

# 7<sup>th</sup> Period Day Survey Report

## Results and Analysis

Lake Washington School District

December 5 – 20, 2013



# Survey Overview & Technical Notes

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Lake Washington School District is considering expanding opportunities for high school students to take more classes. In order to assess demand, parents and students were asked to take a short survey about their interest in adding an additional class period to the high school schedule.

The survey was open from December 5 – 20, 2013. Parents participated via a public link, while students received invitations through their school email addresses.

Demographic information included grade level and school site.

Since results do not reflect random sampling, they should not be generalized to entire populations. Rather, results reflect the perceptions and opinions of those groups who responded to the survey.

# Executive Summary

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Overall, both students and parents are interested in the addition of a seventh period class to the high school schedule. Arts, Occupational Education and Science were the three most requested subject areas to study during an additional class period.

Seven out of 10 students requested shortening the current six class periods to allow for the addition of a seventh period class, while 6 out of 10 parents requested a 60-minute seventh period be added to the end of the current schedule.

About 30% of students and 20% of parents reported that transportation would become a challenge if an additional class period were added outside of the current high school schedule. About 60% of those parents said the transportation challenge would be eliminated if bus service was provided.

# Overall Participation

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Responding Group	Number of Responses (N)	Max Possible Responses (Nmax)	Response Rate (%)
Students	2,005	5,327	38%
Parents	1,031		

*Note: Parents participated via public access link.*

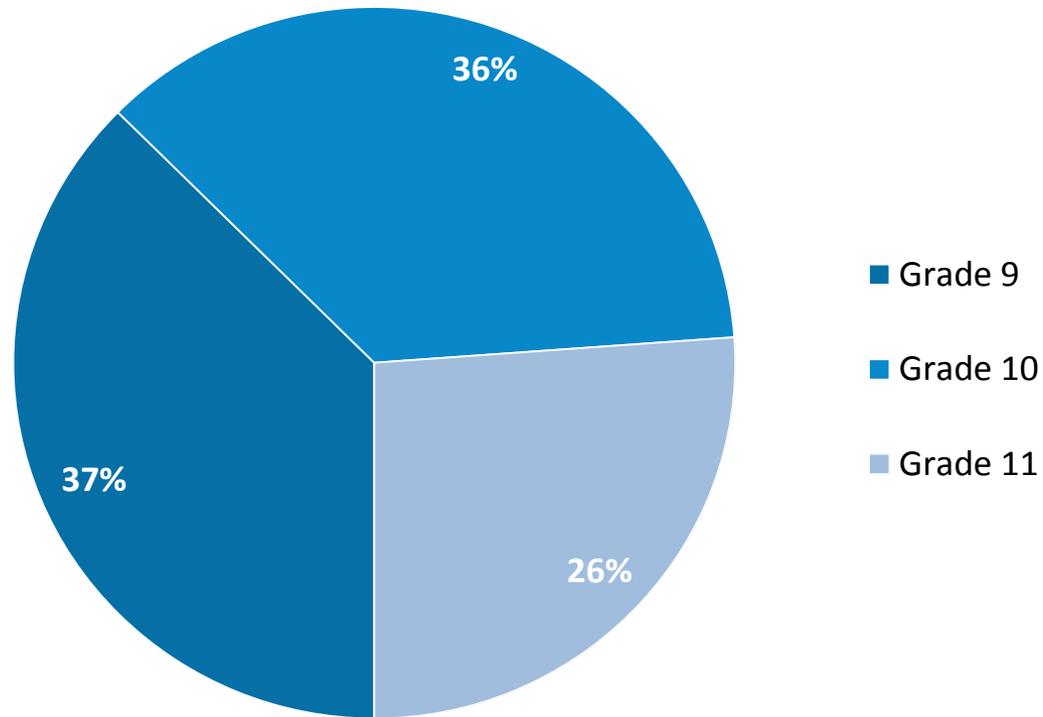
# Student Survey

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# Participation by Grade

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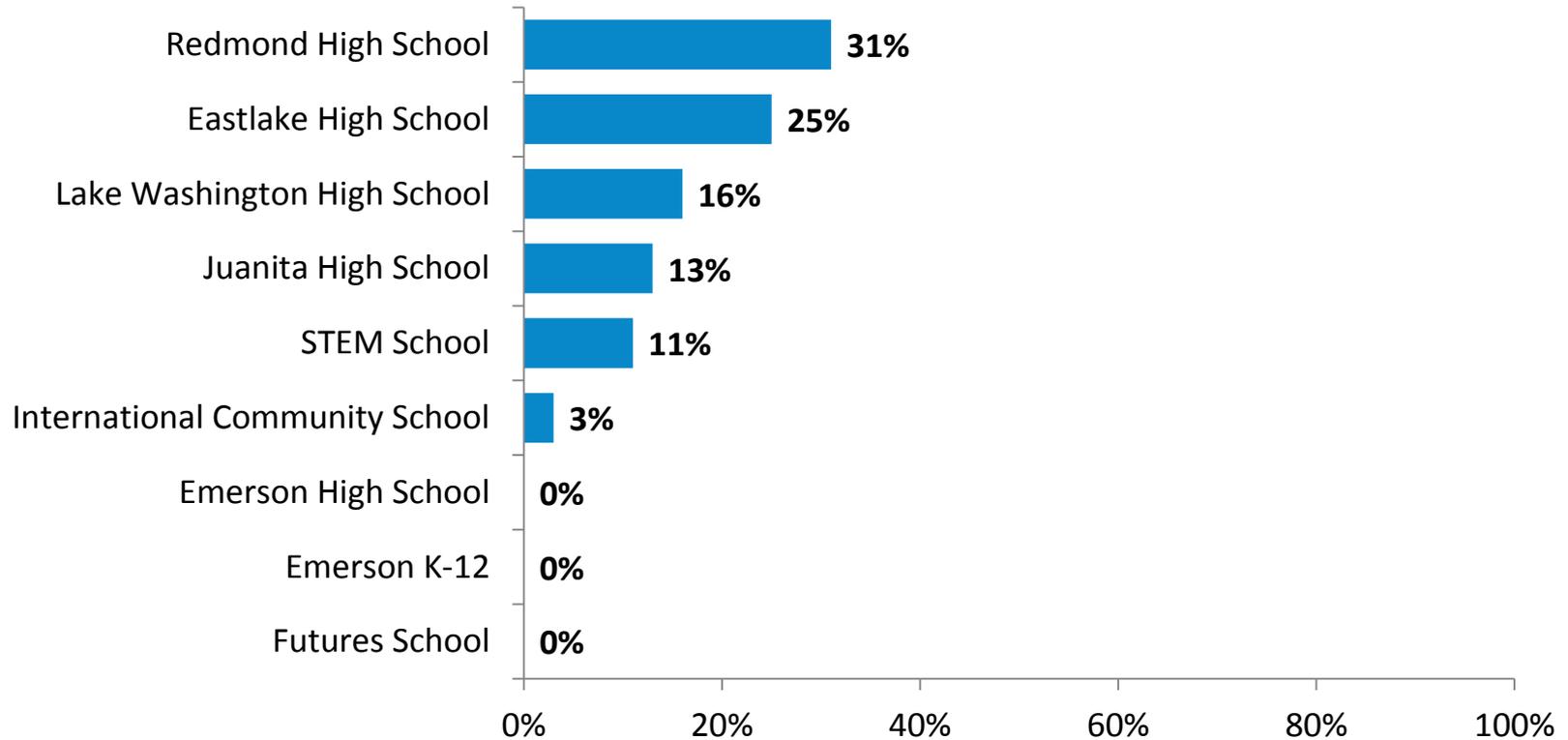
Please select your grade level. (N=1,993)



