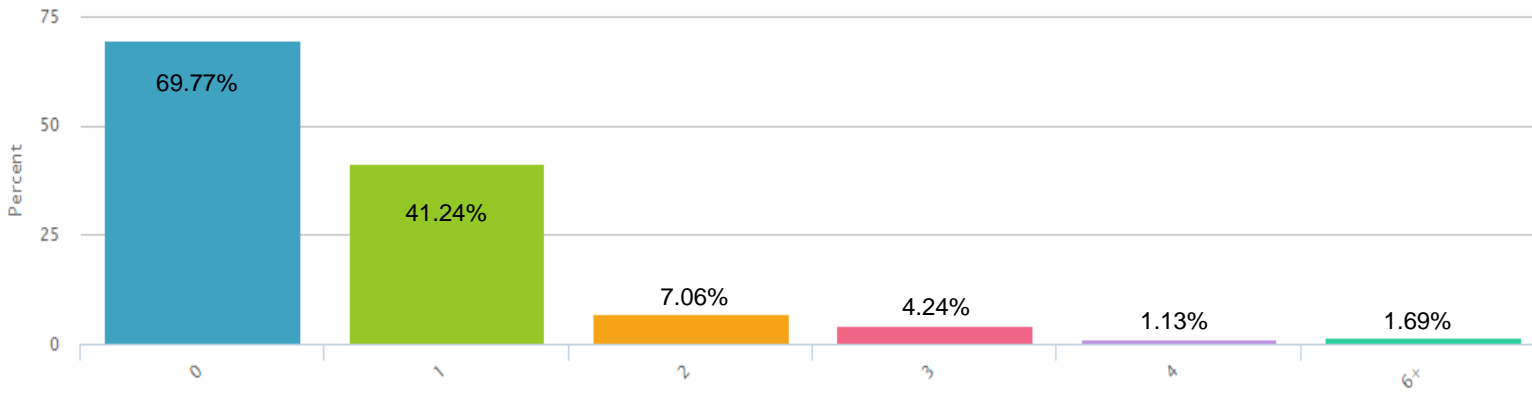
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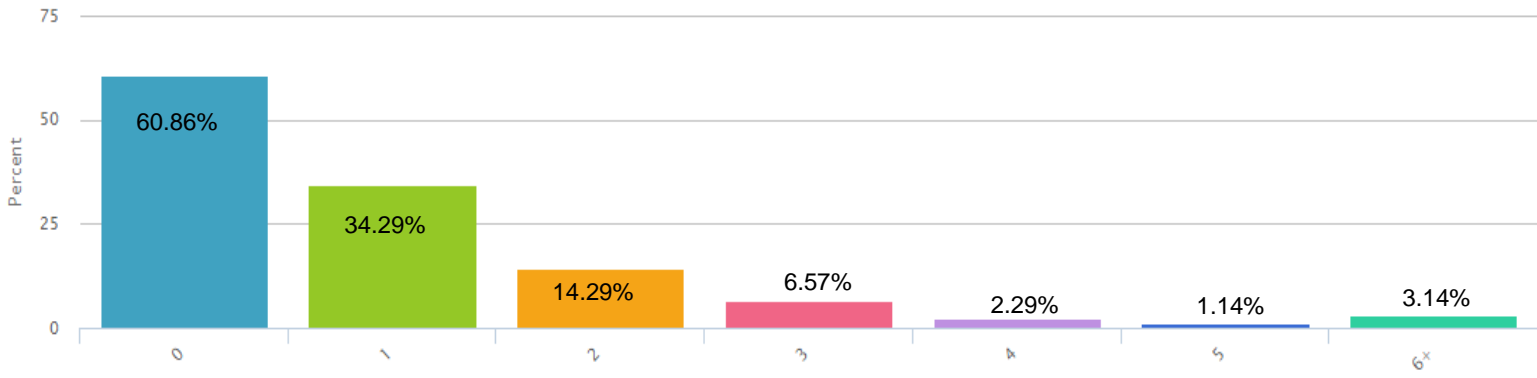
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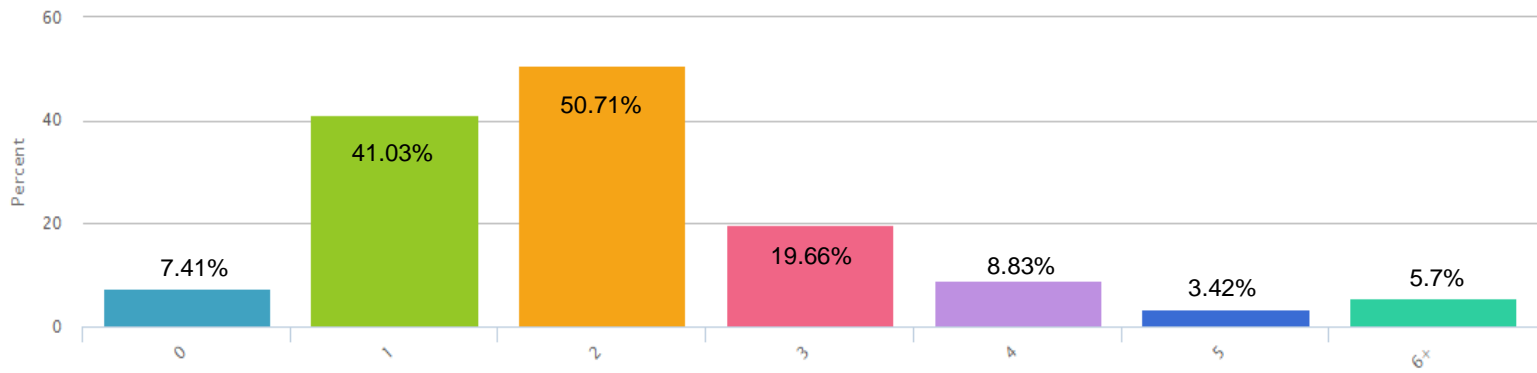
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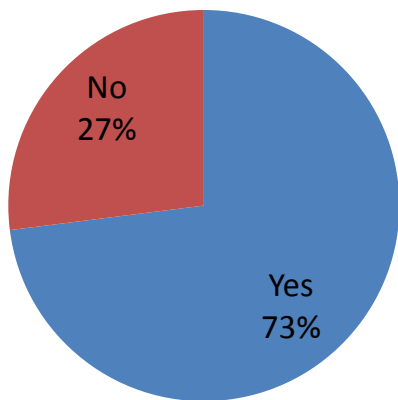
Online Gaming



