

Overall Strengths (All Respondents)

What do you consider to be strengths of AGSD and why?

A lot of great teachers who are doing a wonderful job.

A point of pride is the sport options

a strength area is all the teachers are nice

A strength for the District is they do encourage everyone to do their best and make it.

A strength in our community is that we can all be friends this is a strength cause it means we could work together in any situation. Another strength is the learning style I feel that the way we are taught is greatly helpful.

A strength is keeping all the classrooms cleaned and air conditioned

Academic excellence, strong parent engagement, lots of activities for students, warm and welcoming

AG prides itself on the test scores & number of students attending college

AG still offers higher level AP classes

AGI is a place my student enjoys. There is strong messaging on core values.

AGIS - consistent communication in a positive way

AGSD ability to sneak in CRI related learning like DLE.

AGSD goals are not clear to all students.

AGSD had the technology in place previous to the pandemic which made the transition to virtual smooth.

AGSD seems to do well with students who fall behind and need special services.

all areas

All teachers are very nice and cooperative.

All the teachers are very caring, smart and truly want the best for their students

Allowing students to not wear masks.

Amazing teachers

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Amazing teachers and principals

An area of strength in Avon Grove is the teachers being supportive to all students.

an area of strength is communication.

An area of strength is the staff because they are all helpful.

An area of strength is the core values.

An area of strength that AGSD shows is the ability to teach students what they need to learn for later in life.

areas of strength for Avon Grove is that they achieve their goals

areas of strength for the Avon Grove School District would be how the teachers challenge us so we become better in the future.

Areas of strength in the Avon Grove School District would include sports, teamwork, and creativity.

areas of strength or point of pride for the Avon Grove School District is that some of the teacher care and they communicate with the students.

areas of strengths that AGSD have are that they expect all students and have things for every student's needs.

As a group of learners and teachers we collaborate and work well together.

Athletics

Athletics department

Different classes/courses that can be taken

Flexibility with joining different classes and sports, meaning there isn't much pressure to do any extra curricular activity. Also flexible with joining classes and sports late.

Exposed to meeting new people

Avon does a lot for its community and should take pride in that.

Avon Grove always advocates for establishing a growth mindset, and it communicates a lot with parents and students.

Avon Grove does teach very well in honors classes and the math department is very helpful.

Avon Grove Intermediate School is one of the strongest, most positive in the district with excellent teaching and strong, effective leadership.

Avon Grove is committed to providing top quality education for each child, they are culturally focused, promote a growth mindset. Since Covid began Avon Grove has worked hard throughout the pandemic to provide a safe learning environment for the children, and during virtual learning they worked just as hard to support each child's learning.

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Avon Grove works hard to create an environment that supports the students and celebrates everyone. Our school pride is administered in many ways and is showing this year with the new logo displaying how we are actively moving towards a healthier place as a school and creating a connected community with our members. The teachers are what drives Avon Grove students to do their best and Avon Grove always elects in amazing teachers that are able to help any individual. I will always be happy with the teachers and faculty I meet at Avon Grove because they take pride in students wanting to become more than they are and make a name for themselves. The availability of clubs, sports, and activities is a main strength at the High School especially that has allowed the students to shine and everyone else in this school.

Baseball team was good.

be good

Behavior of the students.

Being involved with students and parents. Making lesson plans clear.

being kind

being kind to one another

Being kind! Strong sense of community, GREAT teachers

Block schedule, its organized and isn't overly complicated compared to the older schedule we used to have(day 1-b)

Cafeteria

Caring teachers

Caring teachers

Caring teachers, strong work ethic in the district, setting high goals

chromebooks

Clear communication and use of technology

Cohesive support by teachers & parents for student success in learning

communication

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Communication and care for students

Communication and math program

Communication home to parents from the district

Communication is clear, we develop goals as a district and work to achieve them across the board really well overall.

Communication with caregivers

Communication with Teacher and Student

Communication, programs, teachers

Community

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Community

Community collaboration and opportunity for the community to interact with students.

Community Culture

Community focused and intent of being a community of partnered learners. The intention is there but it is not carried out effectively.

cool

Core values

Educating kids on growth mindsets

Education and Clubs

Effort made by teachers to promote learning.

Overall Strengths (All Respondents)

Ela And math
enthusiastic teachers
Events- we have a wide variety of activities going on after school. Staff- we really do have a good variety of staff although I've had some not so good experiences, but going into that I would've loved a place to talk about issues with teacher.
Every event they do, such as pride day or back to school night
Every teacher my son has had has always been over the top amazing
everyone cares for one another
everything
Excellent communication from administrators/speaking to and exemplifying our school's mission is often seen
extra curricular activities
Extra services & teachers
Extracurricular activities.
extra-curricular activities, especially sports and the marching band as long as they're winning competitions. The teachers are often willing to meet with students outside of class to provide additional help when asked.
financial support from residents
Fire drills
Flexible schedules
Football
For FSEMS, the administrators and teachers are a source of strength. We have been very impressed, even through COVID, they have been awesome to work with, going out of their way to make everything work out.
For the students to be safe.
Freedom
Friendship building, Learning style, Sports, Fairness.
Getting communication between parents and teachers and getting everyone to know the learning targets for lessons
getting information out
getting to know students
Giving students freedom
goals and communication
Goals for students.
Goals in learning and areas where teachers/administration is present
Good at reminding students and teachers when things are happening using the announcements.
Good communication from district and high school
good environment for learning
good library, nice teachers, nice chromebooks
Good mindset
Good spirit and community
Good staff, variety of clubs, nice sports programs
Good staff.
Good teachers
Great communication
Great strengths of AG are the teachers and facilities.
Great teachers
Great teachers and curriculum
Great teachers. Have always been very happy with teachers
Greater need to support students who don't do well on standardized tests
Growth mindset culture

Overall Strengths (All Respondents)

Has organized class materials.
Helpful Teachers
helping kids with special needs
helping student succeed
High expectations staff have of the children based on their good knowledge of them. The care the staff have for the growth of the children emotionally and personally as well academically
Highly qualified and talented teachers
How helpful the adults are.
How much they're able to adapt.
How nice the teachers are
How we were able to go full person amidst another rising COVID wave
I am new so I have no comment
I am not too sure about this
I believe that the district shows that having a growth mindset and learning is shown greatly.
I believe Avon Grove is very good at getting its point across for all platforms.
I believe math, writing, and world history during civil war times are strengths.
I believe that some areas of strength for the district are having the ability to participate in many extracurriculars and activities. Compared to other schools, it is amazing that the district provides so many opportunities that allow students to be part of all of their interests. I believe that an increase in activities and options for them will only increase district pride, especially if these clubs start at a younger age, that way students can grow up with these clubs and sports.
I believe that Avon Grove does a really good job at encouraging students to do their work and not give up.
I consider a strength of this school is the fact that when a kid misses a class due to sports the teachers help them make it up the work that the kid missed and they also show them what they missed so they know how to do it.
I consider my strengths to be sports and advocating for myself
I consider the strengths of Avon Grove to be making sure to reinforce growth mindsets. Another thing is that the teachers do a great job of giving us our learning targets at the beginning of each class so that we can make goals for ourselves and our learning as a class.
I feel like I gotta be in a quiet place
I feel like some strengths for the Avon Grove School District is that what they teach is based on the students. So if half of the class does not do good on the practice then the teachers would change the date of the test/quiz. Another thing that I feel like the Avon Grove School District is good at is that the students have all of the resources needed for the lesson.
I feel like the strong points of the school district is the faculty.
I feel that the district communicates effectively. I feel that motivated and high performing students especially those in honors and AP classes are challenged appropriately. However, there seems to be a huge step down in college placement classes. If college or higher learning is the goal for a college placement student, I do not think they will be well prepared for college level classes.
I feel that the rigor of the courses is exceptional and the teachers are incredibly friendly and supportive
I find this school is much more advanced than most others, giving students 6th to 12 grade chromebooks to fuel learning, and how many opportunities than other schools, like dual enrollment during high school.
I go to school here
I have no idea; it's not clear to me.
I like how the teachers have each student set personal goals for themselves and encourage them to learn.
I like how we have open art cycle, and how we switch every few weeks. I like how we have open communication with guidance.
I love AG's pride
I love ELA because I like to write
I make sure to do my best by focusing and studying.
I perceive in English.
I perceive pride itself in the AG community to be an area of strength.
I perceive that a strength point of the Avon Grove School District is the teachers always being there for students if they are struggling.