# Participation by School

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Please select your school. (N=2,002)



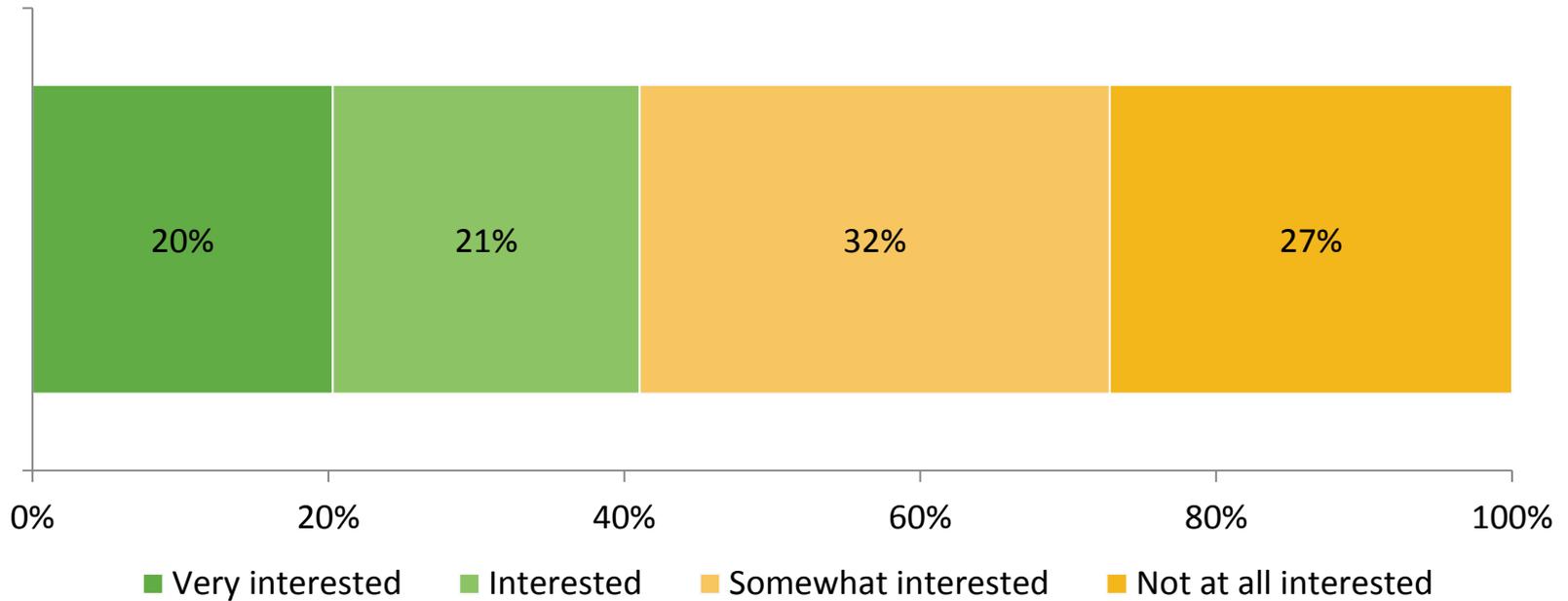
*Note: Participation rates reflect the school site of the respondent and not the percentage of the student body at a given site who participated in the survey.*

# Level of Interest

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Seven out of 10 students are interested in taking seven classes.

What is your level of interest in taking seven classes rather than six? (N=2,005)



# Open-Ended Responses

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## Please share why you are not interested in taking an additional class. (N=512)

Students wrote that their current workload is already too much.

Students are not interested because an extra period would result in more homework.

Students are worried about the increased stress they would feel if they had to take an additional class.

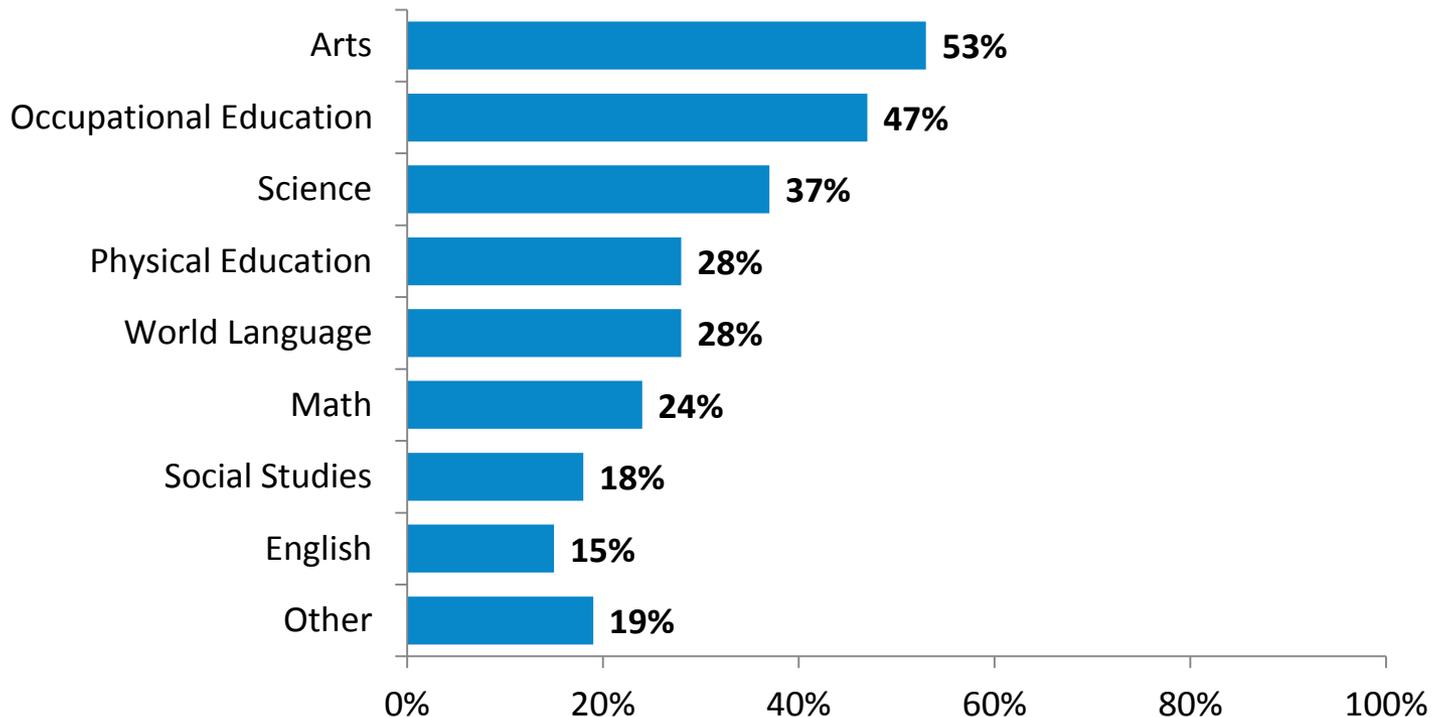
Students wrote about how busy their schedules are currently. Many wrote that they work and/or are involved in extracurricular activities and think that the addition of another period will result in an even busier schedule.