Schoolwork

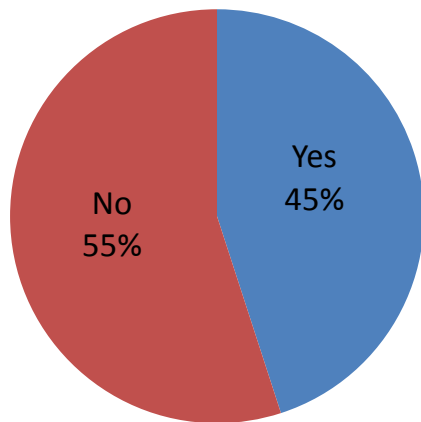


4. Can you tell your parents all the websites you visit?



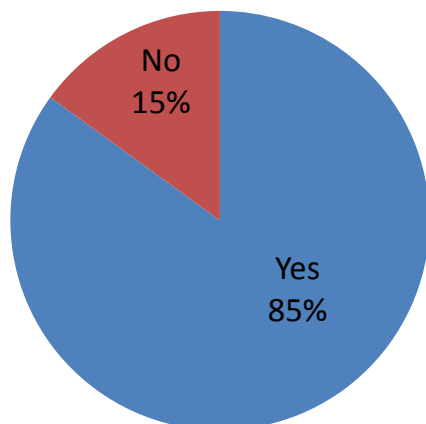
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	73.0%	294
No	27.1%	109
Total		403

5. To your knowledge, do your parents monitor your Internet use?



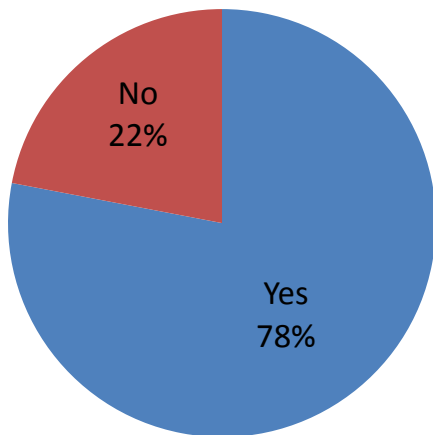
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	44.9%	180
No	55.1%	221
Total		401