Overall Strengths (All Respondents)

I perceive that avon grove strength is pride and learning.
I perceive that leadership is one of many AGSD's strengths.
I perceive to be at a good point
I think an area of strength is being able to help students when they need it most
I think an area of strength would be the teachers wanting to push each student to what they know they can achieve.
I think avon grove has a very good place to learn.
I think Avon Grove is good at handling bullying and creating a good environment for students.
I think Avon grove should be closer and more involved with students, mentally and there schooling, school is sometimes a kids only escape and it should feel safe and comfortable.
I think is every single option.
I think it is full of pride. I am just sick and tired of it being shoved down my throat. This school clearly has a liberal cause and a liberal goal. Just calm down with the special occasions like LGBTQAI week I mean come on. Flags? Really? I will never support this Democrat led operation here and that you guys need to implement more republican ideals because believe it or not most of us are Conservatives.
I think my strength is in math
I think our strengths are have great education from the teachers and principal
I think school spirit cannot be manufactured, and so it is to the teachers and administrators and coaches credit that they have built a sense of pride and ownership in the facilities and the school itself. That was apparent from the very first parent night I attended, meeting students who were proud of theatre, robots, sports etc.
I think some of the strengths of AG are the teachers and educators. I have been in the school for 7 years and have never had a bad teacher. They having been amazing at helping kids academically and emotionally so far.
I think that AGSD is very good at bully prevention because when there is a bully they are constantly confronted.
I think that AGSD is very good at helping students to learn and supporting them.
I think that areas of strength in avon grove are helping us build goals for ourselves during the school year.
I think that most of the teachers are really good at what they do.
I think that the AGSD does a good job in making sure every student has opportunities to do new things like clubs and sports; the AGSD also does a good job by making sure every student does their best
I think that they are good at solving problems
I think that they do a good job of getting the word out about clubs and sports teams.
I think that they promote growth in learning very strongly and help students that can't quite grasp the understanding of certain topics.
I think the AGSD takes a lot of pride on for who they are and show through pride days or parades and more.
I think the connections between teachers and students are something to be proud of.
I think the learning techniques are good, we definitely are prepared and we get more than enough information during classes
I think the school prides itself on diversity which is great but they struggle to provide for the diversity.
I think the schools do well with teacher and being able to help out.
I think the strength of this school is that its a big community and we work together.
I think the strengths are making sure kids are learning.
I think the strengths of this district are they are aligned to there curriculum and they focus on keeping up with good mental health.
I think the strengths or points of pride of the Avon Grove School District are encouraging words, supporting others, and caring for others.
I think the strengths that we have at AGSD would be sharing clubs and sports over the announcements. We do a good job of supporting each other in all of our activities.
I think the support for students could be improved
I think the swim team is incredibly strong and so is the cheer team. Our teachers are also really good and they are just doing their job. they are not the major issue
I think there are good teachers.
I think they are really good at talking to the students and making them feel comfortable, but still helping them learn.
I think you guys are really good at conveying liberal ideals and leaving out anything conservative and ultimately base everything on the left-wing agenda. Get it together.
I think you guys have amazing teachers
I truly believe the teaching staff and administration work very hard and are dedicated to the education, safety, and well-being of our students and our community
I was new to the district last year and I am still looking for our strengths.

Overall Strengths (All Respondents)

I would say having some goals for ourselves.

If get a good grades Im be happy for myself cause that how I know I listen and know.

I'm apart of the football team and I take pride in that as well as my grades.

In AGI the core values were a big part of every day learning and i thought that was strong pride.
individualized instruction, inclusive classrooms

Integrate grade teams (ex 7a, 8c, 7d, etc.)
interacting with every student

Is full of nice people

Its a wealthy district, it has decent technology,

Its sports and its education are good strengths of the school district.

Keeping the students from having fun.

kind people

kindness

La disciplina tanto en los maestros como los estudiantes!

lacrosse

lacrosse team

Large budget for physical buildings

Leadrship

Learning

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Learning targets,resources for students

listening and helping

listing what the people have to say

lots of freedom.

made it all the way through to 12th grade

Making everyone feel accepted.

Making people better

Many people following the rules of AGSD.

Materials

Math

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math thats my best subject

Mental health awareness

Most of the teachers are good, and the high school especially offers a lot of opportunities you might not get elsewhere.

most teachers can always answer your question

my friends

my is math and social studies

Overall Strengths (All Respondents)

new and refurbished schools will be in the future
New high school being built
Nice environment
No mask
Nobody gives upon a student!
None the school district is going downhill due to the failure of helping students actually succeed students feel trapped and alone due to the staff
not making us wear masks because that made school so much harder in many ways.
One of its strengths are being there for the avon grove community
One strength is they give a good amount of time to transition classes
One strong point is good teachers or rules
Our ability to build friendships, our learning style, and our sports teams.
Our library, our tech, and core values.
Our sports and our education system.
Our sports teams are strong
Our strengths are making bonds with each other and helping each other out when needed
Our team bonding and friendship building
Overall district and individual school communications are outstanding in both subject matter and frequency.
Participate, focus, learn
Partnership with families and surrounding communities
People are great (teachers, students, admin). Weekly newsletters from teachers on class activities.
Personas de habla español
PLE is a place where my student is excited and happy to attend and learn.
Points of strength definitely include faculty members and teachers
Practicing
Pride within ones own grade is a big one as well as sports pride. Avon Grove has done a good job at integrating technology into learning and AGSD has offered students a lot of unique opportunities.
Productivity
Professionalism and care the staff give the children, respect and care the students have for each other
Putting the student first.
Quality teachers
Really great communication with parents; weekly emails are clear and concise; admin seems committed to letting parents know what positive things are going on in the school
resources and communication
resources to acclimate students for the transition from middle to high school.
Respect, honesty, learning, growth mindset.
Safe schools
Schedule and free time.
School activities and opportunities
school pride, teacher engagement and enthusiasm.
School spirit
Schooling
Since March 2020 I believe the Board and Administration have done an admirable job of using the best available science-based facts and expert opinion e.g. CDC to navigate the challenges of keeping students safe and educated during the pandemic.
Social studies
Some areas of strengths are the good teachers.
Some faculty who are motivated and willing to grow. Some administrators who want to innovate and work with parents.
Some great teachers who really work to connect with the students and make learning engaging.

Overall Strengths (All Respondents)

Some strength points are that they always help the students.

some strengths are learning new things because some people are not learning

some strengths are there bully policy and how the handle bullying.