Students do not want a longer school day.

*Note: Only participants who answered that their level of interest was “Not at all interested” were given the opportunity to answer this question.*

# Subject Areas

Please select the subject areas you would be interested in studying during a seventh class. (N=1,449)



*Notes:*

- Only participants who answered that their level of interest was “Very interested,” “Interested” or “Somewhat interested” were given the opportunity to answer this question.
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# Other Subject Areas of Interest

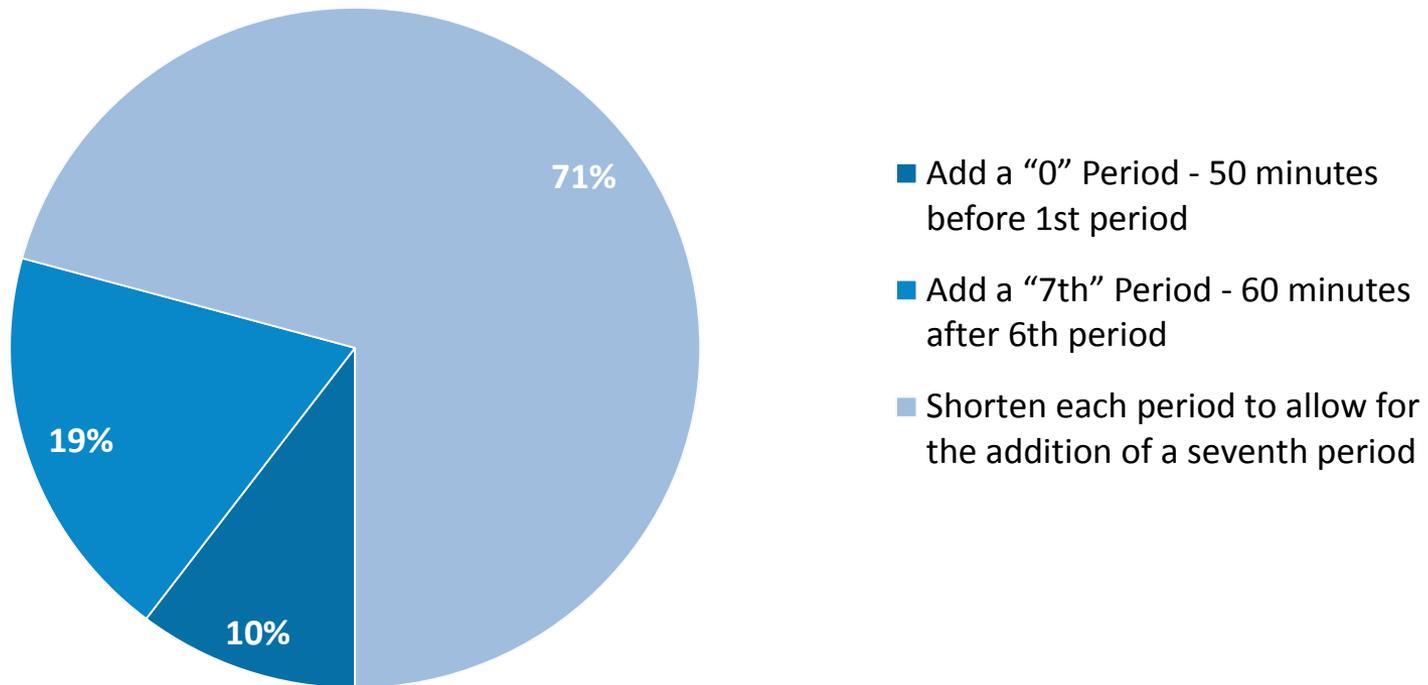
Please select the subject areas you would be interested in studying during a seventh class. (N=278)



# Changes to High School Schedule

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In your opinion, how should the high school schedule change to allow for the potential addition of a seventh class? (N=1,460)

