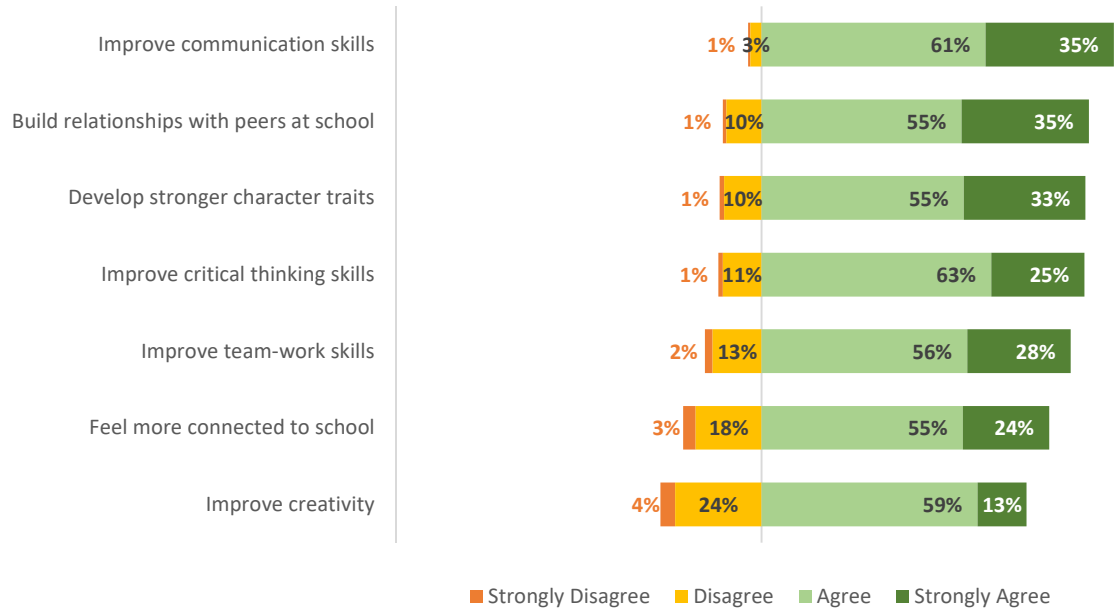




## Orange County Academic Decathlon (OCAD) 2020-2021 Student Survey Data

In February 2021, 322 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 that reported OCAD help them to:



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

### Data Highlights:

- **96%** of students reported improved **skills in communication**.
- **89%** 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**.
- **88%** of students reported improved **critical thinking skills**.
- **84%** of students reported improved **skills in team-work**.
- **79%** of students reported feeling more **connected to their school**.
- **72%** of students reported improved **creativity**.

### In the students' words:

*"I enjoyed being in Academic Decathlon because although it is a curricular club, the members still manage to have fun too. The speech and interviews also helped me with my public speaking while I was under pressure."*

*"I love this years experience in Academic Decathlon, no matter the challenges we face in the outside world, they still made it work and I can truly say this was my best year yet!"*

*"I loved Aca Deca this year because it has taught me so much and I have gained a lot from it!"*

*"OCAD has undoubtedly changed my life. Thank you for making this program great!"*

*"The best part if highschool was Academic Decathlon and the way it brought me closer to peers and the school itself!"*