

**FIGURE 2.4 Anonymous Student Survey on Causes of Absenteeism**

Approximately how many days have you been absent this year (circle one)?

0–1                      2–5                      6–9                      10–17                      18+

Indicate how often the following reasons contributed to your absences.	Never	Once	More than once
I was seriously ill.			
I had a cold, headache, toothache, or other minor or moderate illness.			
I was tired and needed to sleep.			
I had a doctor or dentist appointment.			
I felt anxious or depressed.			
I missed the bus.			
I had no transportation to school.			
It was not safe to walk to school.			
Weather made it too cold or hot to walk.			
I had hygiene reasons (e.g., no clean clothes, no deodorant, felt dirty).			
I had to work.			
I had to take care of younger siblings or other family members.			
I didn't think it would matter if I was absent.			
I didn't think adults at school would notice or care that I was absent.			
I didn't think my peers at school would notice or care that I was absent.			
I didn't think my parents would notice or care that I was absent.			
I did not complete homework or assignments.			
I was not prepared for a test.			
I did not understand the work or expectations in class and didn't want to go.			
My classwork was too hard.			
My classes were boring.			
I was having conflict with peers.			
I was being teased or bullied.			
I was having trouble with a teacher or staff member.			
I was hanging out with friends outside of school.			
I was spending time with my parent or guardian.			
I was using technology (video games, computer, cellphone) I can't use at school.			
I was doing things I wouldn't want to report to the school or my parents.			
I was competing or participating in an outside-of-school sport or activity.			
I was competing or participating in a school-sponsored sport or activity.			

Source: Sprick, J., & Berg, T. (2019). *Teacher's guide to tackling attendance challenges*. ASCD.