

CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY



Encina Preparatory High Secondary 2020-2021 Main Report

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PREFACE

HYPERLINK FEATURE

The digital version of this report has been hyperlinked. Click on the title of a section or a table in the List of Tables and you will be automatically directed to the actual content section or table in the report.

This report provides the detailed results for each question from the 2020-21 *California Healthy Kids Survey* (CHKS) for schools within the district. The CHKS, along with its two companion surveys—the *California School Staff Survey* (CSSS) and the *California School Parent Survey* (CSPS)—form the California Department of Education’s *California School Climate, Health, and Learning Survey* (CalSCHLS) System. CalSCHLS is the largest, most comprehensive effort in the nation to regularly assess students, staff, and parents at the local level to provide key data on school climate and safety, learning supports and barriers, stakeholder engagement, and youth development, health, and well-being. Exhibit 1, at the end of the Preface, presents the major school-related domains and constructs assessed by CalSCHLS. The Appendix provides more information about CHKS questions.

These surveys grew out of the California Department of Education’s (CDE) commitment to helping schools promote the successful cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of all students; create more positive, engaging school environments; and ensure college and career readiness. They provide a wealth of information to guide school improvement and **Local Control and Accountability Plan** (LCAP) efforts, particularly in regard to the state priorities of enhancing school climate, pupil engagement, parent involvement, and addressing the needs of vulnerable groups.

Factsheets, guidebooks, and other resources to help in understanding and using CHKS results are available for downloading from the CalSCHLS website (calschls.org), including *Helpful Resources for Local Control and Accountability Plans* (calschls.org/docs/lcap_cal_schls.pdf). The California Safe and Supportive Schools website (ca-safe-supportive-schools.wested.org) provides information and tools helpful in implementing effective strategies to address the needs identified by the survey.

The CalSCHLS Regional Centers offer a Data Workshop to help identify local needs and develop action plans to meet those needs, including a *Listening to Students Workshop* for involving student voice in the process (see below).

THE SURVEY

CDE has funded the CHKS since 1997 to provide data to assist schools in: (1) fostering safe and supportive school climates, social-emotional competencies, and engagement in learning; (2) preventing youth health-risk behaviors and other barriers to academic achievement; and (3) promoting positive youth development, resilience, and well-being. A thorough understanding of the scope and nature of student behaviors, attitudes, experiences, and supports is essential for guiding school improvement and academic, prevention, and health programs. The Appendix includes a brief guide to key CHKS Core Module indicators designed to help survey users more easily understand and interpret their findings.

The CHKS is not just a standalone instrument but a data collection system that districts can customize to meet local needs and interests. The secondary-school CHKS consists of a required general Core Module and a series of optional, supplementary topic-focused modules that districts can elect to administer.

Districts may also add their own questions of local interest in a custom module. Table 1 indicates the modules administered by the district/school.

Core Module

As summarized in the Appendix, the Core Module consists of key questions that are considered most important for schools to guide improvement of academic, health, and prevention programs and promote student achievement, college and career readiness, positive development, and well-being. The majority of the questions are school-specific, including the following indicators:

- students' home educational routines, engagement and motivation in educational activities, quality of relationships with teachers and peers, and social-emotional well-being;
- student grades, truancy, attendance, academic motivation, and school connectedness, as indicators of engagement;
- developmental supports (protective factors) that promote positive academic, social, and emotional outcomes: experiences of caring adult relationships, high expectations, and opportunities for meaningful participation at school;
- perceived school safety, bullying, and victimization; and
- violence perpetration, substance use, and crime-related behavior (e.g., weapons possession).

The Core Module also assesses the scope and nature of substance use and includes two key indicators of mental health: chronic sadness and contemplation of suicide. These questions provide insight into important barriers to learning and development.

A wide range of demographic questions help districts identify and address the needs of significant and vulnerable student subgroups, including those required to be included in LCAP efforts. These subgroups include race/ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status; homeless and foster status; and English language proficiency.

What's New? With school buildings throughout much of California closed due to the pandemic and many districts shifting to remote and/or hybrid instructional models in 2020-21, the Core Modules have expanded this year to help districts better understand the impacts of COVID-19 and how best to support students' social, emotional, and academic needs. The first question on the Core Module asks students if they attend school in person every weekday (in-person instructional model), they participate in school remotely from home (remote instructional model), or they participate in school both remotely and in-person (hybrid instructional model). Based on responses to this question, students are directed to questions only relevant to their instructional model. Questions asking about experiences in school buildings are only available for students who attend school in-person (100% in-person and hybrid instructional models). The expanded student Core Module measures students' home educational routines, engagement and motivation in educational activities, quality of relationships with teachers and peers, and social-emotional well-being. The new content assessed by the Core Module includes the following:

- school schedules and attendance (remote and in-school), whether students participate in school in-person or remotely, and participation in synchronous learning activities;
- sleep hygiene and physical exercise;
- students' interest in and ability to focus on schoolwork;
- teacher support while learning remotely;

- virtual interactions with peers; and
- social and emotional health, including a 10-item measure of social-emotional distress.

In addition, modifications have been made to items measuring eligibility for free or reduced-price meals, truancy, caring relationships with teachers, and high expectations to make the questions applicable across all instructional models. Other changes include modification of the gender item to be more inclusive, combining the questions asking about ethnicity and race, and inclusion of an item that asks about Hispanic/Latinx subgroup membership.

School Climate Module (Supplementary)

To further support school improvement efforts and the LCAP process, a supplementary School Climate Module is available. It provides additional data on student academic mindset, school academic supports, discipline/order, supports for social-emotional learning, bullying prevention, peer relationships, respect for diversity, and the quality of the physical environment (calschls.org/survey-administration/downloads). Only questions relevant to the instructional model implemented in the school are answered by students in 2020/21. For example, students who participate in school remotely are not asked questions about the physical environment at the school. In addition, a handful of the items in the School Climate Module have been modified slightly to be applicable to all students, regardless of instructional model.

Social Emotional Health Module (Supplementary)

The Social Emotional Health Module (SEHM) greatly enhances the value of the CHKS as a strength-based assessment of positive emotions, engagement, ability to build and maintain relationships, and other social-emotional capacities linked to student mental health and well-being, academic success, and college and career readiness. It includes 28 items that capture core adolescent psychological assets. The combination of the SEHM and Core Module yields a comprehensive set of data to inform decisions about mental health and social-emotional learning programs.

SURVEY ADMINISTRATION AND SAMPLE

School staff administered the survey, following detailed instructions provided by CDE that were designed to assure the protection of all student and parental rights to privacy and to maintain confidentiality. Students were surveyed only with the consent of parents or guardians. Each student’s participation was voluntary, anonymous, and confidential.

- Table A1.1 describes the target sample of students and the final number and percent of students who completed the survey (the participation response rate).

PUBLIC ONLINE DATA DASHBOARD

The most recent state, county, and district CHKS results can be examined on the CalSCHLS Data Dashboard (calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard). The dashboard can be used to graphically display statewide and district key indicators from the Core and School Climate Module, trends over time, and disparities in survey outcomes across subgroups. Subgroup differences by gender, race/ethnicity, parental education, parent military status, homeless status, afterschool participation, gender identity, and sexual orientation can be examined. In addition, results can be displayed for English learners, free and reduced-priced meal eligible students, and foster youth – three important LCAP priority subgroups. In addition to displaying results interactively on the web, dashboard results can be exported as Image and PDF files for dissemination. District data are publicly posted on the dashboard by the end of November of the year following survey administration.

***New in 2019!* EXPLORE RESULTS ON THE DISTRICT CALSCHLS DATA DASHBOARD**

Districts may purchase a two-year subscription to a password protected, private data dashboard that displays up to seven years of CalSCHLS data at the district level and individual school level. The dashboard provides designated staff with graphical data displays for the district as a whole, for all schools in the district on the same page to enable comparisons across schools, and for a single, individual school. At both the district and school level, viewers can:

- compare their data with district and state averages;
- make comparisons across subgroups such as race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and afterschool participation; and
- examine data trends over time overall and by subgroup.

New in 2020 is the ability to make comparisons across students who participate in school via different instructional models (in-person, remote, and hybrid).

Viewers at both the district level and the school level have the option to download data displays as a PDF document which can be shared with stakeholders.

THE REPORT

The report tables, organized by topic, provide the percentage of students that responded to each question response option by grade level. Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Racial/Ethnic and Gender Results

In this report, summary tables provide key findings (e.g., safety, harassment, developmental supports, school connectedness) disaggregated by race/ethnic categories and gender. Districts can subscribe to the District CalSCHLS data dashboard to disaggregate all their CHKS results by the race/ethnicity or gender of students or by other demographic categories.

UNDERSTANDING THE DATA

Care must be taken to understand the factors that can impact the quality, validity, and generalizability of the results. These include changes that occur in survey content, administration, and/or sample characteristics between administrations. The following are a few of the key issues that should be kept in mind.

Representativeness

Among the most important factors affecting the quality of survey results is the level and type of student participation. The validity and representativeness of the results will be adversely affected if the student response rate is lower than 70 percent. One indication of the survey's representativeness is how accurately the sample reflects the gender and ethnic composition of the student enrollment. Even if the response rate is low, the results provide an indication of what those students who did respond felt about the school and their experiences and behavior.

Changes Between Survey Administrations

Many factors besides real changes in behavior, attitudes, or experiences among students may account for changes in results from administration to administration. Changes may be due to differences over time in the characteristics or size of the sample of students who completed the survey, changes in the questions

themselves, or differences between time periods in which the survey was administered (e.g., some risk behaviors tend to increase as students age, or may increase during holidays or social events).

RESOURCES

CalSCHLS.org contains numerous guidebooks and other resources for using and understanding survey results.

- **CHKS factsheets** analyze key topics at the state level, show how data variables are related, and offer suggestions for how data can be analyzed at the local level (calschls.org/resources/factsheets).
- *Assessing School Climate* describes the value of the CalSCHLS student, staff, and parent surveys for assessing school climate, listing constructs and individual indicators (data.calschls.org/resources/Cal-SCHLS_AssessingClimate2013-14.pdf).
- *Making Sense of School Climate* provides a discussion of CalSCHLS survey items that relate to school climate (data.calschls.org/resources/S3_schoolclimateguidebook_final.pdf).
- *Using CalSCHLS to Assess Social-Emotional Learning and Health* describes how the CHKS Core and SEHM module provide a comprehensive profile of student social-emotional competency (learning) and health, and the related supports schools provide, including questions aligned with the framework developed by the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) (data.calschls.org/resources/CalSCHLS_AssessSELH.pdf). The staff survey provides data on the perception of adults in the school on social-emotional service needs and provision.
- *Helpful Resources for Local Control and Accountability Plans* describes how survey items align with LCAP priorities and indicators (calschls.org/docs/lcap_cal_schls.pdf). Also available is an LCAP-related PowerPoint presentation (calschls.org/site/assets/files/1036/cal-schls-lcap_schoolclimatev6-1.pptx).
- The *California Safe and Supportive Schools Newsletter* provides monthly announcements of resources, tools, webinars and workshops, and research. Sign up on calschls.org/resources.
- CDE's **California Safe and Supportive Schools** website (ca-safe-supportive-schools.wested.org) contains a wealth of information and tools related to school climate improvement and social-emotional learning. It includes factsheets analyzing CalSCHLS data and *What Works Briefs* that provide guidance on strategies to implement.
- The **CalSCHLS Item Crosswalk** (calschls.org/docs/calschls-2019-20-crosswalk.pdf) is a handy table listing all the constructs and questions that are on two or more of the CalSCHLS surveys, along with the report table number where results can be found, to assist in the comparison of findings among students, staff, and parents.

