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Teens: Schools Favor Sports Over Study

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I'm not big on polls, but this one shows **teens are pretty savvy while educators want to deny reality.**

USA Today reports that **45% of teens surveyed feel unsafe in schools**, especially in larger towns and cities. The head of the National Association of Secondary School Principals **insists kids are wrong and "schools are increasingly safe."** That's right, the kids are paranoid for no good reason; maybe we should up their dosage to keep 'em docile.

And when **41% of teens say their school emphasizes athletics** as opposed to 27% which say academics is the top priority, the same bozo admits that "in certain parts of the country, athletics rule supreme" but **insists the kids are wrong again and most schools are focused on academics.**

It sounds like public schools need to start listening to their students instead of their own pr. And here's the proof high schools are failing kids: a new report says

Hundreds of thousands of this year's college-bound high school graduates aren't prepared enough academically to succeed in college.



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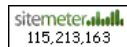
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