Sorry but I cant think of anything

Spirit wear

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Sport fields

sport teams

Sports

Sports

sports

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sports

sports teams

Sports, after school activities

Sports, and the teachers

SS and Science

Strengthen science dept! Encourage classes on humanity& social awareness.

strengths

strong communication/ organization

Strong sense of community, teachers who really care and are interested in the students outcomes

Student focused, teachers meet the needs of students, communication from district and AGIS administration

Student individual attention; teacher attentiveness; administration; open to change

Student individual work

Support in students and teachers.

support staff such as Mrs. McCloskey are always available and extremely helpful and kind.

Teachers

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teachers and administrators (at the individual school levels) truly care and teach and/or administrate for the benefit of the student population

teachers are cool

Teachers are very positive and provide nice environments for the students

Teachers something make teaching fun by playing Kahoots and still learning.

Teachers who genuinely care about the students

Teachers, Admin, staff are AMAZING!!!!!!

Teachers, curriculum,

teachers, technology, resources

Teaching

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teaching staff

Teaching staff and Curriculum

Team work and telling about learning targets.

Technology

technology

Overall Strengths (All Respondents)

Technology and Creativity
Technology Initiative for Students to provide Chromebooks and Internet at home for students without it.
telling students what they are expected to do
That Avon Grove always encourages students to do their best.
That we do well and our teachers teach us very well
The adaptation to technology, especially in light of the recent pandemic
The AGSD makes sure everyone's learning abilities are met and that every student feels comfortable
The AGSD website shows the world that our school system is very pride-based.
The amazing learning resources
The amount of advanced classes offered
the amount of students
The art cycle and having higher leveled classes for those who need them.
The athletic teams are excellent, and this district gives good scores on standardized tests.
The Avon Grove District is very good at finding and meeting the needs of each person.
The Avon Grove School District is a very good school, I love how all of the teachers are always happy to see everyone!
The best strength are the use of technology and the teachers caring about their work
The blocks switching every day, because it gets students to compare what they already learned with what they're learning
The cafeteria and the front/main lobby.
The computerization of an entire year's worth of work has given students new ways to complete their work.
The core values.
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The curriculum
The dedication of the VAS majority of teachers and administrators at the building level and at the district level.
The dedication, hard work and positive attitude of the administrative and teaching staff
The district has been supportive and encouraging for my typical children and has been great with peer acceptance of my special needs son
The district sure is proud of the new mascot logo.
The exposure of meeting new people because there is time in the hallways to meet new people with the freedom we get.
The fact that they made everything clear.
the football team
the help they provide and helping students in need.
The learning
The learning curriculum is pretty good and the teachers are very nice.
The learning targets
The modes that keep us going.
The passion for the staff members to do their very best for the students.
The precautions they are taking.
The pride
The pride in the school with and everyone being nice.
The relationships between teacher/student/caregiver
The rules and goals
The rules of Avon Grove
The school really does find why that you have to learn teamwork and how to work with a partner.
The school spends a lot of money on good technology and has a good staff.
The schools make learning easier.
The sense of community and care for our students

Overall Strengths (All Respondents)

The Sport programs I feel have a lot of talent in them.
The staff
The staff
The strength are taking care of students but there are not many good teacher interaction.
The teacher and guidance offices in the high school are, for the most part, good.
The teacher and students
The teachers
the teachers
The teachers and staff
The Teachers and the way each school is ran.
The teachers are all very good and care
The teachers are amazing (for the most part)
The teachers are amazing here. Its a great environment, Everyone is always in a good mood which can spread to other students.,
The teachers are very encouraging, and the students cheer each other on.
The teachers are very encouraging.
The teachers care about their students.
The teachers care deeply for their students and subject matter.
The teachers support getting us help.
The teachers that they have.
The teachers!
The teachers.
The teachers. Almost without exception, every year my children wind up with amazing teachers who are clearly invested in all of their students.
The teaching and the sports.
The teaching staff has been mostly excellent and when not excellent still good
The vast majority of teachers, administration, and district leadership involved in the students' lives/activities display clear interest in teaching, guiding, mentoring, and developing students in all aspects (social, emotional, knowledge)..
The way the teachers teach and how chill /good the environment is
Their clubs are really good.
Their sports
Their teachers
Their wide selection of electives.
There are a lot of great relationships between students and teachers.
There definitely are but im having trouble of thinking of specifics.
they are good on their bullying procedure
They are very enthusiastic!
They do everything to keep us safe
They focus on having a growth mindset and making learning fun and interesting
They get the job done better when supervised by higher ups.
they got a good lacrosse team
they have chromebooks
they like to support you in your goals
They support all students.
They supports everyone.
they give you a lot of freedom in highschool
to being nice and thankful for this school.
to get good grades for all my classes

Overall Strengths (All Respondents)

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transferring into Avon Grove for freshman year was nice, I got placed into the appropriate classes.
umm i think lockers are nice
Use of technology, community, growth mindset
variety of academic classes students can take. important for developing good skills for the future. I know this probably can not happen every year and last year was something different but taking the SAT at the high school really helped. When I took it in a school in dover delaware it through me off a bit and in the end gave a worse score.
variety of classes offered, students taking the variety
We are always coming together asa community and supporting each others achievements.
vve are new to the state & district. My daughter has been to a total of 4 schools & this is the first time she has been eager to go back the next day.
We have been a drift for some time. i haven't been overly impressed
We integrate technology very well into the curriculum
We utilize technology pretty well, and have a generally great teaching staff.
welcoming teachers and staff
We're a proud AG family because we believe our son is receiving a quality education from caring faculty and admin.
Within AG the points of pride are always tied to extracurriculars like sports and music.
wonderful community
working hard
working together
You get out of school early.
Your skill or mindset.

Overall Needs/Challenges (All Respondents)

What do you consider to be areas of need or growth for AGSD and why?

The traffic around the school is awful in the morning and especially the afternoon, it takes around half an hour to leave the senior parking lot in a car.

The schedule is a bit of a mess. The 90 minute classes are too long, and it is hard to pay attention for the entire thing. Lunch and Learn is also very long, not everyone has a club or a teacher to meet with every day. Breaks split throughout the day in smaller bits would be better.

Creating a schedule and selecting an elective is difficult, there should be more time dedicated to meeting with the guidance counselor to plan them and hear about classes, what they are about, and what the teachers are like

A growth is the sports.

A longer time to get dressed for gym

Academic rankings and college prep

Accommodating all political and religious viewpoint. Encouraging open and honest debate in a cancel culture. Following the districts own policies.

Adapting lessons for different preferred ways of learning. Admittedly this is very difficult if not impossible in my opinion

Addressing bullying for what it really is.

Addressing the needs of all students academically. For example, the WIN time should actually focus on areas of need or acceleration.

Administration more interested in self preservation

AG needs to encourage critical thinking skills and asking tough questions. AG needs to respect the ideas, thoughts, beliefs and priorities of conservative students just as much as it caters to liberal students. I'm tired of my kids being ostracized and denigrated by AG staff and administration because our beliefs and politics are not left-wing, liberal, woke nonsense. If AG is going to claim to foster respect and inclusion and to be anti-bullying, you better start with your white, faith-based, conservative students. They're opinions are valid, too.

AGSD does not listen to the parents. Students are afraid to speak out because of backlash from administrators, AGSD and teachers. Mental health issues are ignored due to covid restrictions. Students are continually bullied for their conservative ideas especially pertaining to personal freedoms. CRT and racism should not be tolerated, much less taught, in our schools.