NEXT STEPS

Receiving this report is just a beginning step in a data-driven decision-making process of continuous improvement. The following describes some additional steps you should take and some custom services (additional fees apply) available from the CalSCHLS Regional Centers. These will help in fostering effective use of the results and provide additional information to support school and program improvement efforts and the LCAP process.

Engage Students, Staff, and Parents in Reviewing the Results and Action Planning

Engage students, parents, and school/community stakeholders in reviewing and exploring the meaning of the results. Obtain their input into how the school might better meet the identified needs. Engage them in developing a detailed action plan to guide school/community collaborative efforts. This communicates to stakeholders that you value their input into how to improve the school/community and gives them an opportunity for meaningful participation.

As part of this process, it is highly recommended that you conduct a structured *Listening to Students Workshop* designed to explore with students—as staff observe—the meaning of survey results and obtain student input on how to address the needs identified by the survey. WestEd staff also can conduct a *Data Workshop* designed to identify local needs based on the survey results and engage adult stakeholders in developing a detailed plan and timetable for meeting those needs using evidence-based strategies. For more information, contact your CalSCHLS Regional Center 888.841.7536 or email calschls@wested.org.

Compare Results with Other Data

The value of your CHKS results will be greatly enhanced if examined in the context of the following sources of related data.

- **Staff and Parent Surveys.** If your school district has administered the CalSCHLS school staff and parent surveys, obtain these results and compare them to those provided by students. It is important to determine how consistent are student, staff, and parent perceptions and experiences. To facilitate these comparisons, the CalSCHLS Item Crosswalk (calschls.org/docs/calschls-2019-20-crosswalk.pdf) lists all the constructs and questions that are on two or more of the CalSCHLS surveys, along with the report table number where results can be found. If your district did not administer these companion surveys, urge them to do so next time.
- **Elementary CHKS Results.** Examine how the results from 9th and 11th graders compare with those from 5th and 7th graders if your district also administered the CHKS at these school levels. The elementary, middle, and high school surveys contain common indicators that will enable you to gain a sense of the developmental trajectory in these indicators and explore what programs at the elementary and middle school levels might help mitigate problems that are evident among older students.
- **Other Data.** Examine how the results compare with other youth data collected within the district that relate to the variables assessed. Other relevant school-related data include discipline referrals, school demographic information, school vandalism costs, and behavioral observations in classrooms.
- **Similar District and Statewide Results.** The results from the biennial state administration of the CHKS, which provide representative state norms, can be downloaded from the CalSCHLS website (data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1719.pdf) or examined on the CalSCHLS Data Dashboard (calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard). If there is a school district that you consider similar to your own, you can also check to see if they have administered the survey and download the results for comparison (calschls.org/reports-data/search-lea-reports). How you compare to state and district results can provide some context for your results, but the most important consideration is what your own results say about the students in your school/community.

Data Workshop

To assist in your review of the survey results, you can request your CalSCHLS Regional Center to conduct a structured, customized *Data Workshop*. In this workshop, a survey specialist works with district stakeholders to promote better understanding of the results and to identify local needs that need to be addressed. The workshops can also include engaging stakeholders in developing a detailed Action Plan and timetable for meeting those needs using evidence-based strategies. For more information, contact your CalSCHLS Regional Center (888.841.7536) or email calschls@wested.org.

Request Additional Reports and Data

As you review your data with stakeholders, you may find that additional data needs emerge. The following custom services are available through the CalSCHLS Regional Centers to help delve more deeply into your survey results and foster more effective use of the results in support of school and program improvement efforts and the LCAP process.

School Reports and School Climate Report Cards

If the schools in the district vary significantly in demographics, programs, or other characteristics, consider requesting individual reports for each school. Two types of reports are available:

- A full report with all the survey results
- A short, user-friendly, graphic **School Climate Report Card** that provides results across seven domains of school climate and provides an overall **School Climate Index** score based on those domains (calschls.org/reports-data)

District School Climate Report Card

For districts that survey all their schools, a district-level School Climate Report Card can be requested. This is a powerful, useful tool for guiding efforts to meet the school climate and pupil engagement priorities for the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Disaggregated Reports

The staff of the CalSCHLS Regional Centers can produce full reports that look at how results vary by demographic subgroups (e.g., race/ethnicity), or by other characteristics of youth, such as those who are low in academic motivation compared to those who are high. This can be valuable for identifying what subgroups need to be targeted with what resources and programs. Given the LCAP requirement that districts identify and address the needs of underserved subgroups, doing this would be a natural next step for addressing subgroup disparities.

Additional Analysis of Data

The complete dataset is available electronically for additional analysis (calschls.org/reports-data). The dataset enables analyses of patterns in the results, how they are interrelated, and how they vary by different subgroups of students and across schools within a district. You can also request an analysis by WestEd staff of any topic of interest.

Add Questions to Your Next Surveys

Determine what additional information is needed from students to guide school improvement efforts and add questions to your next CHKS, staff, or parent surveys. All three surveys are designed so that schools can add additional questions to help them conduct a more individualized and comprehensive assessment.

For more information about survey planning or technical assistance in understanding survey results and developing effective action plans to address identified needs, call the CalSCHLS helpline (888.841.7536) or email calschls@wested.org.

Exhibit 1

Major School-Related Domains and Constructs Assessed by CalSCHLS in Secondary Schools

	Student Core	Student School Climate	Student Social Emotional Health	Staff Survey	Parent Survey
Student Well-Being					
Academic mindset			✓		
Academic motivation	✓	✓		✓	✓
Academic performance (grades)	✓				
Alcohol, tobacco, and drug use	✓			✓	✓
Attendance (absences, truancy, reasons absent)	✓			✓	
Behavioral self-control			✓		
Collaboration			✓		
Emotional self-regulation			✓		
Empathy			✓		
Gratitude	✓				
Optimism	✓				
Perceived safety	✓			✓	✓
Persistence			✓		
Problem solving	✓				
School connectedness	✓				
Self-awareness	✓				
Self-efficacy	✓				
Sleep duration (bedtime and waketime)	✓				
Social-emotional competencies and health			✓	✓	
Social-emotional distress	✓				
Violence and victimization (bullying)	✓			✓	✓
Zest			✓		
School Climate					
Academic rigor and norms				✓	✓
College and career supports		✓		✓	✓
Family support			✓		
High expectations	✓			✓	✓
Meaningful participation and decision-making	✓			✓	✓
Parent involvement	✓			✓	✓
Quality of physical environment	✓	✓		✓	✓
Relationships among staff				✓	
Relationships among students		✓	✓	✓	✓
Relationships between students and staff	✓			✓	✓
Respect for diversity and cultural sensitivity		✓		✓	✓
Teacher and other supports for learning		✓		✓	✓
School Climate Improvement Practices					
Bullying prevention		✓		✓	✓
Discipline and order (policies, enforcement)		✓		✓	✓
Services and policies to address student needs				✓	
Social-emotional/behavioral supports		✓		✓	✓
Staff supports				✓	

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Survey Module Administration

Table 1

CHKS Survey Modules Administered

Survey Module	Administered
A. Core (Required)	X
B. Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Module	X
C. Closing the Achievement Gap (CTAG) Module	
D. Community Health Module	
E. District Afterschool Module (DASM)	
F. Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Module	X
G. Gang Risk Awareness Module (GRAM)	
H. Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation-Based Harassment Module	
I. Mental Health Supports Module	
J. Military-Connected School Module	
K. Physical Health & Nutrition Module	
L. Resilience & Youth Development Module	
M. Safety & Violence Module	
N. School Climate Module	
O. Sexual Behavior Module	
P. Social Emotional Health Module (SEHM)	
Q. Tobacco Module	
Z. Custom Questions	

Core Module Results

1. Survey Sample

Table A1.1

Student Sample for Core Module

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<i>Student Sample Size</i>			
Target sample	149	169	–
Final number	93	82	–
Response Rate	62%	49%	–

Table A1.2

Number of Respondents by Instructional Model

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
In-school learning only	11	13	–
Remote learning only	59	57	–
Hybrid learning	23	12	–

2. Summary of Key Indicators

Table A2.1

Key Indicators of School Climate and Substance Use

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %	Table
School Engagement and Supports				
School connectedness ^{†Φ}	48	64	–	A6.7
Academic motivation [†]	68	66	–	A6.7
Monthly Absences (3 or more) ^Φ	38	9	–	A6.2
Maintaining focus on schoolwork [†]	33	33	–	A6.13
Caring adult relationships [‡]	61	59	–	A6.7
High expectations-adults in school [‡]	77	75	–	A6.7
Meaningful participation ^{‡Φ}	31	48	–	A6.7
Facilities upkeep ^{†Φ}	38	42	–	A6.16
Promotion of parent involvement in school [†]	54	54	–	A6.7
School Safety				
School perceived as very safe or safe ^Φ	63	67	–	A8.1
Experienced any harassment or bullying ^{§Φ}	36	29	–	A8.2
Had mean rumors or lies spread about you ^{§Φ}	27	8	–	A8.3
Been afraid of being beaten up ^{§Φ}	14	29	–	A8.3
Been in a physical fight ^{§Φ}	29	15	–	A8.4
Seen a weapon on campus ^{§Φ}	20	0	–	A8.6
Substance Use				
Current alcohol or drug use [¶]	5	8	–	A9.5
Current marijuana use [¶]	2	4	–	A9.5
Current binge drinking [¶]	4	3	–	A9.5
Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times, ever	0	1	–	A9.7
Been drunk or “high” on drugs at school, ever	4	6	–	A9.9
Current cigarette smoking [¶]	4	3	–	A10.3
Current vaping [¶]	2	6	–	A10.3

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[†]Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

[§]Past 12 months.

[¶]Past 30 days.

^ΦIn-School and Hybrid Models only.