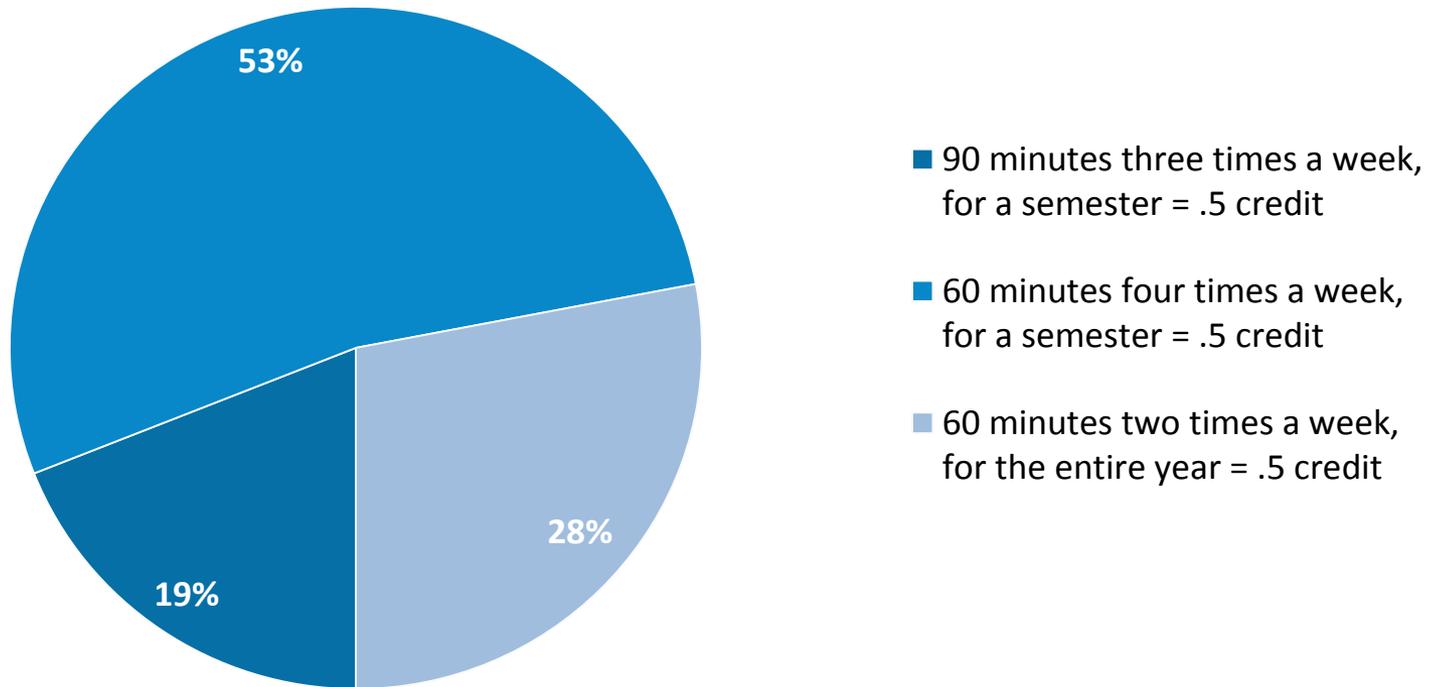


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Which 7<sup>th</sup> period model do you prefer? (N=273)

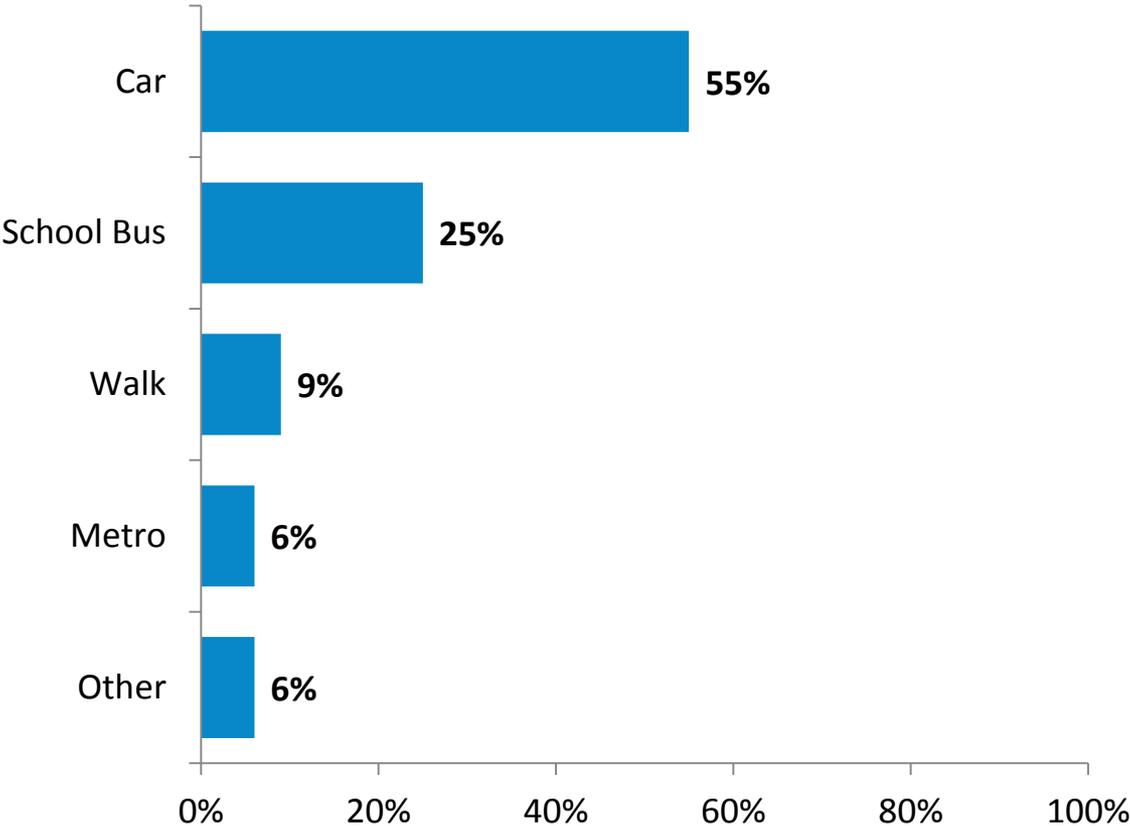


*Note: Only participants who chose “Add a 7<sup>th</sup> period – 60 minutes after 6<sup>th</sup> period” to the question, “In your opinion, how should the high school schedule change to allow for the potential addition of a seventh class?” were given the opportunity to answer this question.*

# Transportation

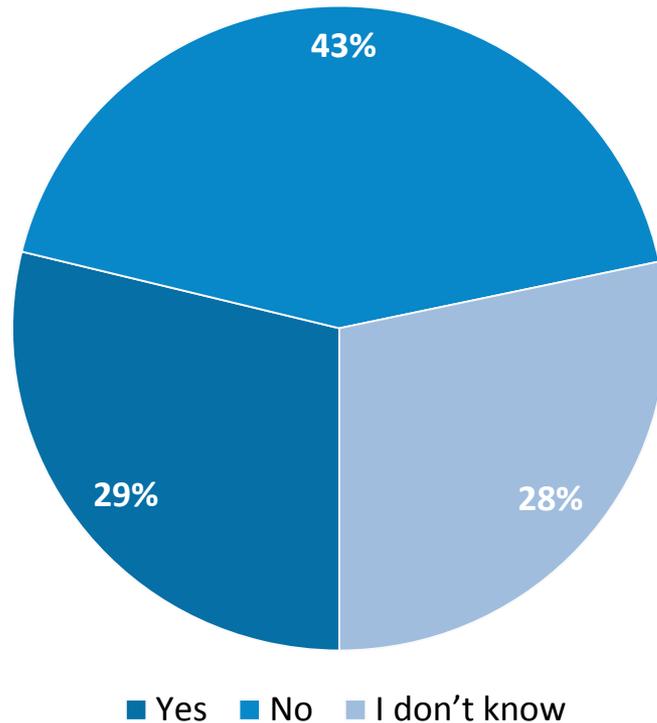
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Generally, how do you travel to and from school each day? (N=1,994)