AGSD goals are not clear to all students.

AGSD is unable to keep left wing social activism politics out of the the district. Parents are getting sick of it.

AGSD prepares students for college, however I think there should be a greater emphasis on helping the students figure out what they want to do and the best path for them - that college is not the only path. This message is there in the AGSD but it's more of a whisper.

aids

all

all areas can improve

All of the above areas in this survey need improvement, or at minimum communication of each to parents.

All of the above areas in this survey need improvement, or communication with parents on each at minimum as I don't know most answers.

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Allowing to students to not wear masks.

AN area of challenge for AGD through my time includes a better way to give students breaks to focus on mental health to reduce anxiety and stress or workload.

an area of challenges is probably not being able to get used to something

An area of growth could be time between art cycle and PE they should build some time between them because when you are coming from tech ed to PE or PE to tech ed or a farther away art cycle you are probably going end up being late for one or the other.

An area of growth for Avon Grove is communication.

An area of growth is everyone cluttered at the lockers.

An area of growth is the bathrooms.

An area of growth is the participation in students.

An area of growth this school needs is a better schedule.

An area that needs help is timing to going to classes

Area of growth is lockers and classrooms.

areas of growth for avon grove is to keep a schedule for the entire year

Areas of growth would be Lunch Time Management I feel the calling up table by table way they have isn't efficient cause that means some people may only have fifteen minutes to eat in our thirty minute time period. ANother area of growth would be the lunch food I think they have the same lunch food everyday in different orders and sometimes they don't even taste good.

arriving on time traffic patterns are terrible and unsafe for arriving students and parents

At the moment, safety (not mandating masks)

Attending to the health of the students both mentally and physically, ensuring the the school fosters a clean environment, setting reasonable rules, especially the dress code.

Overall Needs/Challenges (All Respondents)

Avon Grove School District needs to focus more on mental health and teaching them how to deal with it. I also believe there should be more support given to the ones who suffer with mental illnesses to make them successful in school.

Bathrooms

Being able to give children more resources if they are learning above standard curriculum

Being clear on areas of concern regarding specific political opinions being taught or not taught. Parents aren't sure where the district stands. Also, we need to make sure the teachers aren't teaching their own opinions on political or racial subjects.

Being more organized

Better communication from the district level

Better handling of student conflict, mental health, etc., better maintenance of the school building.

Better lockers and a way to make hallways less crowded.

boys gym locker room

Building a more positive atmosphere through connections between teachers/aides and students. I feel like a lot of the time it seems like teachers talk at students instead of building connections and talking with them. When lessons are in the form of conversations, it really helps students to apply themselves more and actually comprehend what they are learning.

Building size to accommodate growth of student population

Bullying

bullying

Bullying - goes on way too much

Buses/bus drivers, for some sports, they need to leave early to get a bus to their away games (which leads to missing class which causes more homework and less activities outside of school).

Cafeteria needs are larger food supply, if AGHS was going to plan on providing free food to every student at school they need to make sure there is ample amount of food. Food runs out after 1st Lunch.

Hearing & backing student voices and passions, students should feel heard and validated not ignored or like they are "complaining".

CAFETERIA FOOD they put them in plastic containers so the food's steam rises and condenses on the lid and drips back into the food and on the desks, I am pretty tall for my age but I have to hunch over everyday and it's really uncomfortable.

Career development could improve. My son has been taking surveys since 4th grade and the possible career suggestions have been ridiculous. (midwife, crossing guard, model).

caring about students other hobbies. (outside of school)

Challenging each child individually

challenging is student listening to the rules and the growth is that I don't know I think this school does a good job at everything.

Class schedules

Classrooms

Clear communication between the district and parents and students.

Clear communication in regard to personal student struggles within classroom; it was a weird year and hard to decipher what was normal and what wasn't. Overall, great year. My daughter keeps telling me she has a lot of "bad kids" in her class and it's hard to concentrate. This year again. Kids were opening the bathroom door while she was naked and they were making fun of seeing her "private parts". Kindergarten bathroom in the classroom that didn't lock. I understand this is a weird issue. I just wish there was an easier way to just address little classroom issues. I didn't hear anything from anyone but my daughter after it happened more than two times. She started wetting her pants and holding in urine all day. Just sounded like there's a ton of kids that are hard to control. I also am aware said kids may have behavioral issues due to COVID anxiety. Maybe more mental health awareness or more resources to deal with misbehaving kids? Again, maybe this was just a crazy year and I have understanding for that. we love Avon grove!

Clear communication, individualized instruction

Communication

communication

Communication - things that don't matter are over communicated and things that do matter are not. Also, communication within the school is not evident from year to year (teacher to teacher).

communication between administrators and students

Communication can sometimes tend to be a bit cloudy.

Communication lacked end of last year, never saw a report card

communication of what is going on

Communication was weak at the end of 20-21 we never saw report cards for our children

Communication with parents. and some of us are parents not just caregivers. we should be addressed as such! our concerns from the last school year seem to be diminished and not in a true partnership. my 6th grader's math needs were ignored over and over no matter what was said or what level we took it to. my 8th grader's ela teacher will still teach after she was an issue the entire school year online and in person.

communication, decision making

Overall Needs/Challenges (All Respondents)

Communication. The weekly emails from building principals have helped, but I still feel like there are areas where communication could be improved. Generally, I run into this with my oldest child and then I know for the younger ones. Examples of things I didn't know until it was too late: 6th-graders don't have a family picnic, FSEMS runs a transition camp for incoming 7th-graders.
community engagement, engaged faculty, focusing on standardized testing
Commutation
communication
Consolidate all communications. We get so many as it is.
Continually adapting to and remaining flexible with virtual learning with the lingering pandemic
cooperating with the students
Coping with Covid.
Covid caused problem
Covid caused problem s
Covid caused problems
covid control
Covid precautions within the school and communication around preparation for what will happen if hybrid needs to take place this year
Covid was a challenge but the teachers and administration made sure we stayed safe while still learning
Cultural awareness of Hispanic populations
Dealing with kids that are falling behind.
Debate
Definitely some of the resources need to be updated; but they're still relevant, just old.
Differentiating instruction
Differentiation
Disorganized, impersonal, lack of communication between teachers and parents, some teachers seem burnt out/not interested in positively interacting with young students.
diversity in staff
Divisive, impersonal, not receptive to parent concerns/feedback
don't know
dress code
due to difficult year would be bringing everyone in to same learning level/ get back in track
ELA
ela to read more
Emphasis on mental health and having resources available for the district and specifically the highschool
English
English Language Learners need more support and to be viewed with a strengths-based perspective
equality throughout the students
everything
everything
Everything needs improvement
Finding ways forward with innovation and teaching in a very purple area
finding ways to help a student not just academically but also with mental health
Food-lunch, Time management- More cash registers in the lunch room, More art cycles, More clubs, Better gym equipment.
For the students to learn.
Get better coaches for sports.
getting lockers opened especially when new to the school
Getting the community to listen to science and facts about keeping our schools safe
Giving kids time to focus on themselves
Giving less homework so that we aren't stressed out. Giving more breaks so that we can stay on task and not being distracted.
Good really all the teachers here are good teacher and they teach as clear as possible.
growing and learning

Overall Needs/Challenges (All Respondents)

