

# Mott Poll Questions



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## *Making Friends*

*The following questions were answered by parents with children age 6-12 years old.*

Q1. What is your [x]-year-old child's grade level for the 2024-25 school year?

1. Kindergarten
2. 1<sup>st</sup> grade
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
4. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
5. 4<sup>th</sup> grade
6. 5<sup>th</sup> grade
7. 6<sup>th</sup> grade
8. 7<sup>th</sup> grade
9. 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Q2. Describe the number of friends your [x]-year-old child has:

1. None
2. Not enough friends
3. About the right number
4. Too many

Q3. Rate your agreement with the following:

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Disagree
a. My child would like to make new friends.			

Q4. What makes it difficult for your [x]-year-old child to make new friends? *Select all that apply.*

1. Child is shy/socially awkward
2. Other kids already have friend groups
3. Kids are too busy / no time to play / get together
4. Few places for kids to play / get together
5. Child's disability or medical condition
6. Child's appearance/size
7. Other kids are mean
8. Nothing – no difficulties making friends

Q5. In the past year, have you done any of the following to help your [x]-year-old child make new friends?  
*Select all that apply.*

1. Gave child advice on how to make friends
2. Arranged play dates / outings
3. Enrolled child in activities to meet kids with similar interests
4. Bought items (clothes, toys) to “fit in” with other kids
5. Tried to befriend other parents who have kids the same age
6. Allowed child to use social media to connect with friends
7. NA – have not done anything to help child make new friends

Q6. How important are the following to you:

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
a. That you know the parents of your child’s friends			
b. That your child’s friends come from families similar to yours			

*[If Q6b = Very or Somewhat important]*

Q7. What similarities are important to you? *Select all that apply.*

1. Parents’ level of education
2. Family income
3. Parenting style
4. Religious or political views
5. None of the above

Q8. How concerned are you about friends encouraging your [x]-year-old child to do things you don’t approve of?

1. Very concerned
2. Somewhat concerned
3. Not concerned

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