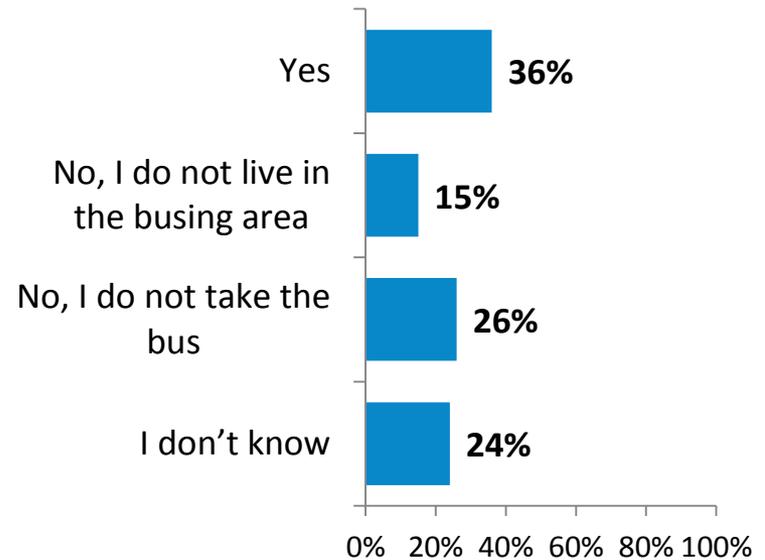


# Transportation Challenges

With the addition of a 7<sup>th</sup> class outside the current school day, would transportation become a challenge?  
(N=1,995)



If bus transportation was available, would this service eliminate the transportation challenge for you?  
(N=1,129)



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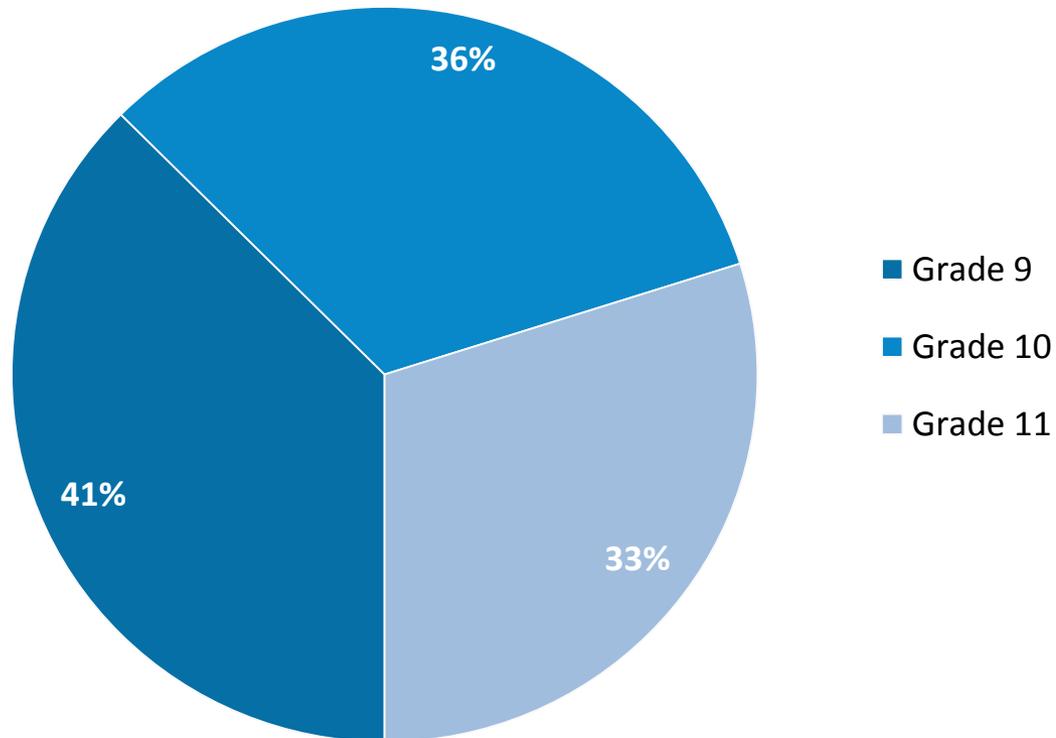
# Parents

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# Participation by Grade

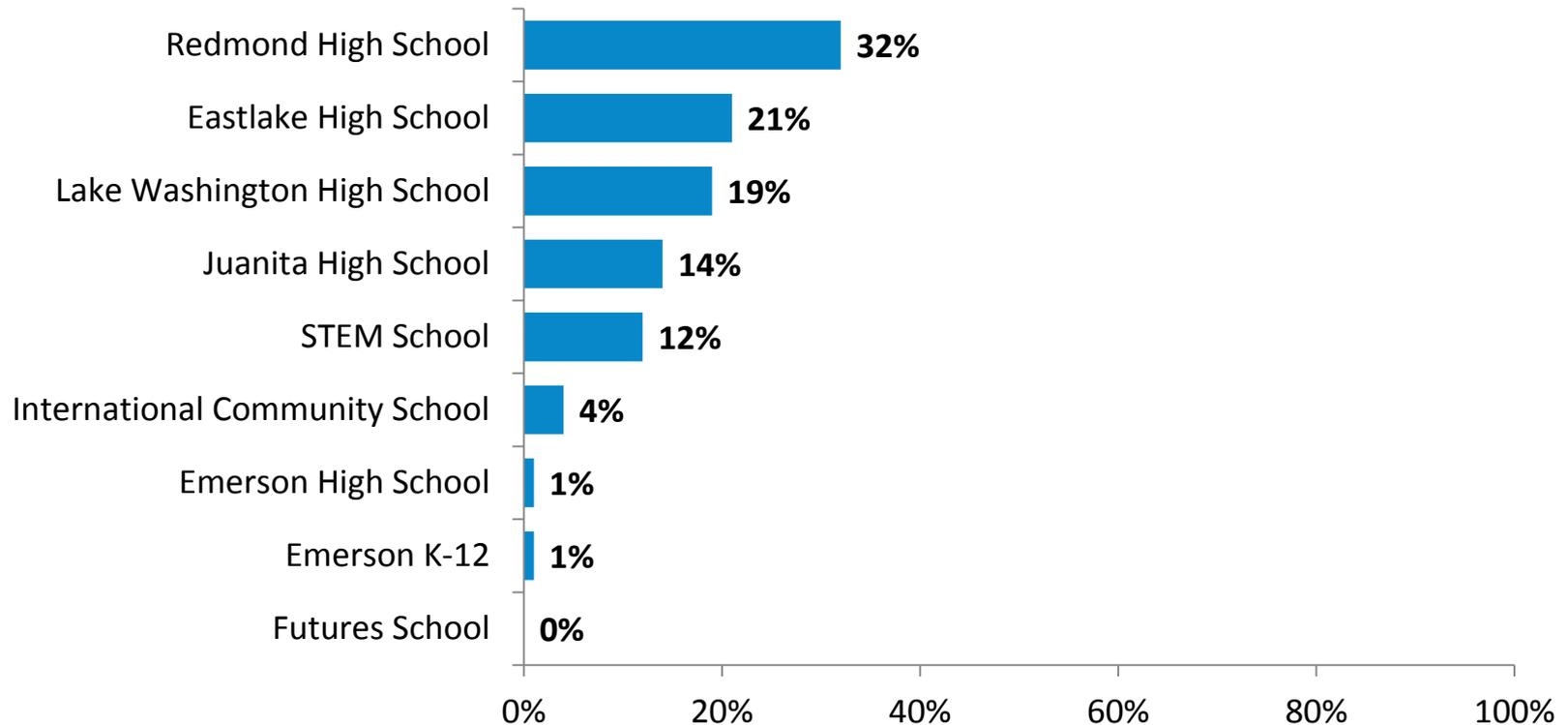
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Please select your child's grade level. (N=1,026)