Growth is math and ela.
gym lockers
Hacer que a los estudiantes les guste participar en los diferentes programas de crecimiento academico y arte.
Having fun
Helping people through tough times
Helping students rebound from learning challenges during the pandemic
Holding people back when they don't do work.
Home work
How students behave and perceive learning to be a chore, maybe because learning in the classroom is not generally something that's engaging.
How they talk to one another
How unnecessary the strictness is some times will Chromebooks, some pages like Internet Archive are blocked for no apparent reason, though I do strongly agree websites of graphic nature should be non-accessible to students, some websites and urls are blocked for silly and minor reasons.
I am new so I have no comment
I believe areas of growth for AG can be located in it's security.
I believe that a challenge area is the lack of focus towards students' mental health. I believe that it is not discussed or emphasized enough and many students are stressed because of their workload. Many people are too focused about doing things so that it looks good on a college resume instead of doing it for themselves, and I think that is another thing that most people need to take into better account. Aside from a few clubs and the guidance department, I feel as though a lot of students still aren't able to seek the help they need or even receive the comfort that they may need, even if it is not directed specifically towards them.
I believe that Avon Grove School District would benefit from caring for mental health and also from a mask mandate, I believe that both of these things would add a safer environment for students.
I believe that it would be a good idea to improve the lunch lines because when the last group is called they have about 5-10 minutes to eat.
I believe that most students struggle with grammar and science.
I believe that one of the areas of challenges for AGSD is not the teachers communication but the kids communication. Some kids are very very rude and disrespectful to others.
I believe the academic excellence (and/or maximizing each student's potential for becoming productive adults) is still the number one priority for schools. I appreciate supportive structures around academics (especially sports, clubs, band, extra-curriculars, etc. that round out the experience). I don't think schools should venture into moral education or politically divisive topics which can divide rather than unify students. It seems that pressure is building to add "anti-racism" initiatives to school curricula. As someone whose workplace has adopted radical steps in this direction (for example, I am required to read articles about identifying "my white supremacy" and required to attend weekly "white accountability groups" to address "white fragility" and racial trauma inflicted on others - intent doesn't matter)- I have become much less in favor of anti-racism training if it has anything whatsoever to do with this type of training!
I believe the challenges will continue to be providing a safe, healthy learning environment for students and staff, while enduring harsh scrutiny and criticism from some parents/families
I don't see the point in new passwords, 6th grade should be middle school, no assigned seats in study hall
I don't think that there are areas of challenges for the Avon Grove School District.
I don't think there are any areas where Avon Grove School District needs to grow on.
I don't think there is any challenges for Avon Grove
I feel like areas of growth are space (which you're working on) and I think that's really it
I feel like sometimes they don't hire good teachers. I mean by this they are rude and mean and make it so you don't want to learn.
I feel my student was not challenged enough and although she was "pre-screened" I do not feel her abilities were challenged enough. We did ask for testing but was told she did not qualify, which we accepted, but my student continued to express how she sat in class bored while the teacher continued to explain to all the other students the concept at hand.
I feel that gifted students and those in honors or AP classes often are expected to create goals, personal reflections and plans. I do not see this for college placement classes and unsure if it is done in lower leveled classes.
I feel that the way Avon Grove is dealing with Covid safety regulations is insufficient and dangerous. No masking, social distancing is required and the hallways are overcrowded. As a student, I am scared for my health.
I like the growth of not being able to wear masks and I think it should stay that way.
I need to work on my ELA because ELA is something I really struggle with that class
I perceive to be alright.
I really don't see any weaknesses
I think a need is to stop being disrespectful to the teachers and students.
I think AGSD could take more precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
I think an area that needs growth is paying more attention to the students mental health, especially as the year goes on.
I think areas of growth are locker situations because I feel like everyone is very crowded.

Overall Needs/Challenges (All Respondents)

I think Avon Grove lacks pride as a whole because school is stressful. Avon Grove hasn't taken an in depth look into student's mental health in my opinion, so students feel like the school doesn't care about them. I think if this aspect of AGSD changed, then students would have more pride.

I think Avon Grove should let the students know more about what they're good at and what they're not so good at. Knowing what you are weak in can help you grow more.

I think focusing on mental health and focusing on a student's talents can be expressed/shown more.

I think innovation is lacking. My son and daughter always talk about their charter school teachers when they talk about excitement about curriculum. Somehow the teaching to the test and stringency of the standards holds teachers back from being innovative with their courses. This is especially important in STEM and the way that the arts can be infused. While it is all extra work, I think some freedom for teachers reduces burnout and allows them to see firsthand how their sense of their classroom's capabilities and learning atmosphere can be invigorated.

I think my growth area is science and math

I think some of the areas of need are the bullying and disrespect towards each other. Including lots of name calling, out of control behavior, disrespect, and multiple ways of harassment. Another improvement area is the cafeteria. The lunch lines are long and the lack of knowledge for the lunch that day is very confusing. Also I think that the IE period is being used not efficiently.

I think some teachers could be nicer and more helpful

I think that a growth area could be overcoming our challenges in school, math, science, IA, social studies, etc.

I think that areas of growth and challenges for Avon Grove is telling us when we have to wear our masks or not.

I think that enforcing locker times has been a struggle for the school.

I think that the beginning of the school year can be incredibly boring

I think that the school should start later

I think that these schools improve on the lockers because they are a little small

I think that the district needs to improve its mental health support for students.

I think the school could do more with trying to identify mental health issues among students

I think the school district has grown by giving more opportunities to students and other alternatives to things students might like

I think there needs to be more SEL type community building days to build unity among grades, races, etc. There is a lot of division in the school.

I think there needs to be more support in the area of mental health. I also there should be a more accredited mental health staff.

I think they can do more on mental health

I think they could grow on still giving the lesson or a fixed mindset and growth mindset.

I think they could improve on classes and how they handle lockers and gym lockers

I think they need to improve on the cafeteria and get some of the lights in the classrooms redone

I think we could use more development in STEM and engineering courses at a higher level. I just feel like we need more improvement and representation in coding. To add to that problem solving abilities and STEM related education is demand for a ton of needed jobs.

I think we need to grow on being more quiet when a lunch is coming back from lunch because it is very hard to focus.

I think we need to grow with some of the organizing of people in the lunch line for example.

I think we need to have more opportunities for the kids that don't normally see each other to see each other over the weekends. Like dances or gatherings so that people get to see each other not just in school.

I think we were shut down too long last year while other school districts in the area had students back in the building.

I think when taking tests.

I think you're doing a great job and have no suggestions at this time.

I want to be in a good class that can give you a little hard work

I want to grow in science.

I'd like to have more ways to engage in the school, or help my child engage in the school activities. My thoughts are a little superficial at this time, but I am sure that there are more ways I can help to give perspective.

Identifying and assisting those students who don't wish to attend college to find other pathways, such as trade school or military ~ and to celebrate them as much as athletes & college bound students
illegal substances or vaping

I'm not aware of any obvious areas of challenge so far.

I'm not sure if this counts, but lunch needs some work because your row might get called at the end of lunch, and you won't be able to eat anything.

Implementing Republican ideas. You can call your operation whatever you want but don't count out the truth. It is clear this administration has a Left-wing agenda. Plus the masks. That is a big issue. All of your statistics are old and have been proven wrong. The death percentage is 0.005% not 0.06%. A majority of the staff and almost all of the students are unmasked. If you force masks I will be transferring to ABVM and going to Bishop Shanahan for high school. I advise you change before me and my parents take our money elsewhere. Just stop being stupid okay, I am ashamed of going here because of you get it together libs.

