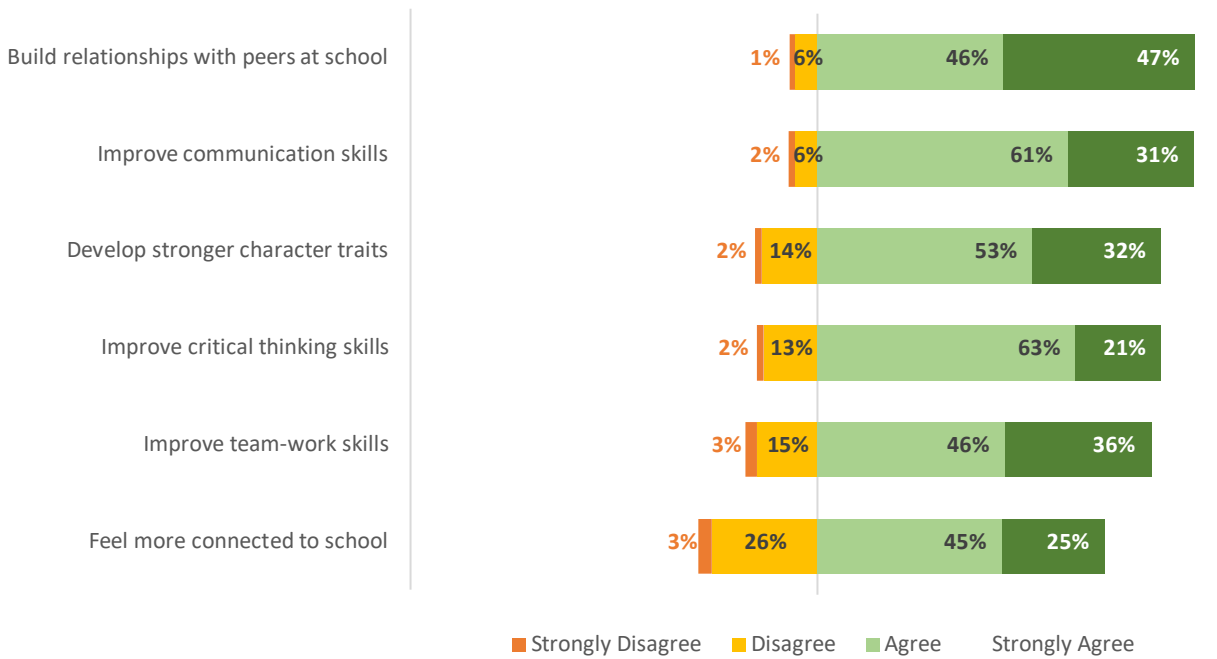




Orange County Department of Education Educational Services Division Orange County Academic Decathlon (OCAD) 2019-2020 Student Survey Data

In February 2020, 412 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:

- **93%** of students reported that OCAD helped them **build relationships with their peers at school.**
- **92%** of students reported improved **skills in communication.**
- **85%** of students reported that OCAD helped them develop **stronger character traits.**
- **84%** of students reported improved **critical thinking skills.**
- **82%** of students reported improved **skills in team-work.**
- **70%** of students reported feeling more **connected to their school.**

Thoughts from Students:

"Acadeca has helped me with public speaking and confidence in my own skills!"

"Everything about the program is awesome!"

"I love that I am able to be friends with people from different GPA divisions."

"It has been a life-changing four-year experience. It has opened my eyes to so many cultures and ways of life."

"The interview helped me gain an internship at a lab. The interviewer said I was the most eloquent 16 year old they ever met."