# Participation by School

Please select your child's school. (N=1,026)



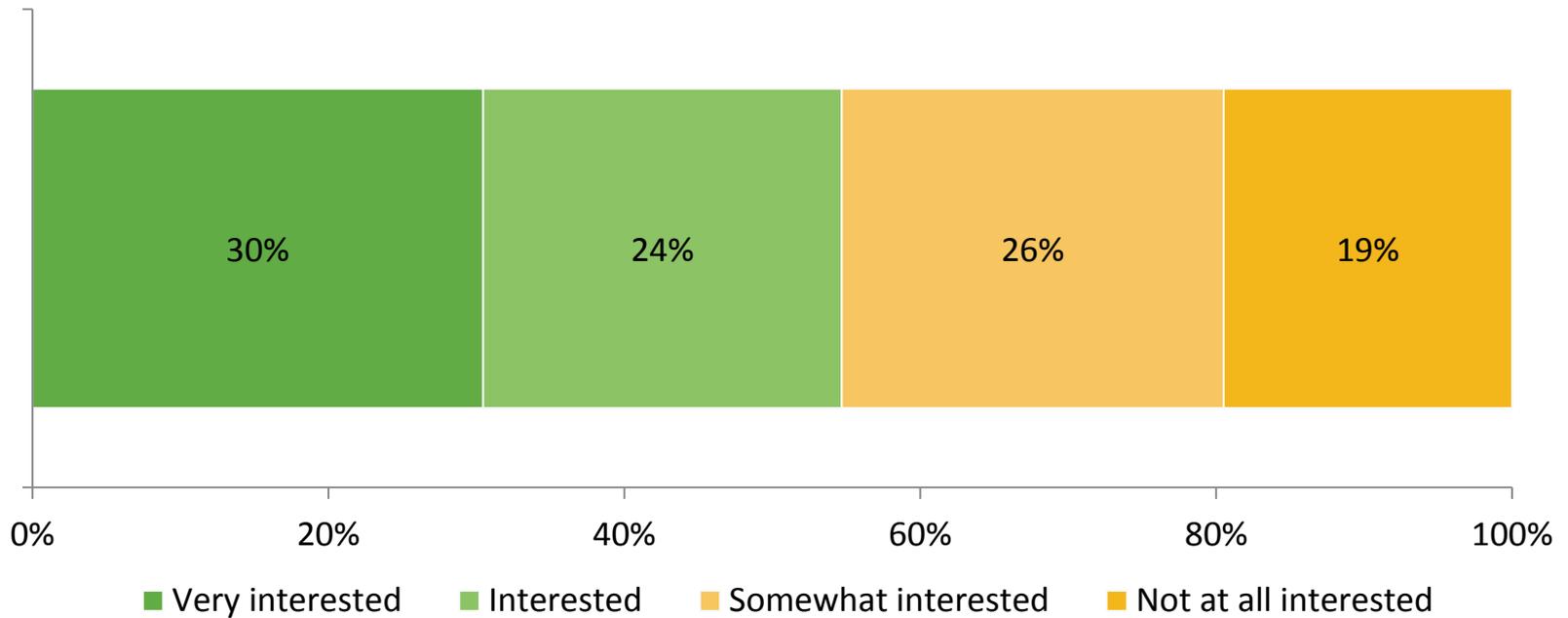
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# Level of Interest

Eight out of 10 parents are interested in their child taking seven classes.

What is your level of interest in your child taking seven classes rather than six? (N=1,031)



# Open-Ended Responses

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## Please share why you are not interested in your child taking seven classes. (N=178)

Many participants wrote that the amount of homework their child currently has is already substantial enough, and that adding another period would result in more work which would be unmanageable.

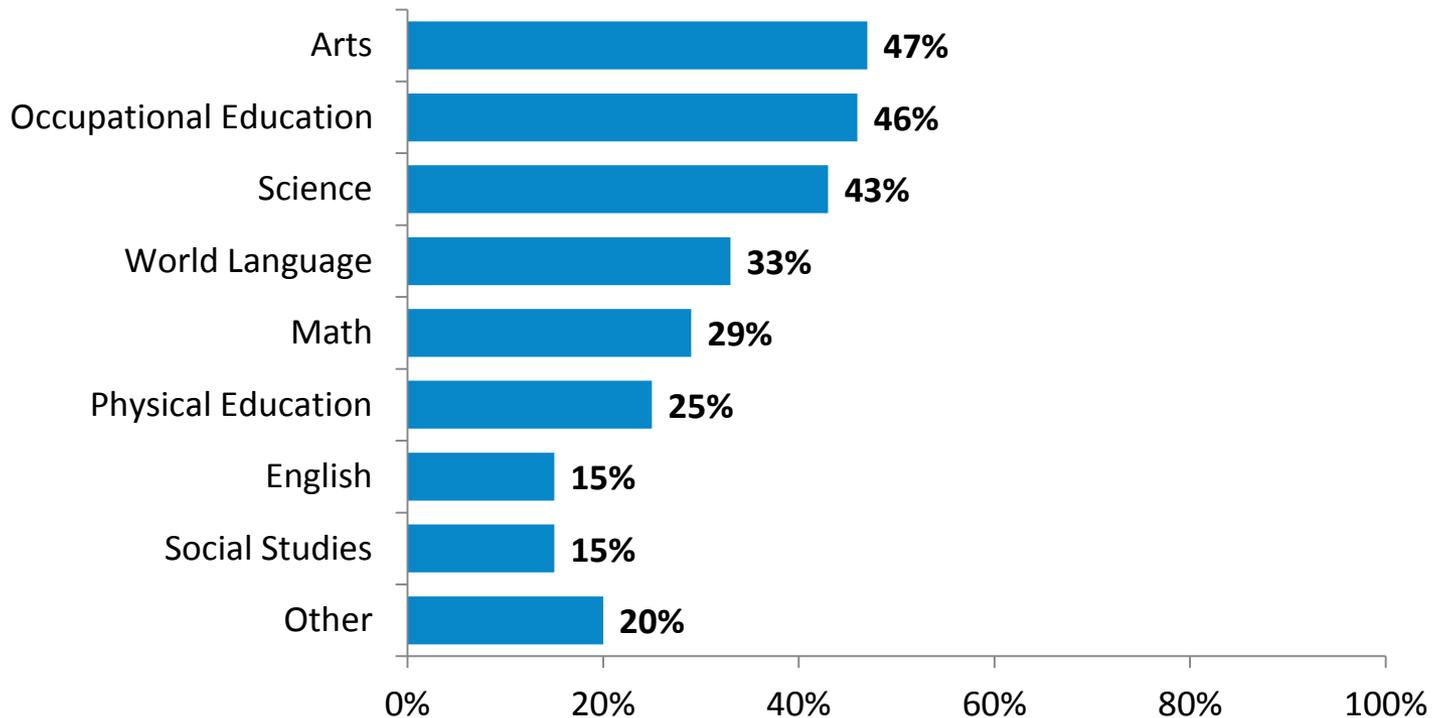
Participants wrote of fears that the addition of a 7<sup>th</sup> period may result in less “free” time outside of school to do things such as spend time with family, work and participate in extracurricular activities.