Overall Needs/Challenges (All Respondents)

In the growth of challenges is helping for other and always be respectful.
Inactivity of children. My son is in 1st grade and gets 30 minutes of activity over the course of an 8 hour day. More time and effort needs to be allocated for movement in the classroom. This will improve the mental and physical health of the child and also decrease behavioral issues that the teachers and admin have to deal with.
Increased enrollment with a large segment of the community unwilling to fiscally support that growth
Increased opportunities for students to "test drive" potential careers; my daughter going into 9th grade - hope that there are activities regarding students strengths and interests matched with potential careers / determine best college/program fit - looking to future (I think this is done, just no experience)
Individual attention
Individual needs of students.
Individually valuing and using student's unique abilities and talents.
Information
Instructional tailoring to individual student needs as well as most levels of support for students with mental/emotional/learning challenges
Integrating modern talents into high school curriculum (cad, CBC, composites)
It can be challenging for me to get my words on a page for a question.
It is not an inclusive environment. Admin does not seem receptive to parent concerns.
It just some talkative people in the school.
It's time to cut out all of the covid nonsense and get our kids back to learning.
Its challenging doing a lot of work on chromebooks like im okay with the forms and writing but doing all of my work on chromebook confuses me.
Juegos creativos
Keeping lunch room under control
Keeping up with covid precautions.
Kids with learning disabilities
knowing where to go because some people dont even know where to go and get lost
Kowtowing to a small vocal group of conservatives who wish to derail student education for political ends.
LA
Lack of art- like dance program-
Lack of language learning options, not very diversified cultural teaching, general lack of manners/respect among lower grade levels especially, batrooms and overall school lack cleanliness, school lunches aren't necessarily accommodating for vegetarian/vegan options, options should be healthier, changing guidance counselors between freshman/sophomore year isn't efficient in developing the teacher-student relationship.
Lack of transparency and parental insight of the educational goals of the district.
Large class sizes because of population growth and meeting the needs of all types of learners
Learning
learning from your mistakes in the building
Learning targets
Less crowded lunches
Less real life focus.
Less technology
Letting parents make decisions regarding their children.
Listening to the parents in certain situations i.e. mask wearing
Longer breaks during the day. It feels like we're constantly learning and pretty much our only break is lunch.
Maintaining an appropriate balance within the curriculum and school policy while the world around us continues to devolve into a partisan political quagmire. I know the Administration is limited by the Board's willingness to support its proposals but continuing to 'fight the good fight' is both appreciated and necessary to ensure that our students are well-rounded. The district maintains a large number of systems to communicate with parents, operate the schools, and store information. I believe these can be difficult to navigate and/or to pick the "right" one for a given purpose.
Simplifying/reducing these would be great.
make sure all students get what they need

Overall Needs/Challenges (All Respondents)

Make the lunch lines shorter so its taster.
making friends
Making goals clear
making sure that every student is seen & bridging gaps in education left by Covid shutdowns
making the dress code less strict
Mask mandate
masks
Masks should be mandated in ALL schools whether you are vaccinated or not for public safety.
Math
matn
Matn
Math?
Maybe a language
maybe they need more electives or different methods of teaching
Meeting everyone's individual needs meaning not every teacher tries to help the students individual needs or growth they go with the class says as a collective.
meeting the needs of English Language Learners and viewing them & their families with a strengtns-based sense. meeting the social & emotional needs of students as part of such a large district & large schools. They often have to make completely new friends every year.
Meeting the needs of mental health
mental health
mental health and knowing a student's background
Mental health is on the back burner of the school's priorities, regardless of what the school claims. Bullying has always been an issue at Avon Grove, and is rarely properly handled or addressed at all. The amount of the student body that is suffering from mental health issues is astonishing.
mental health of students, making it a more collaborative atmosphere
Mental health, communication
More classes for specific jobs students would like to learn about.
More consistency in the communications - sharing the results from the different diagnostics so parents can also help strengthen or supplement their child's learning at home as well
More individual time
more opportunities for families to meet
More programs for students with special needs
Need a more diverse staff; incorporation of different cultures in curriculum
No freedom at lunch, lunch food, the time it takes to get lunch, GYM time, the amount of art cycles, and the amount of clubs
no homework
No mask
No more masks
Non traditional testing for children with special needs
None that I feel the school district is not already aware of and working on!
Not allowing any form of CRT into AGSD. Dont try and rename it something new either. CRT was originally for college courses not young minds for K-12
not failing
Not sure it is possible in this day and age, but somehow bridging the widening gap between opposition views on any given topic, issue, decision.
Not sure yet.
Not understanding that bullying isn't a simple thing to solve, and you can't just tell someone that their words are hurting you and they should stop.
One area of growth that the Avon Grove School District needs is to rely on less technology. I understand that our Chromebooks are needed for some lessons, but sometimes I feel like we use them for everything. For example, in one of our classes we have to type a current event but we could write it. Since this would enhance our handwriting skills, we would be able to fix our mistakes, and be able to look back and realize what we did wrong more easily as well.
one challenge is the ac (sometimes)
One challenge is the traffic in the halls.
One perceive areas are covid masks or 3 feet

Overall Needs/Challenges (All Respondents)

Organization through classes
Our lunch lines and some of our aids can be too strict to the students and we need more gym time I feel like and get more art cycles
Overcrowding in buildings
packed hallways not enough room to eat lunch!!
Parent involvement with regard to the student's current work status (upcoming events within the class, work past due, etc)
Parents challenging the decisions made by officials.
people being nice to other people
People who run sports, mostly all sports.
Perhaps adding sign language as course that you can take, not just a club.
Placing in republican and conservative ideals. There are lots of young right-wings that go here and this school makes it hard to work. It is a shame.
probably math
Professional bus drivers
Provide a safe environment to prevent covid spread. If there is any issues to discuss with students, it should be done privately vs in the classroom
Push more "projects/hands on, using technology at early ages, Foreign languages, pushing kids that do "ok" if you aren't gifted, or struggling you are semi ignored and pushed along. I would like to see my child pushed to higher standards
Que todos esten en conjunto
Reaching to help students that are struggling
reading
Remaining respectful to each other and maintaining boundaries.
Replacing guidance counsellors with psychologists.
resources for students, skills for the future
Rules stop some things from happening that would be ok
schedule layout
School board communication about incorporating CRT/SEL/etc. into learning.
school lunch food
seating area at lunch
Seniors don't have enough freedoms, bullying, favoritism for athletes (not getting the same consequences as other students)
Sheer number of students. Teaching/explaining what studying is and means.
Should have more fun things that brings us all together
Showing change in grades.
Size - sometimes the magnitude of the student body is overwhelming
Smaller classes, whole staff on same page
Social Studies
Some infrastructure in Fred S Engle and the High school is degrading, however this can be solved by the new high school.
Some issues with communication
Some of the fights being handled quicker.
Some teachers go way overboard with personal rules.
Sometimes it feels like the interests of the students learning and mental health are not at the heart of Avon Grove, but instead test scores and funding.
spanish
sport teams
sports
Strengthen science dept & teachers across all schools.
Student discipline

Overall Needs/Challenges (All Respondents)