Table A2.2**Key Indicators of Student Well-Being, Remote Learning, and Social and Emotional Health**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %	Table
Routines				
Eating of breakfast ^l	71	75	–	A11.2
Bedtime (before 11 pm)	59	63	–	A4.1
Sleep deprivation (less than 8 hours)	25	18	–	A4.1
Physical exercise (meets standards) ^{ll}	61	66	–	A4.4
Learning from Home				
Average days worked on schoolwork (≥ 5) ^{ll} ^δ	64	71	–	A5.1
Synchronous instruction (4 days or more) ^{ll} ^δ	85	79	–	A5.1
Interest in schoolwork done from home ^δ	30	41	–	A5.3
Meaningful opportunities [‡] ^δ	57	60	–	A5.2
Adult and Peer Relationships				
Adult supports [‡]	83	69	–	A7.7
Peer supports [‡]	57	56	–	A7.6
Virtual peer interactions (4 days or more) ^{ll}	40	42	–	A4.3
Cyberbullying [§]	24	15	–	A8.3
Social and Emotional Health				
Social emotional distress [‡]	17	20	–	A7.10
Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness [§]	30	34	–	A7.1
Considered suicide [§]	9	7	–	A7.2
Self-Efficacy [‡]	67	60	–	A7.3
Self-Awareness [‡]	67	58	–	A7.4
Problem Solving [‡]	44	46	–	A7.5
Optimism [‡]	59	55	–	A7.8
Gratitude [‡]	71	70	–	A7.9

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Aerobic physical fitness standards—at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity per week.

^lToday.

^{ll}Past 7 days.

^{lll}Past 30 days.

^δRemote and Hybrid Models only.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

[§]Past 12 months.

3. Demographics

Table A3.1

School Schedule, Past 30 Days

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
In-School Model	12	16	–
Remote Learning Model	63	70	–
Hybrid Model (in school on alternate days)	15	7	–
Hybrid Model (in school half days)	10	7	–

Question HS/MS A.1: Which of the following best describes your school schedule during the past 30 days?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

In-School Model - Respondents selecting “I went to school in person at my school building for the entire day, Monday through Friday.”

Remote Learning Model - Respondents selecting “I participated in school from home for the entire day on most or all weekdays and did not go to school in person.”

Hybrid Model (in school on alternate days) - Respondents selecting “I went to school in person at my school building for the entire day on some weekdays and participated in school from home on other weekdays.”

Hybrid Model (in school half days) - Respondents selecting “I went to school in person at my school building for half of the day and participated in classes from home during the other half of the day on most or all weekdays.”

Table A3.2

Gender of Sample

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Male	40	44	–
Female	56	49	–
Nonbinary	3	3	–
Something else	0	4	–

Question HS/MS A.3: What is your gender?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.3***Sexual Orientation***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Straight (not gay)	58	68	–
Lesbian or Gay	4	3	–
Bisexual	11	5	–
Something else	6	10	–
Not sure	6	4	–
Decline to respond	15	10	–

Question HS/MS A.5: Which of the following best describes you?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.4***Gender Identity***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
No, I am not transgender	72	84	–
Yes, I am transgender	5	3	–
I am not sure if I am transgender	13	5	–
Decline to respond	10	9	–

Question HS/MS A.4: Some people describe themselves as transgender when how they think or feel about their gender is different from the sex they were assigned at birth. Are you transgender?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.5***Race or Ethnicity***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	4	–
Asian or Asian American	9	11	–
Black or African American	21	20	–
Hispanic or Latinx	17	23	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	4	3	–
White	17	10	–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	15	14	–
Something else	15	15	–

Question HS/MS A.6: What is your race or ethnicity? (Mark All That Apply)... American Indian or Alaska Native... Asian or Asian American... Black or African American... Hispanic or Latinx... Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander... White... Something else.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.6***Living Situation***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
A home with one or more parent or guardian	70	66	–
Other relative's home	5	4	–
A home with more than one family	14	14	–
Friend's home	0	1	–
Foster home, group care, or waiting placement	3	0	–
Hotel or motel	1	0	–
Shelter, car, campground, or other transitional or temporary housing	0	0	–
Other living arrangement	8	15	–

Question HS/MS A.9: What best describes where you live? A home includes a house, apartment, trailer, or mobile home.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.7***Highest Education of Parents***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Did not finish high school	19	19	–
Graduated from high school	24	21	–
Attended college but did not complete four-year degree	9	11	–
Graduated from college	21	9	–
Don't know	27	40	–

Question HS/MS A.10: What is the highest level of education your parents or guardians completed? (Mark the educational level of the parent or guardian who went the furthest in school.)

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.8***Free or Reduced Price Meals Eligibility***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
No	14	19	–
Yes	46	49	–
Don't know	40	32	–

Question HS/MS A.12, 13: Do you receive free or reduced-price lunches at school? (Receiving free or reduced-price lunches means that lunch at school is provided to you for free or you pay less for it.) [In-school/Hybrid only]... Last year, did you receive free or reduced-price lunches at school? (Receiving free or reduced-price lunches means that lunch at school is provided to you for free or you pay less for it.) [Remote only]

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.9***Language Spoken at Home***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
English	65	53	–
Spanish	11	16	–
Mandarin	0	0	–
Cantonese	0	0	–
Taiwanese	0	0	–
Tagalog	1	0	–
Vietnamese	0	0	–
Korean	0	0	–
Arabic	3	4	–
Other	20	27	–

Question HS/MS A.14: What language is spoken most of the time in your home?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.10
English Language Proficiency – All Students

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
How well do you... understand English?			
Very well	86	81	–
Well	9	17	–
Not well	5	1	–
Not at all	0	0	–
speak English?			
Very well	74	68	–
Well	22	32	–
Not well	1	0	–
Not at all	3	0	–
read English?			
Very well	72	60	–
Well	17	35	–
Not well	11	6	–
Not at all	0	0	–
write English?			
Very well	64	63	–
Well	27	31	–
Not well	5	6	–
Not at all	3	0	–
English Language Proficiency Status			
Proficient	67	63	–
Not proficient	33	37	–

Question HS/MS A.15-18: How well do you understand, speak, read, and write English?... Understand English... Speak English... Read English... Write English.

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

English Language Proficiency was determined by creating a scale score using four survey questions - how well do you understand... speak... read... and write English. Response options are reverse coded so higher values indicate higher English proficiency level (“Not at all” (1); “Not well” (2); “Well” (3); and “Very well” (4)). The scale score was computed by averaging the survey responses. Respondents are categorized as “Proficient” or “Not Proficient” based on the English language proficiency scale.

Proficient: students with average item response > 3.5; and

Not Proficient: students with average item response ≤ 3.5.

Table A3.11***English Language Proficiency – Students Speaking a Language Other Than English at Home***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
<i>How well do you...</i>			
understand English?			
Very well	81	67	–
Well	15	31	–
Not well	4	3	–
Not at all	0	0	–
speak English?			
Very well	69	51	–
Well	27	49	–
Not well	4	0	–
Not at all	0	0	–
read English?			
Very well	64	47	–
Well	28	47	–
Not well	8	6	–
Not at all	0	0	–
write English?			
Very well	60	46	–
Well	28	46	–
Not well	8	9	–
Not at all	4	0	–
<i>English Language Proficiency Status</i>			
Proficient	60	49	–
Not proficient	40	51	–

Question HS/MS A.14-18: What language is spoken most of the time in your home?... How well do you understand, speak, read, and write English?... Understand English... Speak English... Read English... Write English.

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

English Language Proficiency was determined by creating a scale score using four survey questions - how well do you understand... speak... read... and write English. Response options are reverse coded so higher values indicate higher English proficiency level (“Not at all” (1); “Not well” (2); “Well” (3); and “Very well” (4)). The scale score was computed by averaging the survey responses. Respondents are categorized as “Proficient” or “Not Proficient” based on the English language proficiency scale.

Proficient: students with average item response > 3.5; and

Not Proficient: students with average item response ≤ 3.5.

Table A3.12***Number of Days Attending Afterschool Program (In-School and Hybrid Only)***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
I do not attend my school's afterschool program	60	61	–
1 day	20	9	–
2 days	8	13	–
3 days	0	0	–
4 days	8	0	–
5 days	4	17	–

Question HS/MS A.28: How many days a week do you usually go to your school's afterschool program?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A3.13***Military Connections***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
No	81	88	–
Yes	10	1	–
Don't know	9	11	–

Question HS/MS A.11: Is your father, mother, or guardian currently in the military (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, National Guard, or Reserves)?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

4. Routines

Table A4.1

Sleep Schedule

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
What time did you go to bed last night?			
Before 7:00 pm	0	0	–
7:00-7:59 pm	1	1	–
8:00-8:59 pm	6	13	–
9:00-9:59 pm	30	21	–
10:00-10:59 pm	21	28	–
11:00-11:59 pm	16	15	–
12:00-12:59 am	8	10	–
After 1:00 am	18	12	–
What time did you wake up this morning?			
Before 5:00 am	1	1	–
5:00-5:59 am	6	4	–
6:00-6:59 am	6	5	–
7:00-7:59 am	32	26	–
8:00-8:59 am	44	49	–
9:00-9:59 am	4	9	–
10:00-10:59 am	4	3	–
11:00-11:59 am	1	1	–
12 pm or later	0	1	–
Sleep duration			
Less than 6 hours	4	0	–
6-7 hours	21	18	–
8-9 hours	29	33	–
10-11 hours	40	34	–
12 hours or more	6	14	–
<i>Sleep deprivation (less than 8 hours)</i>	25	18	–

Question HS/MS A.19, 20: What time did you go to bed last night?... What time did you wake up this morning?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A4.2**Attending School in Person (Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Are you attending school in person today?			
No	70	42	–
Yes	30	58	–
In the past 30 days, how many days in an average week did you go to school in person?			
0 days	60	50	–
1 day	5	0	–
2 days	15	25	–
3 days	0	0	–
4 days	5	8	–
5 days	15	17	–

Question HS/MS A.24, 25: In the past 30 days, how many days in an average week did you go to school in person?... Are you attending school in person today?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A4.3**Peer Interactions (Virtual), Past 7 Days**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
0 days	24	38	–
1 day	10	1	–
2 days	12	8	–
3 days	14	10	–
4 days	7	11	–
5 days	3	10	–
6 days	0	0	–
7 days	29	22	–

Question HS/MS A.68: On how many of the past 7 days did you talk to your friends by phone, computer, or tablet (iPad)?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A4.4***Number of Days Exercising, Past 7 Days***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Exercise or do a physical activity for at least 20 minutes that made you sweat and breathe hard			
0 days	16	12	–
1 day	12	8	–
2 days	22	21	–
3 days	10	18	–
4 days	7	14	–
5 days	7	7	–
6 days	0	4	–
7 days	26	16	–
Participate in a physical activity for at least 30 minutes that did not make you sweat and breathe hard			
0 days	21	12	–
1 day	16	14	–
2 days	12	12	–
3 days	16	15	–
4 days	9	19	–
5 days	3	5	–
6 days	10	4	–
7 days	14	18	–
<i>Meets aerobic physical fitness standards</i>			
	61	66	–

Question HS/MS A.69, 70: On how many of the past 7 days did you... exercise or do a physical activity for at least 20 minutes that made you sweat and breathe hard? (For example, basketball, soccer, running, fast bicycling, fast dancing, or similar aerobic activities.)... participate in a physical activity for at least 30 minutes that did not make you sweat and breathe hard? (For example, fast walking, slow bicycling, shooting baskets, raking leaves, or mopping floors.)

