

The following questions are used to help a group of graduate students in education better understand what kind of things appeal to 8th-12th graders trying to learn new information.

Write whatever comes to mind and it is not necessary to answer all of the questions.

1. Do you use instructional software or internet web sites in school? If so, which ones? What do/don't you like about them?

- School-based website. Allows quick access to necessary information.
- Graphing calculator
- Google
- Ask.com
- Msn.com
- Glenco.com: Geometry help
- Schoolfusion.com
- Dreamweaver software allows me to be creative
- Latin translation websites
- Computer-based math
- Spanish language help-site
- Brain-pop
- Online Textbook: fun instructional games and learning tools
- AskJeeves.com

2. Thinking about games or software you have used in the past, what features would you like to have included in an instructional game? Why?

- Pictures and visual aids.
- Music
- Joystick
- Better "help" section
- Better explanation of answers

3. What do you like about attending Granville Academy? How has it enriched your education?

- It has given me new perspective, increased my social knowledge, and has provided valuable discussions.
- Has shown me some business ideas
- Makes me look smart
- It has given me strategies for developing my own business
- I love the guest speakers
- It has enhanced my education and helped me to think critically
- Has taught me about entrepreneurship and etiquette
- Has taught me about our history
- Success stories are passed down to the next generation
- It has taught me about marketing

4. What kinds of games do you play? Name some of your favorite games. Don't think only of video.

- Life
- SIMS
- Solitaire
- Internet checkers
- Football
- Halo
- Paintball
- Online Jeopardy
- Tetris
- Operation
- Madden
- Card games
- X-Box games
- Review games
- Final Fantasy
- DDR (Dance, Dance, Revolution)

5. What are some things that help you learn new material? For example, do you like listening to a person, watching a video, or exploring a website or laboratory activity?

- I like to read information, and then view a related video.
- Exploring a website
- Color-coded material helps me learn
- Visual aids and games
- Using a website
- Hand-on activities
- I like listening to a person speak
- Instructional video
- I am a kinesthetic learner
- Playing games

6. Is there anything that you don't like about learning new material? Does anything make it difficult?

- Too much information at once makes it difficult to understand.
- Listening to people is difficult for me
- Difficult language
- Lecture format
- Some methods that teachers use
- Introduction to new concepts too quickly