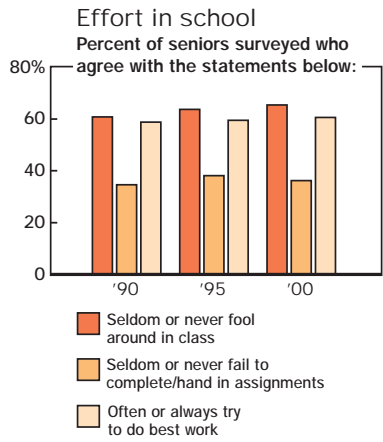
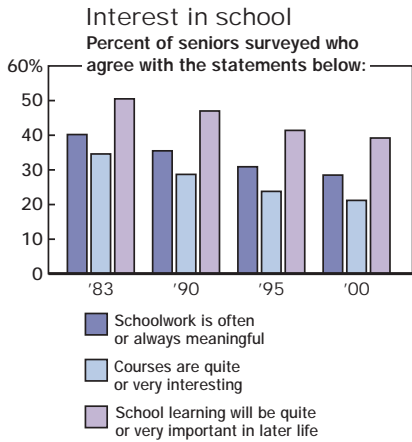


The value that high school seniors place on schoolwork has been on the decline since the early 1980s. Student effort, however, has remained relatively constant.



Source: National Center for Education Statistics report: "The Condition of Education 2002"

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