Student quality
Student support
student teacher ratio
Studying
support through students in the area of mental health
Supporting students mental health.
Supporting their students mental health.
Teacher communication, learning paths communicated to parents
teachers
Teachers and admins need to do a better job of walking the talk. There is a lot of appropriate emphasis on students needing to be successful and independent. Yet, when push comes to shove, student's inquiries are often brushed off or left unanswered, even for simple things, forcing parents to be unnecessarily involved. There is a lot of emphasis on learning, which is great but very, very little on problem solving. Students are told how to organize their stuff, what color folders they should use, and are given templates and outlines to complete. Instead, they should be given the opportunity to organize the way that works for them. Forget templates. As a senior-level manager, I am NEVER going to give a template to my employee to complete. Give them the problem or project and then have them come up with the solution. It seems to me that teachers are more worried about the way it looks vs. the substance. Why are 10th grades completing Google slide templates for projects? Why are 6th graders being told what color folder then need for each subject? Too much hand holding and too much telling them how to do things. Does not translate to the real world and is extremely frustrating to parents and future employers. Also, when a student emails a teacher or someone from administration, they should hear back within 24 hrs. Why are teachers and administrators waiting for the parent to get involved. I want my child to be able to communicate to his teachers and get the answers he needs. But what ends up happening is that after 3 or 4 tries, I have to email. I then get a quick response. My student should have received the same courtesy. .
Teachers dont teach to the student. Students not understanding new/mainstream methods are not taught effectively. Intelligence is key in AGSD.
Teachers should help students learn to broaden their thinking without inserting their own views.
teaching
teaching about bullying, making sure everyone gets the help they need provided, making sure everyone feels safe, being understanding towards students
Teamwork and helping people
Technology
technology
Technology.
That some teachers should teach the students a different way a more interesting way so the student would memorise that and understand it better. Some teachers are already doing it but others don't.
The ability to do the right thing even when it's difficult. For example, racism persists within the AG community and on the school board. AGSD should take a stand and make a statement of anti-racism. Also, the district should have been more willing to protect students, teachers, and staff from day one of the school year with universal masking instead of taking a "wait and see" approach.
The amount of fights in the handicap stall?!
The amount to fights
The availability of the electives.
The Avon Grove community is divided this year in more ways than one and it is almost obvious where these challenges are and where the areas of growth and development are needed. We need to work on building as a community rather than the board moving ahead of us without our knowledge. There needs to be more work towards making the environment better, not for students to have opportunities, but be confident in their abilities to connect with one another and build their lives up.
The Avon Grove School District helps a lot kids learn and shows growth.
The bathroom needs some more growth
The biggest area of growth would be the communication between the school administration and the parents and students
the bullying doesn't have big enough consequences , and it is all over the district . the disrespect ive seen is unacceptable , not only to students but also to teachers .
the classes
the classes
The coaches for sports.
The cultural variety
The dress code.
The food
The growth is that we don't have to wear masks this year and I think it should stay that way!!!!
The GYM because sometimes the teacher talk a lot and we don't have time to play the game

Overall Needs/Challenges (All Respondents)

The lack of true and meaningful opportunity for ALL students and ALL families is imperative.
the learning.
The lockers are too small
The lockers are too small and they need new ones
The lockers need improvement. Some are very unsanitary. Some won't even open.
The lunch time should be longer because the last row to be called has like no time to eat.
The lunches.
The main area of growth for Avon Grove is that it doesn't establish its mission or purpose that often, so maybe it should do that more frequently.
the schedule is confusing. middle school is kinda old
The school district should be ashamed of themselves for making medical decisions for families. It is absolutely NOT your place to demand that students wear masks. NOT healthy for the students - both emotionally and physically. The repercussions could be disastrous for the kids. If I can come up with the money to homeschool by children they will be gone. I am beyond disappointed in the school board. They blatantly lied and went against everything that was communicated to parents. Words can't express how disappointed I am.
The school does not share enough information with the students and parents, and does not adapt the curriculum for students with different learning abilities.
The schools are ancient and dirty
The spread of Racism and Homophobia and ANY HATE IN GENERAL needs to be controlled. People spread false rumors about their peers and Covid-19. People say stuff like the vaccine is fake and masks don't work and what not and horrible things spread around. Also make water free and accessible to students because my friend is lactose intolerant and she gets water instead of milk and she has to pay.
the students
the students being nice
the teachers
The teachers sometimes
The technology that should help becomes a barrier as each teacher uses it differently and updates it at different times, making it a challenge for parents to see a full picture of their child's progress. Some teachers also reuse tests from other teachers/schools without checking to make sure they fit what the students here we taught (and that the answers are correct).
The understanding that most of their kids are struggling with something.
Their schedules might be a challenge.
There are too many electronic apps and sites that are needed to do anything for the kids and each one has different log ins. It's truly exhausting and confusing and I feel like things are always getting missed. Between Schoology, SafeAssign, Class Dojo, and the numerous apps and log ons for their Chromebooks it is very confusing. And for the love of his can you please send out paper report cards? I still don't know my kids grades from last year.
There is a lot of stress created by the school environment. However, this is pretty common in schools.
there is no fun
There is very little if any evidence of the presence of students who speak languages other than English and whose heritage is something other than "American". This is a disservice to ALL students. AGSD needs to reflect pride in all students, their language, their culture, their abilities and their identities..
There's nothing I can think of at the moment.
they have Chromebooks
They need to learn how to accept losing.
To expand all the sports you can play.
To do all areas
Too many apps/platforms for parents to check in on and be aware of daily.
Too many classes in one gym, y'all just being lazy
Too many to list here. You do not listen to parents nor care about the kids.
Transportation and communication
try to give us breaks sometimes
Trying
Trying to help kids with personal problems more.
Understanding the students
Use of funding and teacher expectations.
waking up early in the morning I have noticed from the change of times students in my grade haven't been as happy as they were at AGIS. They also aren't working to their full potential.

Overall Needs/Challenges (All Respondents)

We are not adapting to Covid at all. We gave that up in favor for redneck county. This school is going to shut down extremely fast because you did not take proper precautions, and when kids end up in the hospital, it's going to be on the district and the school board because they said "masks and all that other stuff is optional". We also have an outdated dress code and the guidance counselors are only good for dealing with schedules. When I had an actual problem to address, they gave me a half baked answer and then never actually acted on trying to resolve my issues with me. I had to do it on my own.

We have not yet encountered any problems with AGSD; therefore, I don't know of any growth areas.

We need to communicate better, all this talk of CRT and putting children back in masks is very concerning. These should be choices the parents make, why are these items being hidden from parents?

We need to focus on real problems. For example, people vaping, destroying bathrooms, and being disrespectful. I respect our staff, but the problem I've had multiple times is when they act as mask police. We have yet to act on bigger issues, meanwhile we are putting all our attention on the masks. This is a huge distraction to our learning. Instead of having gay pride all over the walls, we should have American pride. We try to be all inclusive but in reality you can't always be all inclusive. Men should never be allowed to walk in the women's bathroom, no matter what they identify as. I have seen this multiple times and it is very uncomfortable. If this is still an issue, create a designated bathroom for transitioning teenagers. This way, everyone feels safe and comfortable.

