

Poll

Pizza vs Hamburgers

Guess the percentage in this room that like each

**What words come to mind when you
hear “Youth Action Research”?**

Youth Action Research

Provides young people with a way to shape and influence the decision-making that affects their lives and communities. It enables them to make data-driven recommendations for change in their programs, schools, and communities.

Why is Action Research important?

- 1 - Collect information to better understand issue, its causes and effects, and make recommendations, or discover solutions for how to best address the issue.
- 2 - If you want to make good decisions, you have to make them based on data, not assumptions (we all have opinions and hunches about things).

Definitions to keep in Mind

Perception - A belief or opinion, often held by many people and based on how things seem.

Assumptions - A thing that is accepted as true or as certain to happen, without proof.

Actuality - The quality or state of being actual or real.

Data - Facts and statistics collected together for reference or analysis.

Data Collection Methods

Observation: looking around community or program. Write down what you see

Video/ Photo Journal: documenting what you observe with camera

Focus Group: gather a small group of people and ask questions about the matter.

Interview: Asking people directly on the subject matter for their thoughts

Questionnaire: Survey also falls under the categories. A list of questions. Wide range of reach. Anonymity yield more honest answer.

Create your own Survey in your own Groups

1 - Design 4 questions of your choice asking specifics on the issue

2 - Make a hypothesis

3 - Survey at least 5 people in your district by our next meeting

Conduct Secondary Research

- Create questions that can be researched online
- Ex: Finding out how many parks are in Fresno, where gang violence is most prevalent, etc...
- Bring research for our next meeting