Participants believe that the addition of a 7<sup>th</sup> period will result in increased stress on students.

*Note: Only participants who answered that their level of interest was “Not at all interested” were given the opportunity to answer this question.*

# Subject Areas

Please select the subject areas your child would be interested in studying during a seventh class. (N=826)



*Notes:*

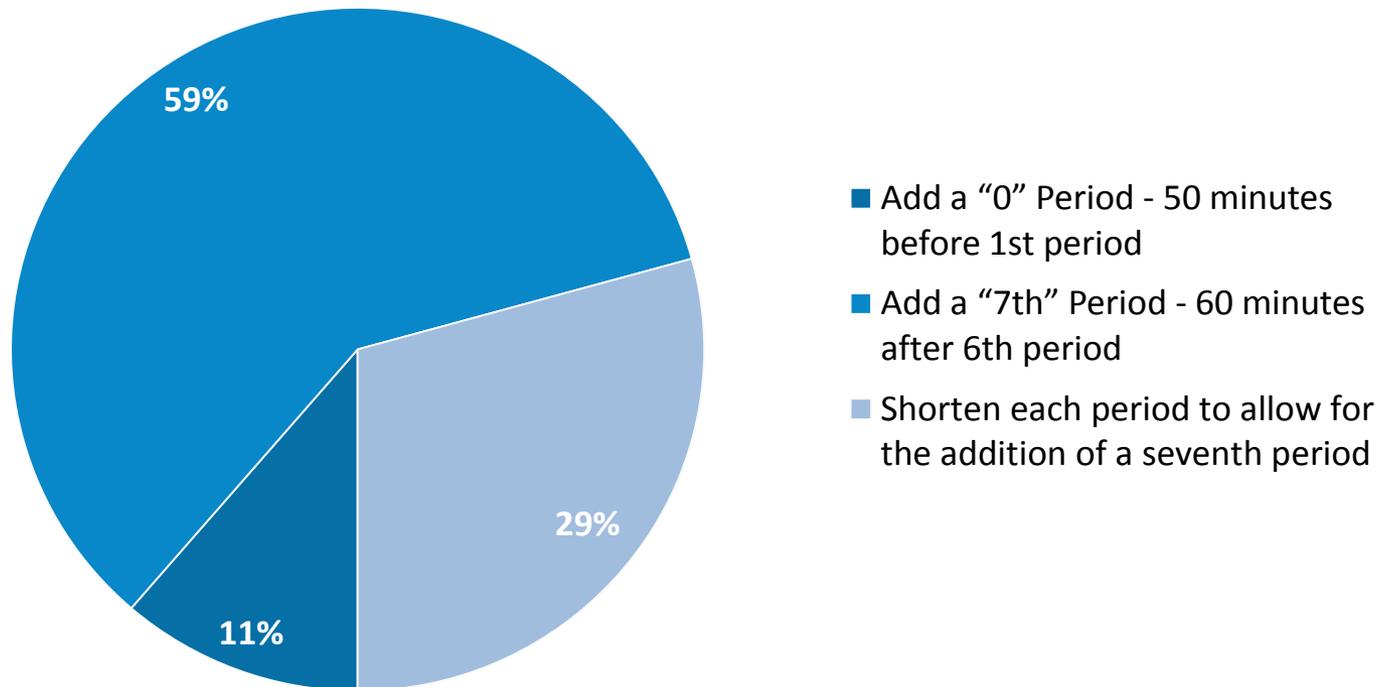
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# Changes to High School Schedule

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In your opinion, how should the high school schedule change to allow for the potential addition of a seventh class? (N=830)

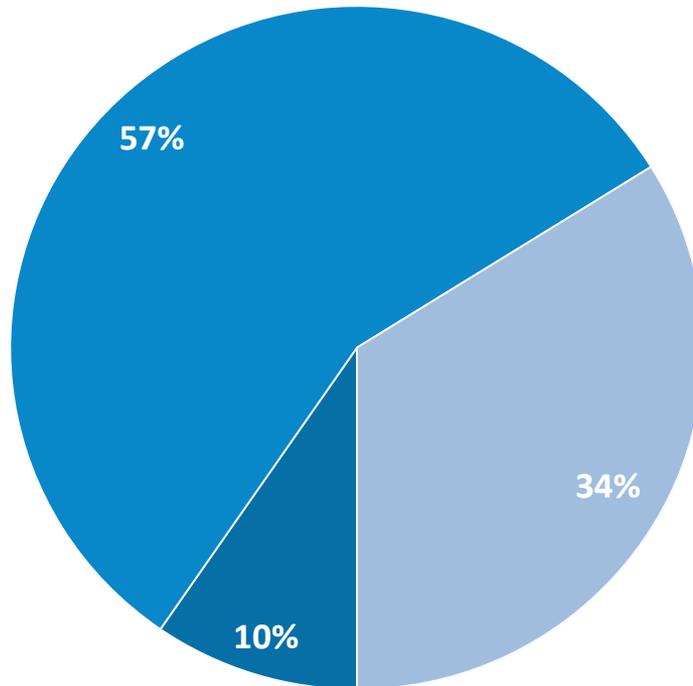


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Which 7<sup>th</sup> period model do you prefer? (N=490)