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Aerobic physical fitness standards—at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity per week.

5. Learning from Home

Table A5.1

Remote Learning Schedule and Instructional Time (Remote and Hybrid Only)

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Time started schoolwork from home today[#]			
Before 7:00 am	10	5	–
7:00-7:59 am	5	5	–
8:00-8:59 am	6	23	–
9:00-9:59 am	37	38	–
10:00-10:59 am	6	3	–
11:00-11:59 am	2	3	–
12 pm or later	34	22	–
Time spent on learning and completing schoolwork from home on the average weekday			
Less than 1 hour	7	22	–
Between 1 and 2 hours	36	28	–
Between 2 and 3 hours	16	13	–
Between 3 and 4 hours	17	6	–
Between 4 and 5 hours	7	11	–
More than 5 hours	16	20	–
Number of days in the past week participating in an online class from home where your teacher talked to students			
0 days	3	1	–
1 day	3	7	–
2 days	6	7	–
3 days	3	4	–
4 days	11	6	–
5 days	74	73	–

Question HS/MS A.30-33: On the weekdays you participated in school from home, how much of your day did you spend learning and completing schoolwork on the average day? [Hybrid only]... On the average weekday, how much of your day did you spend learning and completing schoolwork from home? [Remote only]... What time did you start your schoolwork from home today?... How many days in the past week did you participate in an online class from home where your teacher talked to students from a computer, phone, or tablet (iPad)?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[#]Based on respondents selecting “I participated in school from home for the entire day on most or all weekdays and did not go to school in person” to question “Which of the following best describes your school schedule during the past 30 days?” or “No” to question “Are you attending school in person today?”

Table A5.1**Remote Learning Schedule and Instructional Time – Continued (Remote and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Number of weekdays participating in school from home for the entire school day			
0 days	10	8	–
1 day	4	6	–
2 days	7	8	–
3 days	7	0	–
4 days	7	8	–
5 days	64	71	–

Question HS/MS A.29: In the past 30 days, how many weekdays in an average week did you participate in school from home for an entire school day?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A5.2**Interesting Activities Provided for Student in Remote Learning (Remote and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Not at all true	21	15	–
A little true	23	25	–
Pretty much true	30	35	–
Very much true	26	25	–

Question HS/MS A.57: There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who provides me with interesting activities to do while I am participating in school from home.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A5.3***Interest in Schoolwork Done from Home (Remote and Hybrid Only)***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Strongly disagree	9	13	–
Disagree	13	18	–
Neither disagree nor agree	47	28	–
Agree	13	33	–
Strongly agree	17	8	–

Question HS/MS A.50: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... I am interested in the schoolwork I do when participating in school from home.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

6. School Performance, Engagement, and Supports

Table A6.1

Grades, Past 12 Months

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Mostly A's	20	16	–
A's and B's	21	24	–
Mostly B's	11	5	–
B's and C's	18	23	–
Mostly C's	6	8	–
C's and D's	6	11	–
Mostly D's	5	1	–
Mostly F's	14	11	–

Question HS/MS A.36: During the past 12 months, how would you describe the grades you mostly received in school?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.2

Absences, Past 30 Days (In-School and Hybrid Only)

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
I did not miss any days of school in the past 30 days	50	52	–
1 day	8	30	–
2 days	4	9	–
3 or more days	38	9	–

Question HS/MS A.22, 26: In the past 30 days, how often did you miss an entire day of school for any reason? [In-school only]... In the past 30 days, how often did you miss an entire day of in-person school for any reason?

[Hybrid only]

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.3**Missing School from Home, Past 30 Days (Remote and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
I did not miss an entire day of remote learning classes	46	62	–
1 day	22	17	–
2 days	21	15	–
3 or more days	11	6	–

Question HS/MS A.34: In the past 30 days, how often did you miss an entire day of remote learning classes for any reason?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.4**Missing Classes at School, Past 30 Days (In-School and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
I did not miss any classes/scheduled in-person classes	48	36	–
1-2 classes	20	59	–
3-4 classes	20	5	–
5 or more classes	12	0	–

Question HS/MS A.23, 27: In the past 30 days, how many classes did you miss for any reason? [In-school only]... In the past 30 days, how many in-person school classes did you miss for any reason? [Hybrid only]

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.5**Missing Remote Classes, Past 30 Days (Remote and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
I did not miss any remote learning classes	44	48	–
1-2 classes	38	32	–
3-4 classes	10	14	–
5 or more classes	8	6	–

Question HS/MS A.35: In the past 30 days, how many remote learning classes did you miss for any reason?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.6***Reasons for Absence, Past 30 Days***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Does not apply; I didn't miss any school		82	–
Illness (feeling physically sick), including problems with breathing or your teeth		9	–
Were being bullied or mistreated at school <i>(In-School and Hybrid Only)</i>		0	–
Felt very sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed, or angry		0	–
Didn't get enough sleep		18	–
Didn't feel safe at school or going to and from school <i>(In-School and Hybrid Only)</i>		0	–
Had to take care of or help a family member or friend		18	–
Wanted to spend time with friends		0	–
Used alcohol or drugs		0	–
Were behind in schoolwork or weren't prepared for a test or class assignment		0	–
Were bored or uninterested in school		0	–
Had no transportation to school <i>(In-School and Hybrid Only)</i>		0	–
Other reason		0	–

Question HS/MS A.37-39: In the past 30 days, did you miss a day of school for any of the following reasons? (Mark All That Apply.) [In-school only]... In the past 30 days, did you miss a day of in-person school or school from home for any of the following reasons? (Mark All That Apply.) [Hybrid only]... In the past 30 days, did you miss a day of school from home for any of the following reasons? (Mark All That Apply.) [Remote only]

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Total percentages may exceed 100% for “mark all that apply” items.

Table A6.7***School Environment, School Connectedness, Academic Motivation, and Promotion of Parent Involvement Scales***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %	Table
Total school supports	45	57	–	
Caring adults in school [‡]	61	59	–	A6.8
High expectations-adults in school [‡]	77	75	–	A6.9
Meaningful participation at school ^{‡Φ}	31	48	–	A6.10
School connectedness ^{†Φ}	48	64	–	A6.11
Academic motivation [†]	68	66	–	A6.12
Promotion of parent involvement in school [†]	54	54	–	A6.14

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[†]*Scales are based on average of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”*

[‡]*Scales are based on average of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”*

^Φ*In-School and Hybrid Models only.*

Table numbers refer to tables with item-level results for the survey questions that comprise each scale.

Table A6.8***Caring Relationships Scale Questions***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Caring adults in school			
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	61	59	–
<i>There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who really cares about me.</i>			
Not at all true	16	12	–
A little true	25	29	–
Pretty much true	28	36	–
Very much true	32	23	–
<i>who notices when I’m not there.</i>			
Not at all true	10	15	–
A little true	33	31	–
Pretty much true	31	32	–
Very much true	26	22	–
<i>who listens to me when I have something to say.</i>			
Not at all true	11	9	–
A little true	18	31	–
Pretty much true	29	29	–
Very much true	43	31	–

Question HS/MS A.55, 58, 61: There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who really cares about me... who notices when I’m not there... who listens to me when I have something to say.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.9**High Expectations Scale Questions**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
High expectations-adults in school			
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	77	75	–
There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who tells me when I do a good job.			
Not at all true	10	6	–
A little true	16	20	–
Pretty much true	31	37	–
Very much true	43	37	–
who always wants me to do my best.			
Not at all true	11	4	–
A little true	9	21	–
Pretty much true	21	22	–
Very much true	59	52	–
who believes that I will be a success.			
Not at all true	4	9	–
A little true	21	18	–
Pretty much true	32	33	–
Very much true	44	40	–

Question HS/MS A.56, 59, 62: There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who tells me when I do a good job... who always wants me to do my best... who believes that I will be a success.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.10

Meaningful Participation Scale Questions (In-School and Hybrid Only)

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Meaningful participation at school			
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	31	48	–
At school,...			
I do interesting activities.			
Not at all true	29	11	–
A little true	35	33	–
Pretty much true	29	39	–
Very much true	6	17	–
I help decide things like class activities or rules.			
Not at all true	50	31	–
A little true	17	19	–
Pretty much true	22	38	–
Very much true	11	13	–
I do things that make a difference.			
Not at all true	25	6	–
A little true	38	50	–
Pretty much true	31	38	–
Very much true	6	6	–
I have a say in how things work.			
Not at all true	44	25	–
A little true	31	31	–
Pretty much true	13	38	–
Very much true	13	6	–
I help decide school activities or rules.			
Not at all true	38	29	–
A little true	38	29	–
Pretty much true	13	29	–
Very much true	13	12	–

Question HS/MS A.63-67: At school,... I do interesting activities... I help decide things like class activities or rules... I do things that make a difference... I have a say in how things work... I help decide school activities or rules.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.11**School Connectedness Scale Questions (In-School and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
School connectedness			
<i>Average reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree”</i>	48	64	–
I feel close to people at this school.			
Strongly disagree	18	14	–
Disagree	35	19	–
Neither disagree nor agree	29	19	–
Agree	6	48	–
Strongly agree	12	0	–
I am happy to be at this school.			
Strongly disagree	12	5	–
Disagree	6	15	–
Neither disagree nor agree	35	20	–
Agree	29	40	–
Strongly agree	18	20	–
I feel like I am part of this school.			
Strongly disagree	0	5	–
Disagree	0	11	–
Neither disagree nor agree	63	21	–
Agree	31	58	–
Strongly agree	6	5	–
The teachers at this school treat students fairly.			
Strongly disagree	0	0	–
Disagree	0	0	–
Neither disagree nor agree	25	11	–
Agree	50	78	–
Strongly agree	25	11	–
I feel safe in my school.			
Strongly disagree	6	0	–
Disagree	6	13	–
Neither disagree nor agree	31	31	–
Agree	44	44	–
Strongly agree	13	13	–

