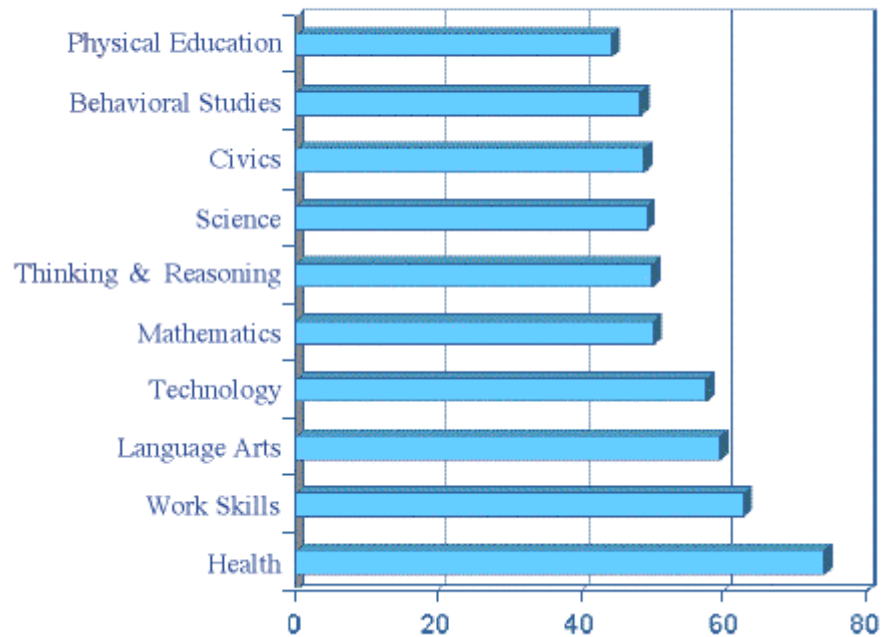


Top 10 ranking of Subject Areas Americans Believe Students Should Know



In 1999, McREL commissioned the Gallup Poll to conduct a survey of American adults to determine what they believed students should know. Adults were asked if several topics should be taught to students. Four responses were possible: "definitely," "probably," "probably not," and "definitely not." Based on the percentage of "definitely" responses, the top ten topics were ranked as illustrated in the graph above.