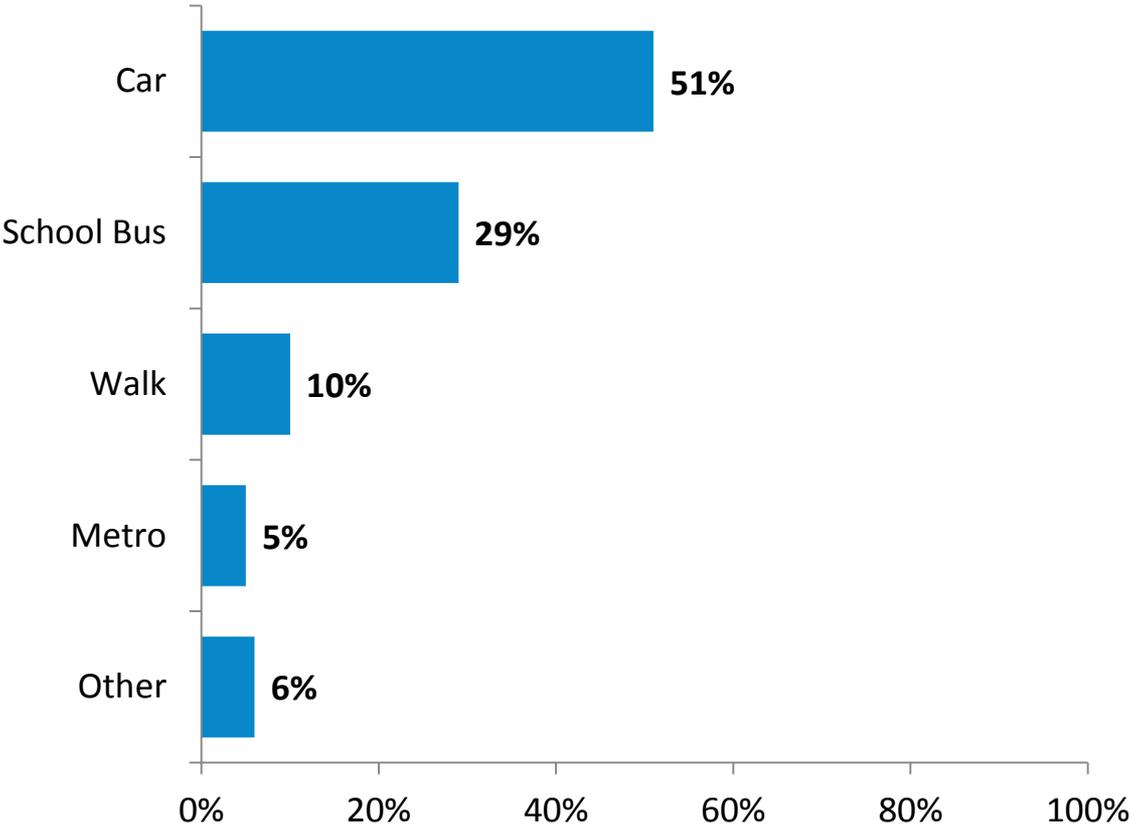
- 90 minutes three times a week, for a semester = .5 credit
- 60 minutes four times a week, for a semester = .5 credit
- 60 minutes two times a week, for the entire year = .5 credit

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# Transportation

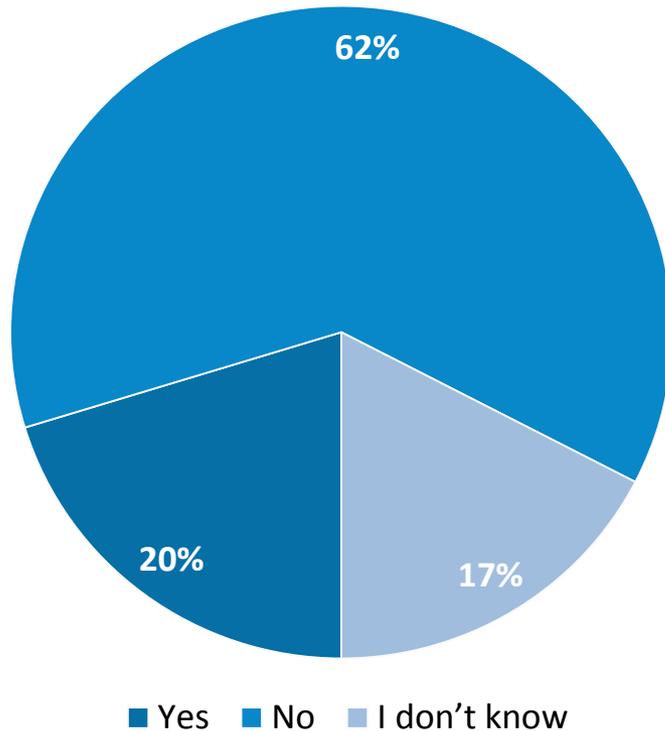
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Generally, how does your child travel to and from school each day? (N=1,027)

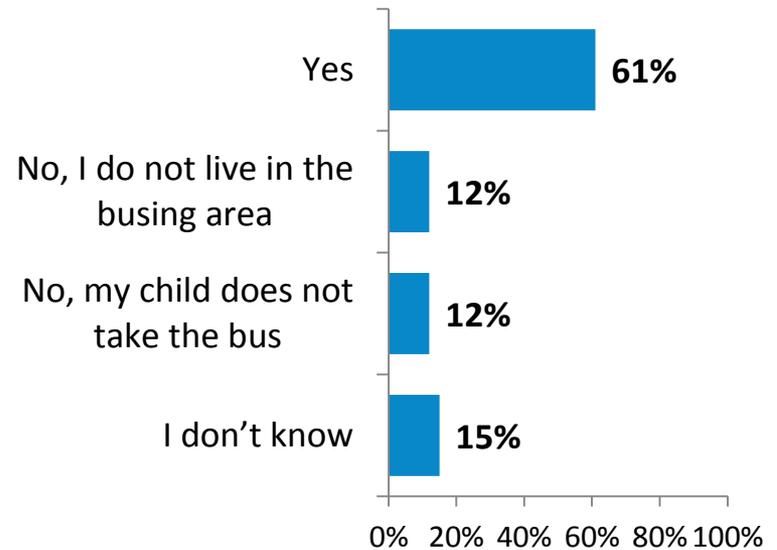


# Transportation Challenges

With the addition of a 7<sup>th</sup> class outside the current school day, would transportation become a challenge?  
(N=1,011)



If bus transportation were available, would this service eliminate the transportation challenge for your child?  
(N=375)



*Note: Only participants who answered "Yes" or "I don't know" to the question, "With the addition of a 7<sup>th</sup> class outside the current school day, would transportation become a challenge?" were given the opportunity to answer this question.*

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