Question HS/MS A.40-44: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... I feel close to people at this school... I am happy to be at this school... I feel like I am part of this school... The teachers at this school treat students fairly... I feel safe in my school.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.12**Academic Motivation Scale Questions**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Academic motivation			
<i>Average reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree”</i>	68	66	–
I try hard to make sure that I am good at my schoolwork.			
Strongly disagree	0	7	–
Disagree	8	4	–
Neither disagree nor agree	22	10	–
Agree	33	54	–
Strongly agree	37	25	–
I try hard on my schoolwork because I am interested in it.			
Strongly disagree	3	13	–
Disagree	17	15	–
Neither disagree nor agree	29	31	–
Agree	34	26	–
Strongly agree	17	15	–
I work hard to try to understand new things when doing my schoolwork.			
Strongly disagree	5	8	–
Disagree	10	1	–
Neither disagree nor agree	12	26	–
Agree	43	39	–
Strongly agree	29	25	–
I am always trying to do better in my schoolwork.			
Strongly disagree	3	3	–
Disagree	3	5	–
Neither disagree nor agree	17	14	–
Agree	34	47	–
Strongly agree	42	32	–

Question HS/MS A.51-54: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... I try hard to make sure that I am good at my schoolwork... I try hard on my schoolwork because I am interested in it... I work hard to try to understand new things when doing my schoolwork... I am always trying to do better in my schoolwork.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.13***Maintaining Focus on Schoolwork***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
It is hard for me to stay focused when doing my schoolwork.			
Strongly disagree	25	10	–
Disagree	9	24	–
Neither disagree nor agree	25	19	–
Agree	25	31	–
Strongly agree	18	17	–

Question HS/MS A.49: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... It is hard for me to stay focused when doing my schoolwork.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.14***Promotion of Parent Involvement Scale Questions***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Promotion of parent involvement in school			
<i>Average reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree”</i>	54	54	–
Teachers at this school communicate with parents about what students are expected to learn in class.			
Strongly disagree	7	5	–
Disagree	3	9	–
Neither disagree nor agree	40	28	–
Agree	30	46	–
Strongly agree	20	11	–
Parents feel welcome to participate at this school.			
Strongly disagree	0	5	–
Disagree	10	12	–
Neither disagree nor agree	38	30	–
Agree	38	42	–
Strongly agree	14	10	–
School staff take parent concerns seriously.			
Strongly disagree	0	8	–
Disagree	7	8	–
Neither disagree nor agree	35	32	–
Agree	32	39	–
Strongly agree	26	11	–

Question HS/MS A.46-48: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... Teachers at this school communicate with parents about what students are expected to learn in class... Parents feel welcome to participate at this school... School staff take parent concerns seriously.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.15**Checking Student Progress**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
A teacher or some other adult from my school checks on how I am doing			
Not at all true	8	15	–
A little true	14	18	–
Pretty much true	39	31	–
Very much true	39	35	–

Question HS/MS A.60: There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who checks on how I am doing.
Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A6.16**Quality of School Physical Environment (In-School and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
My school is usually clean and tidy.			
Strongly disagree	0	16	–
Disagree	13	16	–
Neither disagree nor agree	50	26	–
Agree	31	32	–
Strongly agree	6	11	–

Question HS/MS A.45: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... My school is usually clean and tidy.
Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

7. Social and Emotional Health

Table A7.1

Chronic Sad or Hopeless Feelings, Past 12 Months

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
No	70	66	–
Yes	30	34	–

Question HS A.153/MS A.141: During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that you stopped doing some usual activities?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.2

Seriously Considered Attempting Suicide, Past 12 Months

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
No	91	93	–
Yes	9	7	–

Question HS A.154/MS A.142: During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.3**Self-Efficacy Scale Questions**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Self-efficacy			
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	67	60	–
I can work out my problems.			
Not at all true	11	13	–
A little true	27	33	–
Pretty much true	30	39	–
Very much true	32	15	–
I can do most things if I try.			
Not at all true	9	8	–
A little true	21	24	–
Pretty much true	28	37	–
Very much true	42	31	–
There are many things that I do well.			
Not at all true	10	6	–
A little true	19	37	–
Pretty much true	36	32	–
Very much true	36	24	–

Question HS A.165-167/MS A.153-155: Please tell us how true each statement is of you... I can work out my problems... I can do most things if I try... There are many things that I do well.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.4***Self-Awareness Scale Questions***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Self-awareness			
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	67	58	–
There is a purpose to my life.			
Not at all true	15	16	–
A little true	12	25	–
Pretty much true	37	26	–
Very much true	37	33	–
I understand my moods and feelings.			
Not at all true	14	13	–
A little true	26	31	–
Pretty much true	21	38	–
Very much true	40	18	–
I understand why I do what I do.			
Not at all true	14	11	–
A little true	19	26	–
Pretty much true	36	46	–
Very much true	31	16	–

Question HS A.168-170/MS A.156-158: Please tell us how true each statement is of you... There is a purpose to my life... I understand my moods and feelings... I understand why I do what I do.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.5***Problem Solving Scale Questions***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Problem solving			
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	44	46	–
When I need help I find someone to talk with.			
Not at all true	26	29	–
A little true	28	24	–
Pretty much true	19	26	–
Very much true	28	21	–
I try to work out my problems by talking or writing about them.			
Not at all true	37	32	–
A little true	23	25	–
Pretty much true	23	22	–
Very much true	16	22	–
I trust my ability to solve difficult problems.			
Not at all true	20	18	–
A little true	34	35	–
Pretty much true	11	27	–
Very much true	34	20	–

Question HS A.171, 175, 176/MS A.159, 163, 164: Please tell us how true each statement is of you... When I need help I find someone to talk with... I try to work out my problems by talking or writing about them... I trust my ability to solve difficult problems.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.6**Peer Supports Scale Questions**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Peer supports			
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	57	56	–
I have a friend my age who really cares about me.			
Not at all true	15	14	–
A little true	17	25	–
Pretty much true	29	19	–
Very much true	39	42	–
I have a friend my age who talks with me about my problems.			
Not at all true	29	22	–
A little true	26	26	–
Pretty much true	19	22	–
Very much true	26	29	–
I have a friend my age who helps me when I’m having a hard time.			
Not at all true	22	17	–
A little true	20	28	–
Pretty much true	27	21	–
Very much true	32	34	–

Question HS A.183-185/MS A.171-173: How true do you feel these statements are about your friends?... I have a friend my age who really cares about me... I have a friend my age who talks with me about my problems... I have a friend my age who helps me when I’m having a hard time.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.7**Adult Supports Scale Questions**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Adult supports			
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	83	69	–
How true do you feel these statements are about your family?			
There is an adult who really cares about me.			
Not at all true	2	4	–
A little true	5	13	–
Pretty much true	15	21	–
Very much true	78	63	–
There is an adult who talks with me about my problems.			
Not at all true	5	23	–
A little true	16	19	–
Pretty much true	21	26	–
Very much true	58	32	–
There is an adult who helps me when I am having a hard time.			
Not at all true	5	15	–
A little true	20	22	–
Pretty much true	13	20	–
Very much true	63	44	–

Question HS A.180-182/MS A.168-170: How true do you feel these statements are about your family?... There is an adult who really cares about me... There is an adult who talks with me about my problems... There is an adult who helps me when I am having a hard time.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.8***Optimism Scale Questions***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Optimism			
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	59	55	–
Each day I look forward to having a lot of fun.			
Not at all true	17	17	–
A little true	27	25	–
Pretty much true	24	32	–
Very much true	32	27	–
I usually expect to have a good day.			
Not at all true	21	11	–
A little true	19	31	–
Pretty much true	21	38	–
Very much true	38	20	–
Overall, I expect more good things to happen to me than bad things.			
Not at all true	28	23	–
A little true	14	29	–
Pretty much true	30	27	–
Very much true	28	21	–

Question HS A.172-174/MS A.160-162: Please tell us how true each statement is of you... Each day I look forward to having a lot of fun... I usually expect to have a good day... Overall, I expect more good things to happen to me than bad things.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.9**Gratitude Scale Questions**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Gratitude			
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	71	70	–
On most days I feel grateful.			
Not at all true	9	8	–
A little true	16	20	–
Pretty much true	28	35	–
Very much true	47	37	–
On most days I feel thankful.			
Not at all true	12	12	–
A little true	19	12	–
Pretty much true	21	39	–
Very much true	49	37	–
On most days I feel appreciative.			
Not at all true	9	12	–
A little true	20	24	–
Pretty much true	32	42	–
Very much true	39	22	–

Question HS A.177-179/MS A.165-167: Please tell us how true each statement is of you... On most days I feel GRATEFUL... On most days I feel THANKFUL... On most days I feel APPRECIATIVE.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.10
Social Emotional Distress Scale Questions

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Social emotional distress			
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	17	20	–
I had a hard time breathing because I was anxious.			
Not at all true	80	71	–
A little true	14	21	–
Pretty much true	4	8	–
Very much true	2	0	–
I worried that I would embarrass myself in front of others.			
Not at all true	52	49	–
A little true	24	25	–
Pretty much true	12	11	–
Very much true	12	15	–
I was tense and uptight.			
Not at all true	76	66	–
A little true	18	25	–
Pretty much true	2	8	–
Very much true	4	2	–
I had a hard time relaxing.			
Not at all true	60	54	–
A little true	21	23	–
Pretty much true	15	16	–
Very much true	4	7	–

Question HS A.155-158/MS A.143-146: Over the past 30 days, how true do you feel these statements are about you?... I had a hard time breathing because I was anxious... I worried that I would embarrass myself in front of others... I was tense and uptight... I had a hard time relaxing.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.10
Social Emotional Distress Scale Questions – Continued

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
I felt sad and down.			
Not at all true	57	62	–
A little true	20	18	–
Pretty much true	2	13	–
Very much true	20	7	–
I was easily irritated.			
Not at all true	41	50	–
A little true	29	15	–
Pretty much true	16	17	–
Very much true	14	18	–
It was hard for me to cope and I thought I would panic.			
Not at all true	80	70	–
A little true	14	17	–
Pretty much true	6	10	–
Very much true	0	3	–
It was hard for me to get excited about anything.			
Not at all true	66	62	–
A little true	20	17	–
Pretty much true	10	12	–
Very much true	4	10	–

Question HS A.159-162/MS A.147-150: Over the past 30 days, how true do you feel these statements are about you?... I felt sad and down... I was easily irritated... It was hard for me to cope and I thought I would panic... It was hard for me to get excited about anything.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A7.10
Social Emotional Distress Scale Questions – Continued

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
I was easily annoyed and sensitive.			
Not at all true	41	52	–
A little true	33	24	–
Pretty much true	6	15	–
Very much true	20	10	–
I was scared for no good reason.			
Not at all true	74	65	–
A little true	12	10	–
Pretty much true	8	15	–
Very much true	6	11	–

Question HS A.163, 164/MS A.151, 152: Over the past 30 days, how true do you feel these statements are about you?... I was easily annoyed and sensitive... I was scared for no good reason.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

8. School Violence, Victimization, and Safety

Table A8.1

Perceived Safety at School (In-School and Hybrid Only)

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Very safe	38	28	–
Safe	25	39	–
Neither safe nor unsafe	31	28	–
Unsafe	6	6	–
Very unsafe	0	0	–