6. Do you have a cell phone?



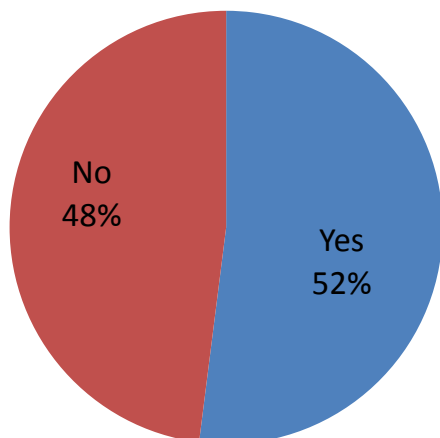
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Yes	85.1%	343
No	14.9%	60
Total		403

7. Do you have a smartphone?



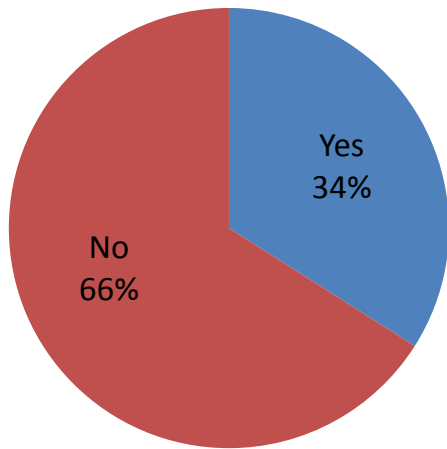
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Yes	78.4%	315
No	21.6%	87
Total		402

8. To your knowledge, do your parents monitor your cell phone use?



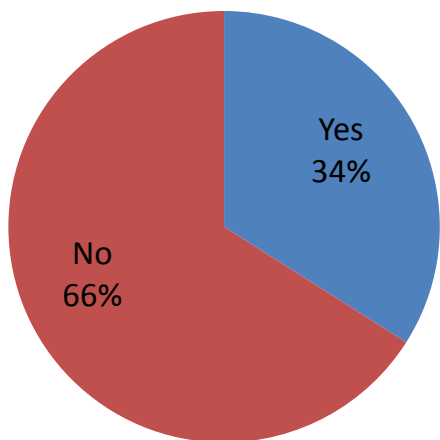
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	51.8%	206
No	48.2%	192
Total		398

9. Do you know anyone who has been harassed online?



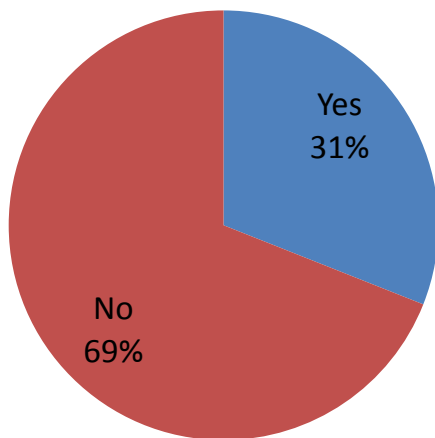
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	33.9%	136
No	66.1%	265
Total		401

10. Do you know anyone who has been harassed over the phone/texting?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	34.4%	138
No	65.6%	263
Total		401

11. Have you or someone you know ever done or "said" something online or via text that you/they wouldn't say in person?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	31.2%	124
No	68.8%	274
Total		398

12. What was it?

97 out of 405 students (24%) responded to this follow-up question. Student responses included, swearing (15 responses), mean or bad comments (8), asking someone out or breaking up (5). 4 students commented that they don't remember and 6 responded that they would prefer not to say. Another category of common responses was name calling or put downs. Some of these included statements such as; "bitch," "you're annoying," "you're ugly," and "You suck at a sport." 5 responses from students stated that they have confronted someone who was being mean online, which they may not have done in person. Four responses were of a threatening nature, including "I'm gonna ruin your life," "I wish you die," "You fucking suck I hate you get out of my life," and "told them to die in a hole."

13. What apps do you use most often?

Responses to this question included Snapchat, texting, Instagram, school apps, Music.ly, Netflix and Facetime.

14. What is something that you know happens on the Internet that your parents probably have no idea about?

76 students responded "I do not know" and 16 commented "nothing." The most frequent themes were that harassing or bullying occurs on the internet (36) and things that are "inappropriate" or "bad" occur while students are online (28). Other common themes included that students are mean and/or gossip online (10), that students use fake accounts (5), that there is swearing (7), and that students use group chats or messaging (9).