How do players rank – and misrank – characters?

Significance: how do kids make the right – and wrong – friends?

Players tend to underrate intended best friends...
...and the IQR for best friend ratings is much larger indicating uncertainty

1. Player reviews DESCRIPTIONS of various characters
2. Player RANKS each character

INTENDED RANK

MOST MISRANKED CHARACTERS

IDEAL 4 AVERAGE 1.76
“Wears dark clothing”
“Lyrics that reference drugs and alcohol”
“My older brother got into drugs. I can’t stand that stuff.”

IDEAL 4 AVERAGE 2.33
“Family is well off”
“Go get that new game that just came out”
“You have a lot of shared photos together”

IDEAL 1 AVERAGE 2
Hangs out under the bleachers
“School is a waste of time, man”
“Lot of pictures with his family”

WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH MERRING

More occurrences in overranked characters

Friends
game
team
school
great
basketball
ime
next
helps
going
check
like
play
practice
player
pro

Fewer occurrences in overranked characters

hang
drunk
air

pretty
cheering
npc

More occurrences in underranked characters

smoking
lot
friends
get
day
week
year
new
seems
years
picture
always
same
everyone
hanging
mostly
meet
jokes

dance

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