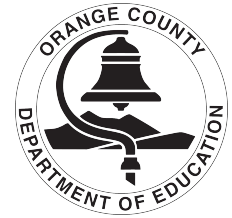




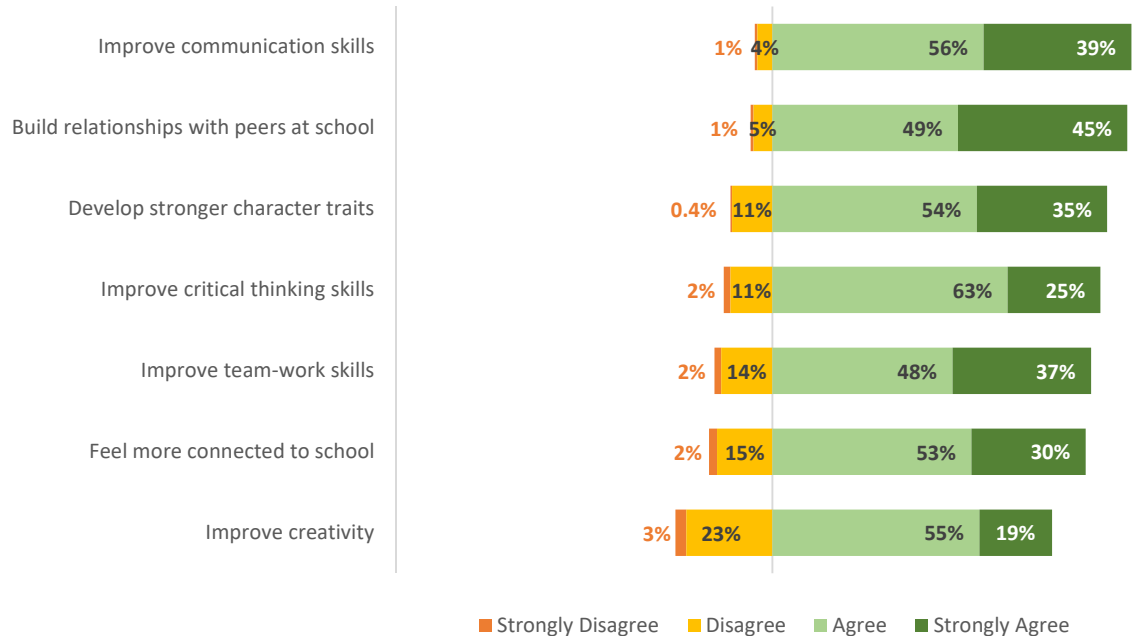
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**ORANGE COUNTY ACADEMIC DECATHLON**  
**2021-2022 Student Survey Data**

In January 2022, 280 Decathletes participated in a survey to gather information regarding the OCAD program's impact on increasing student engagement and developing 21st century skills in the areas of communication, critical thinking, collaboration, and positive character traits. Below are the survey results.

Percent (%) of students who reported OCAD helped them to:



*Note. Percentages were rounded to the nearest whole number.*

**Data Highlights:**

- **95%** of students reported improved **skills in communication**.
- **94%** of students reported that OCAD helped them **build relationships with their peers at school**.
- **89%** of students reported that OCAD helped them develop **stronger character traits**.
- **87%** of students reported improved **critical thinking skills**.
- **85%** of students reported improved **skills in team-work**.
- **83%** of students reported feeling more **connected to their school**.
- **74%** of students reported improved **creativity**.

**In the students' words:**

"A great experience!"

"I learned a lot from Academic Decathlon this year and it helped broaden my spectrum and increased my knowledge of the world."

"I really enjoyed the science section this year! It was very insightful."

"I really liked the speech and interview. [It] was really fun :) The impromptu speech allowed me to step outside of my comfort zone which I liked...Thank you for your time!"

"I thought that this experience in Academic Decathlon was very benefitting in terms of my public speaking and getting to know more people because during school, many of the classes do not include public speaking practice/exposure."