

GIRLS INC. GIRLS ARE...

COMMITTED & INVESTED IN THEIR EDUCATION

9 out of 10 Girls Inc. girls...

- Care about doing well in school.
- Like learning new things.
- Try to find out more about the things that interest them.



Changing the face of STEM

Even though women are underrepresented in STEM post-secondary programs and careers, Girls Inc. girls have the potential to close this gap and change the face of STEM for the next generation.



89% find science or math interesting.



80% believe they could handle harder science or math.

ON TRACK TO GRADUATE

High school completion is critical for success. Girls who do not graduate are more likely to have lower paying jobs, to experience poorer health outcomes, and to be involved in the criminal justice system.



79% of Girls Inc. teens are on track to graduate high school.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE "ON TRACK"?

- Maintains at least average grades in English, Math, and Science; AND
- Avoids chronic absenteeism; AND
- Plans to graduate high school; AND
- Is no more than one year behind in school

Hard work pays off!

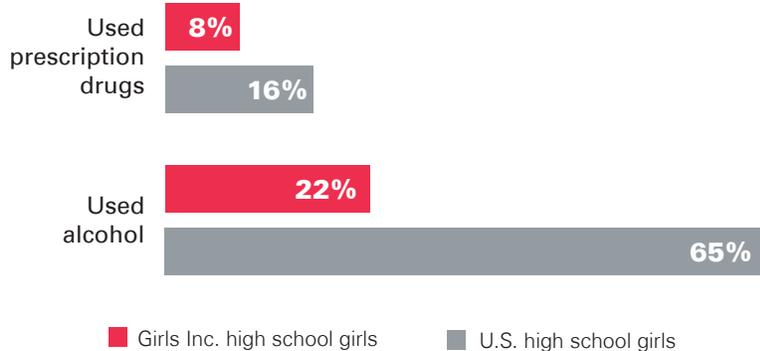
Graduating high school requires persistence and diligence. Girls Inc. girls are dedicated to putting in the extra effort to achieve their academic and personal goals.



83% describe themselves as hard workers.

ABSTAINING FROM RISKY BEHAVIORS

Despite the increasing accessibility of alcohol and prescription drugs, Girls Inc. highschoolers are abstaining from using substances that could harm their development and futures.



AGENTS OF THEIR OWN SEXUAL HEALTH

- **22%** of Girls Inc. high school girls have had sex, compared to **39%** nationally.
- **96%** say, "getting pregnant would interfere with school."
- **3 out of 4** used some form of contraception the last time they had sex.

Positive body esteem

Body positivity is important for girls, and allows them to live comfortably in their own bodies with confidence and self-esteem.



77% are happy with their bodies, compared to 48% of girls nationally.

LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

Girls Inc. girls are looking to the future, knowing they can make a positive difference.

- **90%** are hopeful about the future.
- **92%** believe they can solve real-life problems in their communities.

