

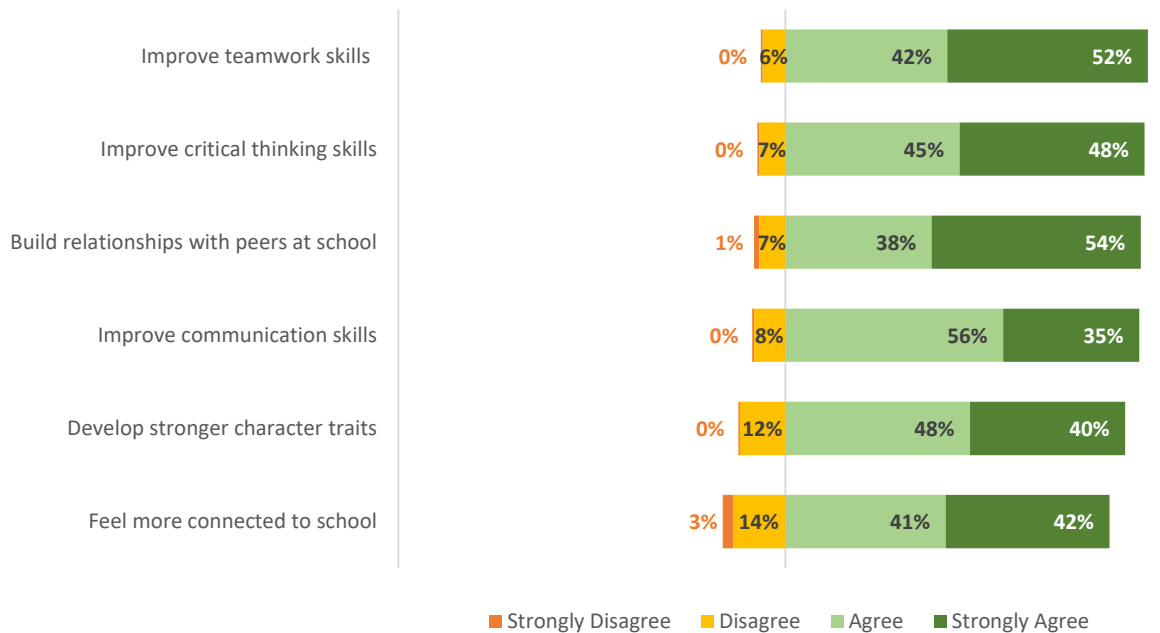
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Orange County Department of Education Educational Services Division Orange County Academic Pentathlon 2025-2026 Student Survey Data



In May of 2026, 222 Pentathletes participated in a survey to gather information regarding the Pentathlon 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 Pentathlon helped them to:



Note: Percentages were rounded to the nearest whole number.

Data Highlights:

- **94%** of students reported improved **skills in teamwork**.
- **93%** of students reported **improved critical thinking skills**.
- **92%** of students reported that the Pentathlon helped them **build relationships with their peers at school**.
- **91%** of students reported improved **skills in communication**.
- **88%** of students reported that Pentathlon helped them develop **stronger character traits**.
- **83%** of students reported feeling more **connected to their school**.

Thoughts from Students:

"Through the events of the Academic Pentathlon, I feel more connected to the other people on my team. I've enjoyed working together with my peers to work towards a common goal."

"Academic Pentathlon helped me improve my skills in learning and has taught me a lot, not just about the subjects and essays, but teamwork and gaining stronger character traits. Although there has been a lot of stress and many hardships, it was still a good experience for me to never give up and instead keep going."

"I think that this competition strengthened teamwork skills and is a very helpful tool for going into high school next year."