We obviously have a divided and vocal contingent in the community. How can they be more effectively heard so they don't feel they need to resort to ridiculous sign making and screaming at school board meetings?

wearing a mask, stay safe, be respectful

When students complain about a teacher even if it's multiple including parents against one teacher we are ignored

Working together, Making friends, Learning strongly

Would like to receive more pictures/videos of the kids at school. More detailed communication of what the students are doing throughout their day

Y'all let women wear dog collars but us guys can't even wear a hat

Suggestions (Students)

<p>What suggestions do you have to make your experience as a student better than it is today?</p> <p>Starting school later would be much better, I am much more productive when I wake up around 8AM, after the sun is up.</p> <p>The thing that all the teachers had to do where they asked if students have a nickname/preferred name was a mess. I think it may have been an attempt to be more inclusive to trans student who don't want to be called their legal name? but the way it was done was bad, a trans student wouldn't want to say in front of the whole class that they want to go by some other name, especially when the teacher already called out the name in front of the whole class. If you want to actually do something, have all the teachers have a way to ask students in a more private way, such as calling out last names for attendance then sending a private google form. Even if this wasn't done for trans students there are some who should be taken into consideration</p> <p>A better suggestion is more spread out classes, like gym class would be later in the day after a block.</p> <p>A later start time even just 30 minutes (8:00am) would make all the difference for some students and parents. I think the 90 minute block periods are way too long. Ex. I have piano for 90 minutes and it's not a efficient use of time no one can stay engaged for that long. There needs to be a more diverse curriculum it's vital to our community and world would make people so much more of an open mind. I think it needs to start earlier then high school. I don't enjoy the changing of guidance counselors throughout high school. It's important to maintain and grow a relationship.</p> <p>asking for help when needed, practice what we are learning, find my own ways to solve a problem, helping others out, focusing on school, having understanding teachers, doing my best everyday.</p> <p>Better cafeteria, more money for textbooks and education learning materials</p> <p>Better lunch and free water bottles.</p> <p>bigger consequences for bullying</p> <p>By having little more free time.</p> <p>Change the brands of the food, Quicker pace in the Cafe, Create more activities.</p> <p>Control bullying and have a better disciplinary system</p> <p>Easier processes for name/pronoun changes in school systems, putting pronouns along with names (attendance lists, etc.), starting school later in the day, feminine hygiene products available for free in bathrooms, greater focus on mental health, more forgiving grading systems so that there is more flexibility for corrections or make up work.</p> <p>fix the treadmill in the weight room.</p> <p>Get more lunch ladies and more cash registers, make gym time at least 15 minutes more, make more after school clubs, allow us to have our phones out and walk around at lunch, and get better gym equipment.</p> <p>giving more mask brakes</p> <p>not having gym everyday</p> <p>being more inclusive for kids with disabilities</p> <p>expanding classes so we don't have as much homework some of my teachers give 1 or 2 lessons for homework everyday and it overwhelming sometimes after being online all last year my house is not a place anymore where I can do school work/homework</p> <p>I think GYM should be longer because i feel like we have no time in gym to do our activity.</p> <p>I think that since we have an advanced math class and world language class, maybe it would also be a good idea to do an honors ELA class. I have talked about this with my teacher and many of my peers who would also greatly benefit from this class. I am hoping that soon we will be able to implement this as many students need to be challenged in ELA and are not currently getting that.</p> <p>I think we could have longer classes so that we didn't have to rush through class to get our work done.</p> <p>I think we should have more independence during the day in classes. There should be a day or two of lessons and then the kids should get to practice what they learned.</p> <p>Instead of putting one thing in each lunch line put both in both of them so the one isn't so much longer than the other.</p> <p>It can be really hard to be constantly using a computer.</p> <p>it think it would be a good idea to give up some part of summer break and make the breaks in school longer because that way we can have more breaks and that will help us focus.</p> <p>Later start time/or earlier dismissal time</p> <p>something that really needs to be discussed is excused absences for girls who are having bad cramps.</p> <p>Less homework can help students, because it gives them less stress; Because if you want to hear a story; I'm trying to make a video game, and that's getting harder since I keep getting too much homework, and that gives me less time to work on my game, or anything else that I have to do.</p> <p>More activities outside of school (like dances)</p> <p>Different activities in gym (more games)</p> <p>Lunch lines are to long (maybe scatter the dismissal time of the different rows).</p> <p>Better maintained sports fields (cut and painted)</p> <p>more meeting for activities to have a little break once in a while and so more people participate in other activities</p> <p>School starting at 8 or 830, seniors being allowed to leave during at least one half of lunch and learn, change the block to regular schedule, stop protecting certain students, discipline more students for bullying with more then just a warning start with an after school detention, find a better way for the traffic while leaving school maybe letting seniors leave 15 minutes early, longer lunch break because lunch is shorter then one singular class is, when getting a student consequences try to be understanding and nice because your more likely to get to the root of the problem if you are aggressive then the student will most likely feel like they want to act out, if a student is failing classes instead of saying stuff like "your not gonna graduate" "you are gonna fail for the year" we need to try and figure out what the root of the problem is, if a student thinks they need a higher level or lower level of a class they should have the right to make that decision for themselves.</p> <p>Some of the things that were mentioned was with avoiding traffic allow seniors to leave 5 to 10 min early so the traffic is not as much of a stress everyday for the students who drive to school. Trying to put vape detectors back in the bathrooms. Going back to the original schedule because the long classes are less efficient and towards the end students have a much harder time paying attention with the longer classes. Moving the time back for when school starts because waking up at 6:30 and earlier every day at a young age, and the pressure on us expecting get good grades and all the work so many kids have to do that is not a sustainable thing to do sleep wise, if you ask any student they will agree there lack of sleep is effecting them in the classroom. The last thing was when students decide to take a class they should be able to look at the history of the teacher they are signing up for, and the grade averages for previous years, and descriptions previous students had with the class.</p> <p>Some suggestions I have to help improve our school and community is maybe more spirit weeks to help bring the community of AG together. Another thing could be incentives or rewards to help improve grades. For the cafeteria issues I think that it would be smart to post the menu for the next day or week on schoology. Lastly for the exact path IIE period I think that it should be used as a study hall to help improve over all grades, confidence, and would definitely reduce stress of an assignment.</p> <p>Thank you so much for your time!</p> <p>TEACHER TRAININGS!! teachers should know what LGBTQ+ Stands for, and basic background of other minority group students, because when they don't know they may say or fail to say something when their opinion may be needed to defend/ help a student. Teacher training should not always be lectures!!! No one wants to go to work and have more work thrown at them, trainings should be a mix of interactive, fun and educational like teaching styles.</p> <p>AGHS needs to step up their game when is comes for fighting for things we need at the school board level. SEL SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING IS A NEED!! THOM STECHER IS A NEED FOR AGHS! By not vouching for SEL the AG district is hurting themselves majorly.</p> <p>ORGANIZATION!!!ORGANIZATION!!!! Information about an event should not be given out a day before people need at least a week or 2 weeks to plan for the event etc. For example the meeting today we had in the auditorium... Students were told the morning of?? That is very inconvenient and not considerate of our time as some of us are involved in other things. For this meeting we should have at least had a week's notice and time to prepare notes & topics to be ready for the meeting. Also students weren't even aware of what was going to happen in the meeting??? if that is not a perfect example of unorganized AGHS I dont know what is.</p>
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Suggestions (Students)

To make my experience better I think you should have more clubs the clubs you have now aren't every interesting to most people I feel. You should add more cash registers so the lunch line will move more efficiently. Different Art Cycles cause the ones we have now aren't very exciting and better gym equipment to make gym more fun/.
To put more money to sports. It would be nicer to have new jersey and not old jersey for sports and certain sports aren't really getting their appreciation that they deserve.
to stop messing around in class and to focus more in class
Try your hardest to get good grade because it will pay off in your older years.
We could get more cashiers to make lines go quicker, make more art cycles,increase our gym time
You should get more free time during the day.