Question HS A.128/MS A.116: How safe do you feel when you are at school?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A8.2**Reasons for Harassment on School Property, Past 12 Months (In-School and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Race, ethnicity, or national origin			
0 times	77	87	–
1 time	8	13	–
2 or more times	15	0	–
Religion			
0 times	83	92	–
1 time	8	0	–
2 or more times	8	8	–
Gender			
0 times	83	86	–
1 time	0	7	–
2 or more times	17	7	–
Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were			
0 times	92	92	–
1 time	0	8	–
2 or more times	8	0	–
A physical or mental disability			
0 times	92	87	–
1 time	0	13	–
2 or more times	8	0	–
Any of the above five reasons	31	29	–

Question HS A.144-148/MS A.132-136: During the past 12 months, how many times on school property were you harassed or bullied for any of the following reasons?... Your race, ethnicity, or national origin... Your religion... Your gender... Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were... A physical or mental disability.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A8.2**Reasons for Harassment on School Property, Past 12 Months – Continued (In-School and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
You are an immigrant or someone thought you were			
0 times	92	100	–
1 time	0	0	–
2 or more times	8	0	–
Any other reason			
0 times	75	92	–
1 time	8	8	–
2 or more times	17	0	–
Any harassment	36	29	–

Question HS A.144-150/MS A.132-138: During the past 12 months, how many times on school property were you harassed or bullied for any of the following reasons?... Your race, ethnicity, or national origin... Your religion... Your gender... Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were... A physical or mental disability... You are an immigrant or someone thought you were... Any other reason.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A8.3**School Violence Victimization Scale Questions (In-School and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
School violence victimization			
<i>Average reporting “1 or more times”</i>	19	13	–
<i>During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you...</i>			
been pushed, shoved, slapped, hit, or kicked by someone who wasn’t just kidding around?			
0 times	64	80	–
1 time	21	13	–
2 to 3 times	14	7	–
4 or more times	0	0	–
been afraid of being beaten up?			
0 times	86	71	–
1 time	7	14	–
2 to 3 times	0	7	–
4 or more times	7	7	–
had mean rumors or lies spread about you?			
0 times	73	92	–
1 time	7	0	–
2 to 3 times	13	0	–
4 or more times	7	8	–
had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made to you?			
0 times	80	100	–
1 time	0	0	–
2 to 3 times	7	0	–
4 or more times	13	0	–

Question HS A.129, 130, 132, 133/MS A.117, 118, 120, 121: During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you... been pushed, shoved, slapped, hit, or kicked by someone who wasn’t just kidding around?... been afraid of being beaten up?... had mean rumors or lies spread about you?... had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made to you?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A8.3

School Violence Victimization Scale Questions – Continued

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
<i>During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you...</i>			
been made fun of because of your looks or the way you talk? <i>(In-School and Hybrid Only)</i>			
0 times	86	71	–
1 time	7	21	–
2 to 3 times	7	0	–
4 or more times	0	7	–
had your property stolen or deliberately damaged? <i>(In-School and Hybrid Only)</i>			
0 times	93	93	–
1 time	0	0	–
2 to 3 times	7	0	–
4 or more times	0	7	–
been made fun of, insulted, or called names? <i>(In-School and Hybrid Only)</i>			
0 times	79	80	–
1 time	0	0	–
2 to 3 times	14	7	–
4 or more times	7	13	–
During the past 12 months, how many times did other students spread mean rumors or lies, or hurtful pictures, about you online, on social media, or on a cell phone?			
0 times (never)	76	85	–
1 time	2	9	–
2 to 3 times	16	5	–
4 or more times	6	2	–

Question HS A.134, 135, 143, 151/MS A.122, 123, 131, 139: During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you... been made fun of because of your looks or the way you talk?... had your property stolen or deliberately damaged, such as your car, clothing, or books?... been made fun of, insulted, or called names?... During the past 12 months, how many times did other students spread mean rumors or lies, or hurtful pictures, about you online, on social media, or on a cell phone?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A8.4

School Violence Perpetration Scale Questions (In-School and Hybrid Only)

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
School violence perpetration			
<i>Average reporting “1 or more times”</i>	13	3	–
<i>During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you...</i>			
been in a physical fight?			
0 times	71	85	–
1 time	14	15	–
2 to 3 times	7	0	–
4 or more times	7	0	–
been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug?			
0 times	87	93	–
1 time	0	0	–
2 to 3 times	7	7	–
4 or more times	7	0	–
damaged school property on purpose?			
0 times	93	100	–
1 time	0	0	–
2 to 3 times	7	0	–
4 or more times	0	0	–
carried a gun?			
0 times	93	100	–
1 time	0	0	–
2 to 3 times	7	0	–
4 or more times	0	0	–
carried any other weapon (such as a knife or club)?			
0 times	86	93	–
1 time	0	7	–
2 to 3 times	14	0	–
4 or more times	0	0	–

Question HS A.131, 136-139/MS A.119, 124-127: During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you... been in a physical fight?... been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug?... damaged school property on purpose?... carried a gun?... carried any other weapon (such as a knife or club)?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A8.5**Threats and Injuries with Weapons at School, Past 12 Months (In-School and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you...			
been threatened with harm or injury?			
0 times	87	86	–
1 time	0	7	–
2 to 3 times	13	7	–
4 or more times	0	0	–
been threatened or injured with a weapon (gun, knife, club, etc.)?			
0 times	93	93	–
1 time	0	0	–
2 to 3 times	7	7	–
4 or more times	0	0	–

Question HS A.140, 142/MS A.128, 130: During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you... been threatened or injured with a weapon (gun, knife, club, etc.)?... been threatened with harm or injury?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A8.6**Weapons Possession on School Property, Past 12 Months (In-School and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you...			
seen someone carrying a gun, knife, or other weapon?			
0 times	80	100	–
1 time	7	0	–
2 to 3 times	7	0	–
4 or more times	7	0	–

Question HS A.141/MS A.129: During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you... seen someone carrying a gun, knife, or other weapon?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

9. Alcohol and Other Drug Use

Table A9.1

Summary Measures of Level of AOD Use and Perceptions

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %	Table
Lifetime illicit AOD use to get “high” [^]	10	18	–	A9.2
Lifetime alcohol or drug use	10	18	–	A9.2
Lifetime marijuana use	5	11	–	A9.2
Lifetime very drunk or high (7 or more times)	0	1	–	A9.7
Lifetime drinking and driving involvement	22	17	–	A9.10
Current alcohol or drug use [¶]	5	8	–	A9.5
Current marijuana use [¶]	2	4	–	A9.5
Current heavy drug use [¶]	4	6	–	A9.5
Current heavy alcohol use (binge drinking) [¶]	4	3	–	A9.5
Current alcohol or drug use on school property ^{¶ψ}			–	A9.8
Harmfulness of occasional marijuana use ^{BΦ}	38	36	–	A9.11
Difficulty of obtaining marijuana ^{CΦ}	33	6	–	A9.12

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[^]Excludes prescription pain medication, tranquilizers or sedatives, diet pills, and prescription stimulant.

[¶]Past 30 days.

^ψIn-School Models only.

^ΦIn-School and Hybrid Models only.

^BGreat harm.

^CVery difficult.

Table A9.2**Summary of AOD Lifetime Use**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Alcohol	4	9	–
Marijuana	5	11	–
Inhalants	9	8	–
Any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high”	7	7	–
<i>Any of the above AOD use</i>	10	18	–
<i>Any illicit AOD use to get “high”[^]</i>	10	18	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[^]Excludes prescription pain medication, tranquilizers or sedatives, diet pills, and prescription stimulant.

Table A9.3***Lifetime AOD Use***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Alcohol (one full drink)			
0 times	96	91	–
1 time	0	4	–
2 to 3 times	4	0	–
4 or more times	0	4	–
Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)			
0 times	95	89	–
1 time	0	3	–
2 to 3 times	4	3	–
4 or more times	2	6	–
Inhalants			
0 times	91	92	–
1 time	2	0	–
2 to 3 times	5	4	–
4 or more times	2	4	–
Any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical			
0 times	93	93	–
1 time	0	3	–
2 to 3 times	3	3	–
4 or more times	3	1	–

Question HS A.74-76, 86/MS A.75-77, 79: During your life, how many times have you used the following? One full drink of alcohol (such as a can of beer, glass of wine, wine cooler, or shot of liquor)... Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)... Inhalants (things you sniff, huff, or breathe to get “high” such as glue, paint, aerosol sprays, gasoline, poppers, gases).... Any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A9.4**Methods of Marijuana Consumption**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
During your life, how many times have you used marijuana in any of the following ways...			
Smoke it?			
0 times	98	91	–
1 time	0	1	–
2 to 3 times	0	3	–
4 or more times	2	4	–
In a vaping device?			
0 times	98	90	–
1 time	0	3	–
2 to 3 times	0	4	–
4 or more times	2	3	–
Eat or drink it in products made with marijuana?			
0 times	96	90	–
1 time	0	1	–
2 to 3 times	0	3	–
4 or more times	4	6	–

Question HS A.90-92/MS A.83-85: During your life, how many times have you used marijuana in any of the following ways... Smoke it?... In a vaping device (vape pens, mods, portable vaporizers)?... Eat or drink it in products made with marijuana?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A9.5***Current AOD Use, Past 30 Days***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Alcohol (one or more drinks of alcohol)	2	4	–
Binge drinking (5 or more drinks in a row)	4	3	–
Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)	2	4	–
Inhalants	4	3	–
Other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical	2	3	–
<i>Any drug use</i>	4	7	–
<i>Heavy drug use</i>	4	6	–
<i>Any AOD Use</i>	5	8	–

Question HS A.96-99, 101/MS A.89-93: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use... one or more drinks of alcohol?... five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?... marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)?... inhalants (things you sniff, huff, or breathe to get “high”)?... any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Heavy drug use was calculated based on pattern of combined current drug use on three or more days (marijuana, inhalants, prescription pain medicine to get “high” (high school only), or any other illegal drug/pill to get “high”).

