

Gallup: 8 Things You Need to Know About U.S. Students

snapshot report, Gallup identified eight key findings about U.S. students.

The findings stem from [a poll](#) Gallup conducted last fall that surveyed students in grades 5-12 from 3,000 public and private schools in North America. Here is what Gallup found:

1. Engaged and hopeful students fare better on desirable outcomes, such as better self-reported academic performance and less absenteeism.
2. Students become less engaged as they journey through school.
3. Many students have a best friend at school, but few get to do what they do best every day.