

**Cordova Community Collaborative REACH Initiative
Healthy Start Survey Qualitative Sample Results
Cordova High School**

CE - Community Enrichment Based Answer - 50
AS - Academic Support Based Answer - 31
M – Mentoring Based Answer - 16
T – Successful Transitions Based Answer – T

Barriers to success in school facing teenagers in Rancho Cordova:

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

Alcohol and Drugs - CE
Computers - AS
 No computer labs
Few places to hang out - CE
Public Transportation - CE
 Not enough
 Not safe (especially light rail stations)
Library - AS
 Not easy to get to; use
 School library not available enough
Police – M, CE
 Too many in the wrong places
Tutors - AS
 No tutoring center
 No homework support

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Computers - AS
 Not enough available
Junk food - CE
Lunch time too short - AS
Long classes, kids get tired after sitting for a long time - AS
Learning is boring - AS
 Not interactive
Library - AS
 Not easy to get to; use
 School library not available enough
Teachers – AS, M, T
 Minds set about students
 Not enough help outside of class
Too much homework - AS
Tutors – AS, M
 Not enough tutors available
Waking up too early for school

PEERS

Alcohol, Drugs, Smoking – M, CE
Bad influences – M, CE
Bullies - M

Gangs - M
Getting made fun of - M
Peer pressure - M
Pressure from those around you to get bad grades/not succeed - M
Rude - M
Students not wanting to learn – AS, T, M

What would increase teenagers' success in school?

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

Do more activities - CE
Field trips - CE
Healthy food - CE
Homework Support - AS
 Library open longer hours
 More computers available
 Quiet place to study
 Study Time; Places to Study
 Tutors

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Do more activities – CE, AS
Better teachers – AS, M
Better educational tools - AS
Field trips – CE, AS
Healthy food - CE
Homework Support - AS
 Less homework
 Library open longer hours
 More computers available
 Quiet place to study
 Study Time; Places to Study
 Tutors
Lockers at school - AS
Make the seats more comfortable - AS
Music - AS
 Let students listen to music
 Play music in class
Naptime - AS
Recess - AS
Shorter classes - AS

PEERS

How to get along - M
Sex

What makes R.C. a great place for teenagers to live?

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

Cultural diversity - CE
Diversity of personalities - CE

Friendly people - CE
Great houses - CE
Lots of girls - CE
Library – CE, AS
Light rail and buses - CE
Mostly good places - CE
Some Shopping - CE
Variety of places to go - CE
There's not a lot of violence - CE

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Cultural diversity - CE
Diversity of personalities - CE
Friendly people - CE
Fun things to do - CE
Great schools - CE
Light rail and buses when school bus doesn't come - CE
Lots of girls - CE
There are a lot of opportunities - CE

PEERS

Cultural diversity - CE
Diversity of personalities - CE
Friendly people - CE
Lots of girls - CE

What would make Rancho Cordova a better place to live for teenagers?

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

Affordable/Cheap housing - CE
Library - AS
 Better access to library
 Russian books in the library
Lose the gangs, druggies and crime - CE
Mall in Rancho - CE
More fun activities - CE
Movie Theater - CE
No littering/Less trash - CE
No racism (especially against Mexicans) – CE, M
Parks - CE
 More parks
 Safer parks
 More swimming
Skate Park - CE
Teen club (age 13-18) - CE
Water - CE
 Better water

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Completely trash the learning curriculum – AS, T
Free lunch for all students - AS