Table A9.6***Frequency of Current AOD Use, Past 30 Days***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Alcohol (one or more drinks)			
0 days	98	96	–
1 or 2 days	0	1	–
3 to 9 days	0	1	–
10 to 19 days	2	0	–
20 to 30 days	0	1	–
Binge drinking (5 or more drinks in a row)			
0 days	96	97	–
1 or 2 days	2	0	–
3 to 9 days	2	1	–
10 to 19 days	0	0	–
20 to 30 days	0	1	–
Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)			
0 days	98	96	–
1 or 2 days	0	3	–
3 to 9 days	0	0	–
10 to 19 days	2	1	–
20 to 30 days	0	0	–

Question HS A.96-98/MS A.89-91: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use... one or more drinks of alcohol?... five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?... marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A9.7***Lifetime Drunk or “High”***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Very drunk or sick after drinking alcohol			
0 times	95	90	–
1 to 2 times	4	4	–
3 to 6 times	2	4	–
7 or more times	0	1	–
“High” (loaded, stoned, or wasted) from using drugs			
0 times	98	93	–
1 to 2 times	0	3	–
3 to 6 times	2	3	–
7 or more times	0	1	–
<i>Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times</i>	0	1	–

Question HS A.87, 88/MS A.80, 81: During your life, how many times have you been... very drunk or sick after drinking alcohol?... “high” (loaded, stoned, or wasted) from using drugs?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A9.8**Current AOD Use on School Property, Past 30 Days (In-School Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Alcohol			
0 days			–
1 to 2 days			–
3 or more days			–
Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)			
0 days			–
1 to 2 days			–
3 or more days			–
Any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical			
0 days			–
1 to 2 days			–
3 or more days			–
Any of the above			–

Question HS A.106-108/MS A.97-99: During the past 30 days, on how many days on school property did you... have at least one drink of alcohol?... use marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)?... use any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A9.9**Lifetime Drunk or “High” on School Property**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
0 times	96	94	–
1 to 2 times	0	1	–
3 to 6 times	4	3	–
7 or more times	0	1	–

Question HS A.89/MS A.82: During your life, how many times have you been... drunk on alcohol or “high” on drugs on school property?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A9.10
Drinking While Driving, Lifetime

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Have ridden in a car driven by someone who had been using alcohol or drugs			
Never	78	83	–
1 time	11	6	–
2 times	7	6	–
3 to 6 times	4	1	–
7 or more times	0	4	–

Question MS A.114: During your life, how many times have you ridden in a car driven by someone who had been using alcohol or drugs?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A9.11***Perceived Harm of AOD Use (In-School and Hybrid Only)***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Alcohol - drink occasionally			
Great	33	36	–
Moderate	7	0	–
Slight	13	0	–
None	47	64	–
Alcohol - 5 or more drinks once or twice a week			
Great	40	29	–
Moderate	13	7	–
Slight	0	0	–
None	47	64	–
Marijuana - use occasionally			
Great	38	36	–
Moderate	6	0	–
Slight	13	0	–
None	44	64	–
Marijuana - use daily			
Great	33	29	–
Moderate	13	7	–
Slight	7	0	–
None	47	64	–

Question HS A.114-117/MS A.105-108: How much do people risk harming themselves physically and in other ways when they do the following?... Drink alcohol (beer, wine, liquor) occasionally... Have five or more drinks of alcohol once or twice a week... Use marijuana occasionally (smoke, vape, eat, or drink) ... Use marijuana daily.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A9.12***Perceived Difficulty of Obtaining Alcohol and Marijuana (In-School and Hybrid Only)***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Alcohol			
Very difficult	40	13	–
Fairly difficult	0	6	–
Fairly easy	7	6	–
Very easy	0	0	–
Don't know	53	75	–
Marijuana			
Very difficult	33	6	–
Fairly difficult	0	6	–
Fairly easy	0	0	–
Very easy	7	6	–
Don't know	60	81	–

Question HS A.120, 121/MS A.111, 112: How difficult is it for students in your grade to get any of the following if they really want them?... Alcohol... Marijuana.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

10. Tobacco Use

Table A10.1

Summary of Key CHKS Tobacco Indicators

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %	Table
Use Prevalence and Patterns				
Ever smoked a whole cigarette	4	9	–	A10.2
Current cigarette smoking [¶]	4	3	–	A10.3
Current cigarette smoking at school ^{¶ψ}			–	A10.4
Ever tried smokeless tobacco	6	9	–	A10.2
Current smokeless tobacco use [¶]	5	7	–	A10.3
Current smokeless tobacco use at school ^{¶ψ}			–	A10.4
Ever used vape products	4	10	–	A10.2
Current use of vape products [¶]	2	6	–	A10.3
Current vaping at school ^{¶ψ}			–	A10.4
Attitudes and Correlates				
Harmfulness of occasional cigarette smoking ^{BΦ}	40	35	–	A10.6
Harmfulness of smoking 1 or more packs/day ^{BΦ}	40	29	–	A10.6
Harmfulness of vaping occasionally ^{BΦ}	33	36	–	A10.7
Harmfulness of vaping several times a day ^{BΦ}	40	29	–	A10.7
Difficulty of obtaining cigarettes ^{CΦ}	27	13	–	A10.8
Difficulty of obtaining vape products ^{CΦ}	38	7	–	A10.8
Anti-Tobacco Policy				
School bans tobacco use and vaping ^Φ	25	35	–	A10.9

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

^ψIn-School Models only.

^ΦIn-School and Hybrid Models only.

^BGreat harm.

^CVery difficult.

Table A10.2
Lifetime Tobacco Use

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
A cigarette, even one or two puffs			
0 times	93	93	–
1 time	0	1	–
2 to 3 times	4	3	–
4 or more times	4	3	–
A whole cigarette			
0 times	96	91	–
1 time	0	1	–
2 to 3 times	4	0	–
4 or more times	0	7	–
Smokeless tobacco			
0 times	94	91	–
1 time	2	1	–
2 to 3 times	4	1	–
4 or more times	0	6	–
Vape products			
0 times	96	90	–
1 time	2	4	–
2 to 3 times	2	3	–
4 or more times	0	3	–

Question HS A.71-73/MS A.71-74: During your life, how many times have you used the following?... A cigarette, even one or two puffs... A whole cigarette... Smokeless tobacco (dip, chew, or snuff)... Vape products.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.3
Any Current Use and Daily Use

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Cigarettes			
Any	4	3	–
Daily (20 or more days)	0	0	–
Smokeless tobacco			
Any	5	7	–
Daily (20 or more days)	2	1	–
Vape products			
Any	2	6	–
Daily (20 or more days)	0	0	–

Question HS A.93-95/MS A.86-88: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use... cigarettes?... smokeless tobacco (dip, chew, or snuff)?... vape products?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.4**Current Smoking on School Property, Past 30 Days (In-School Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Cigarettes			
0 days			–
1 or 2 days			–
3 to 9 days			–
10 to 19 days			–
20 to 30 days			–
Smokeless tobacco			
0 days			–
1 or 2 days			–
3 to 9 days			–
10 to 19 days			–
20 to 30 days			–
Vape			
0 days			–
1 or 2 days			–
3 to 9 days			–
10 to 19 days			–
20 to 30 days			–

Question HS A.103-105/MS A.94-96: During the past 30 days, on how many days on school property did you... smoke cigarettes?... use smokeless tobacco (dip, chew, or snuff)?... vape?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.5**Secondhand Smoke on School Property, Past 30 days (In-School Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Breathed the smoke or vapor from someone who was using cigarettes or e-cigarettes			
0 days			–
1 day			–
2 days			–
3-9 days			–
10-19 days			–
20-30 days			–

Question HS A.109/MS A.100: During the past 30 days, on how many days on school property did you... breathe the smoke or vapor from someone who was using cigarettes or e-cigarettes?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.6**Perceived Harm of Cigarette Smoking (In-School and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Smoke cigarettes occasionally			
Great	40	35	–
Moderate	7	0	–
Slight	7	6	–
None	47	59	–
Smoke 1 or more packs of cigarettes each day			
Great	40	29	–
Moderate	7	0	–
Slight	7	7	–
None	47	64	–

Question HS A.110, 111/MS A.101, 102: How much do people risk harming themselves physically and in other ways when they do the following?... Smoke cigarettes occasionally... Smoke 1 or more packs of cigarettes each day.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.7***Perceived Harm of Using Vape Products (In-School and Hybrid Only)***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Use vape products occasionally			
Great	33	36	–
Moderate	13	0	–
Slight	7	0	–
None	47	64	–
Use vape products several times a day			
Great	40	29	–
Moderate	7	0	–
Slight	0	7	–
None	53	64	–

Question HS A.112, 113/MS A.103, 104: How much do people risk harming themselves physically and in other ways when they do the following?... Use vape products occasionally... Use vape products several times a day (100 puffs or more).

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.8***Perceived Difficulty of Obtaining Cigarettes and Vape Products (In-School and Hybrid Only)***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Cigarettes			
Very difficult	27	13	–
Fairly difficult	7	6	–
Fairly easy	0	0	–
Very easy	13	0	–
Don't know	53	81	–
Vape products			
Very difficult	38	7	–
Fairly difficult	6	7	–
Fairly easy	0	0	–
Very easy	6	0	–
Don't know	50	87	–

Question HS A.118, 119/MS A.109, 110: How difficult is it for students in your grade to get any of the following if they really want them?... Cigarettes... Vape products.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A10.9***School Bans Tobacco Use and Vaping (In-School and Hybrid Only)***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
No	19	18	–
Yes	25	35	–
Don't know	56	47	–

Question HS A.126/MS A.113: Does your school have a policy that bans tobacco use and vaping on school property and at school sponsored events?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

11. Other Health Risks

Table A11.1

Alone After School (In-School Only)

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Never	61	64	–
1 day	20	14	–
2 days	4	4	–
3 days	4	1	–
4 days	2	3	–
5 days	9	13	–

Question MS A.115: In a normal week, how many days are you home after school for at least one hour without an adult there?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A11.2

Eating of Breakfast

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
No	29	25	–
Yes	71	75	–

Question HS/MS A.21: Did you eat breakfast today?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table A11.3

Gang Involvement (In-School and Hybrid Only)

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
No	87	81	–
Yes	13	19	–

Question HS A.152/MS A.140: Do you consider yourself a member of a gang?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

12. Race/Ethnic Breakdowns

Table A12.1

School Engagement and Supports by Race/Ethnicity

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
School Connectedness[†] (<i>In-School and Hybrid Only</i>)			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American			–
Hispanic or Latinx			–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else			–
Academic Motivation[†]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	69	67	–
Hispanic or Latinx	36	61	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	82		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	65		–
Something else		67	–
Monthly Absences (3 or more) (<i>In-School and Hybrid Only</i>)			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American			–
Hispanic or Latinx			–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[†]Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

Table A12.1***School Engagement and Supports by Race/Ethnicity – Continued***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Maintaining focus on schoolwork[†]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	25	31	–
Hispanic or Latinx	9	28	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	64		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		18	–
Caring adults in school[‡]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	54	55	–
Hispanic or Latinx	61	59	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	58		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	60		–
Something else		47	–
High expectations-adults in school[‡]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	72	81	–
Hispanic or Latinx	73	65	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	80		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	77		–
Something else		72	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[†]*Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”*

[‡]*Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”*

Table A12.1

School Engagement and Supports by Race/Ethnicity – Continued

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Meaningful participation at school[‡] (<i>In-School and Hybrid Only</i>)			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American			–
Hispanic or Latinx			–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else			–
Facilities upkeep[†] (<i>In-School and Hybrid Only</i>)			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American			–
Hispanic or Latinx			–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else			–
Promotion of parent involvement in School[†]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	49	54	–
Hispanic or Latinx	42	52	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	56		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	70		–
Something else		33	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[†]Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

