

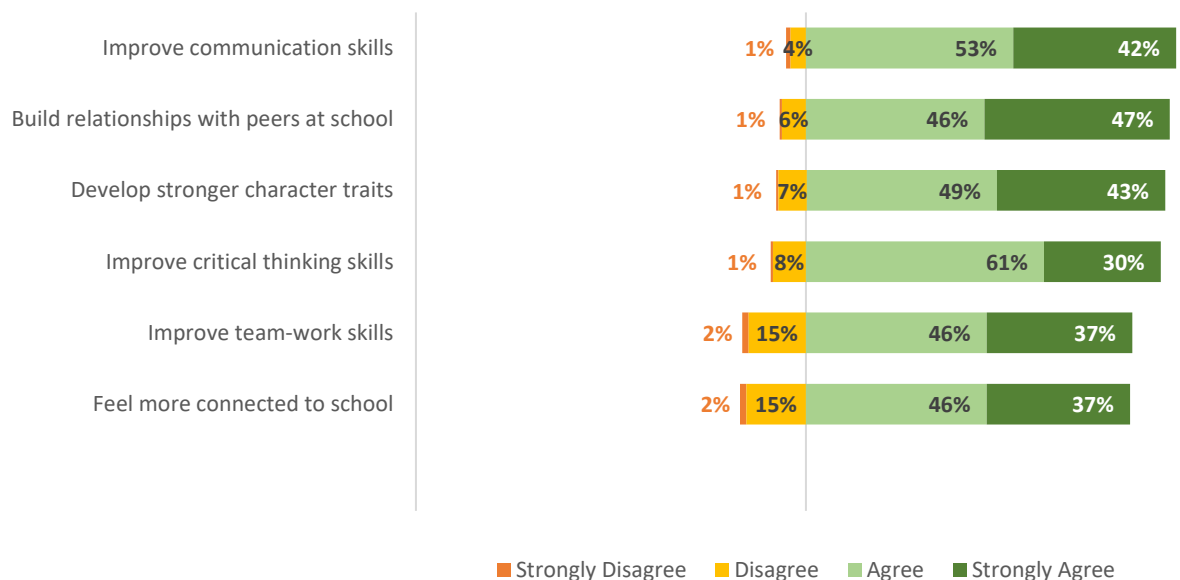


Orange County Department of Education
Educational Services Division
Orange County Academic Decathlon (OCAD)
2024-2025 Student Survey Data



In January 2025, 177 Decathletes participated in a survey to gather information regarding the OCAD program's impact on increasing student engagement and developing 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**.
- **93%** of students reported that OCAD helped them **build relationships with their peers at school**.
- **92%** of students reported that OCAD helped them develop **stronger character traits**.
- **91%** of students reported improved **critical thinking skills**.
- **83%** of students reported improved **skills in team-work**.
- **83%** of students reported feeling more **connected to their school**.

Thoughts from Students:

"I think this program is very engaging and I am glad I got to participate in it. I felt more connected to peers and my school after participating."

"Participating in the Academic Decathlon helped me expand my knowledge on the individual events and helped me find passion and hobbies through these subjects. It encourages learning and makes it enjoyable."

"It helped me improve my social skills and enhance my public speaking skills and was an enjoyable experience."