Table A12.2***School Safety by Race/Ethnicity (In-School and Hybrid Only)***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
School perceived as very safe or safe			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American			–
Hispanic or Latinx			–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else			–
Experienced harassment due to five reasons at school^{^§}			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American			–
Hispanic or Latinx			–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else			–
Experienced any harassment or bullying at school[§]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American			–
Hispanic or Latinx			–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[^]*The five reasons include race, ethnicity, or national origin; religion; gender (being male or female); sexual orientation; and a physical or mental disability.*

[§]*Past 12 months.*

Table A12.2**School Safety by Race/Ethnicity – Continued (In-School and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Had mean rumors or lies spread about you[§]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American			–
Hispanic or Latinx			–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else			–
Been afraid of being beaten up[§]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American			–
Hispanic or Latinx			–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else			–
Been in a physical fight[§]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American			–
Hispanic or Latinx			–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A12.2**School Safety by Race/Ethnicity – Continued (In-School and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Seen a weapon on campus[§]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American			–
Hispanic or Latinx			–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A12.3**Substance Use by Race/Ethnicity**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Current alcohol or drug use[¶]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	0	0	–
Hispanic or Latinx		13	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	0		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		0	–
Current marijuana use[¶]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	0	0	–
Hispanic or Latinx		6	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	0		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		0	–
Current binge drinking[¶]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	0	0	–
Hispanic or Latinx		0	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	0		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		0	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

Table A12.3**Substance Use by Race/Ethnicity – Continued**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times, ever			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	0	0	–
Hispanic or Latinx	0	6	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	0		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		0	–
Been drunk or “high” on drugs at school, ever			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	0	0	–
Hispanic or Latinx	0	11	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	0		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		0	–
Current alcohol use[¶]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	0	0	–
Hispanic or Latinx		13	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	0		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		0	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

Table A12.3**Substance Use by Race/Ethnicity – Continued**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Current alcohol use at school[¶] (<i>In-School Only</i>)			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American			–
Hispanic or Latinx			–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else			–
Current cigarette smoking[¶]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	0	0	–
Hispanic or Latinx		6	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	0		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		0	–
Current vaping[¶]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	0	8	–
Hispanic or Latinx		13	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	0		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		0	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

Table A12.4***Routines by Race/Ethnicity***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Eating of breakfast¹			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	41	60	–
Hispanic or Latinx	64	89	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	93		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	82	82	–
Something else	67	58	–
Bedtime (before 11 pm)			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	53	53	–
Hispanic or Latinx	57	44	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	93		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	55	55	–
Something else	42	75	–
Sleep deprivation (less than 8 hours)			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	38	29	–
Hispanic or Latinx	36	22	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	14		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	10	40	–
Something else	8	0	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

¹*Today.*

Table A12.4***Routines by Race/Ethnicity – Continued***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Physical exercise (meets standards)			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	69	75	–
Hispanic or Latinx	36	61	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	64		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	60		–
Something else		75	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Aerobic physical fitness standards—at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity per week.

^{||}*Past 7 days.*

Table A12.5**Learning from Home by Race/Ethnicity (Remote and Hybrid Only)**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Average days worked on schoolwork (5 or more)[¶]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	69	69	–
Hispanic or Latinx	73	72	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	73		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	45		–
Something else	60	80	–
Synchronous instruction (4 days or more)^{¶¶}			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	92	83	–
Hispanic or Latinx	73	67	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	80		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	100		–
Something else	91	100	–
Interest in schoolwork done from home			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	25	55	–
Hispanic or Latinx		44	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	30		–
Something else		27	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

^{¶¶}Past 7 days.

Table A12.5***Learning from Home by Race/Ethnicity – Continued (Remote and Hybrid Only)***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Meaningful opportunities[‡]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	42	36	–
Hispanic or Latinx	50	67	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics	90		–
Something else		64	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

Table A12.6**Adult and Peer Relationships by Race/Ethnicity**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Adult supports[‡]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American		85	–
Hispanic or Latinx		74	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else			–
Peer supports[‡]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American		73	–
Hispanic or Latinx		50	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else			–
Virtual peer interactions (4 days or more)			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	46	38	–
Hispanic or Latinx	36	22	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	27		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		50	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

^{||}Past 7 days.

Table A12.6***Adult and Peer Relationships by Race/Ethnicity – Continued***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Cyberbullying[§]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	10	18	–
Hispanic or Latinx		13	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	20		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		9	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A12.7***Social and Emotional Health by Race/Ethnicity***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Social emotional distress[‡]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	13	20	–
Hispanic or Latinx		20	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	5		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		24	–
Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness[§]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	25	38	–
Hispanic or Latinx		20	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	9		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		36	–
Considered suicide[§]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	17	0	–
Hispanic or Latinx		0	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White	0		–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		0	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[‡]*Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”*

[§]*Past 12 months.*

Table A12.7***Social and Emotional Health by Race/Ethnicity – Continued***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Self-Efficacy[‡]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	63	69	–
Hispanic or Latinx		50	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		67	–
Self-Awareness[‡]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	70	58	–
Hispanic or Latinx		67	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		61	–
Problem Solving[‡]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	40	56	–
Hispanic or Latinx		45	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		39	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

Table A12.7***Social and Emotional Health by Race/Ethnicity – Continued***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Optimism[‡]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American		61	–
Hispanic or Latinx		57	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		61	–
Gratitude[‡]			
American Indian or Alaska Native			–
Asian or Asian American			–
Black or African American	70	88	–
Hispanic or Latinx		71	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			–
White			–
Mixed (two or more) ethnics			–
Something else		71	–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

13. Gender Breakdowns

Table A13.1

School Engagement and Supports by Gender

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
School Connectedness[†] (<i>In-School and Hybrid Only</i>)			
Male			–
Female			–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Academic Motivation[†]			
Male	67	70	–
Female	66	69	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Monthly Absences (3 or more) (<i>In-School and Hybrid Only</i>)			
Male			–
Female	36	9	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Maintaining focus on schoolwork[†]			
Male	36	33	–
Female	32	32	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Caring adults in school[‡]			
Male	57	63	–
Female	66	57	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[†]Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

Table A13.1***School Engagement and Supports by Gender – Continued***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
High expectations-adults in school[‡]			
Male	77	73	–
Female	76	77	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Meaningful participation at school[‡] (<i>In-School and Hybrid Only</i>)			
Male			–
Female			–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Facilities upkeep[†] (<i>In-School and Hybrid Only</i>)			
Male			–
Female			–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Promotion of parent involvement in School[†]			
Male	53	59	–
Female	52	54	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[†]Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

Table A13.2
School Safety by Gender (In-School and Hybrid Only)

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
School perceived as very safe or safe			
Male			–
Female			–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Experienced harassment due to five reasons at school^{λ§}			
Male			–
Female			–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Experienced any harassment or bullying at school[§]			
Male			–
Female			–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Had mean rumors or lies spread about you[§]			
Male			–
Female			–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Been afraid of being beaten up[§]			
Male			–
Female			–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

^λThe five reasons include race, ethnicity, or national origin; religion; gender (being male or female); sexual orientation; and a physical or mental disability.

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A13.2
School Safety by Gender – Continued (In-School and Hybrid Only)

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Been in a physical fight[§]			
Male			–
Female			–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Seen a weapon on campus[§]			
Male			–
Female			–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A13.3
Substance Use by Gender

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Current alcohol or drug use[¶]			
Male	5	6	–
Female	0	0	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Current marijuana use[¶]			
Male	6	3	–
Female	0	0	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Current binge drinking[¶]			
Male	5	0	–
Female	0	0	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times, ever			
Male	0	3	–
Female	0	0	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Been drunk or “high” on drugs at school, ever			
Male	5	9	–
Female	0	0	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Current alcohol use[¶]			
Male	5	6	–
Female	0	0	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

Table A13.3
Substance Use by Gender – Continued

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Current alcohol use at school[¶] (<i>In-School Only</i>)			
Male			–
Female			–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Current cigarette smoking[¶]			
Male	5	3	–
Female	0	0	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Current vaping[¶]			
Male	5	10	–
Female	0	0	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

Table A13.4
Routines by Gender

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Eating of breakfast			
Male	69	88	–
Female	74	67	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Bedtime (before 11 pm)			
Male	66	68	–
Female	60	58	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Sleep deprivation (less than 8 hours)			
Male	18	24	–
Female	32	14	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Physical exercise (meets standards)			
Male	75	72	–
Female	55	66	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Aerobic physical fitness standards—at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity per week.

[|]*Today.*

^{||}*Past 7 days.*

Table A13.5***Learning from Home by Gender (Remote and Hybrid Only)***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Average days worked on schoolwork (5 or more)[¶]			
Male	64	76	–
Female	70	66	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Synchronous instruction (4 days or more)[¶]			
Male	82	87	–
Female	91	72	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Interest in schoolwork done from home			
Male	37	44	–
Female	28	38	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Meaningful opportunities[‡]			
Male	61	70	–
Female	47	50	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[¶]Past 30 days.

[¶]Past 7 days.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

Table A13.6**Adult and Peer Relationships by Gender**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Adult supports[‡]			
Male	83	72	–
Female	83	64	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Peer supports[‡]			
Male	58	62	–
Female	56	48	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Virtual peer interactions (4 days or more)			
Male	50	44	–
Female	36	41	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Cyberbullying[§]			
Male	11	13	–
Female	24	14	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

^{||}Past 7 days.

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A13.7
Social and Emotional Health by Gender

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Social emotional distress[‡]			
Male	12	17	–
Female	19	22	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness[§]			
Male	16	30	–
Female	37	36	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Considered suicide[§]			
Male	6	6	–
Female	11	0	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Self-Efficacy[‡]			
Male	77	61	–
Female	67	57	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Self-Awareness[‡]			
Male	79	60	–
Female	63	58	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Problem Solving[‡]			
Male	55	45	–
Female	42	44	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

[§]Past 12 months.

Table A13.7
Social and Emotional Health by Gender – Continued

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Optimism[‡]			
Male	82	64	–
Female	49	44	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–
Gratitude[‡]			
Male	70	76	–
Female	74	64	–
Nonbinary			–
Something else			–

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

[‡]Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Module

1. Module Sample

Table B1.1

Student Sample for AOD Module

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<i>Student Sample Size</i>			
Target sample	149	169	–
Final number	44	63	–
Response Rate	30%	37%	–

2. Summary of Key Indicators

Table B2.1

Key Indicators of Alcohol and Other Drug Use

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %	Table
Alcohol and Marijuana Consumption Patterns				
Usually drank until felt it a lot	0	0	–	B3.3
Strong Personal Disapproval of AOD Use				
Having one or two drinks of any alcoholic beverage nearly every day	59	43	–	B7.1
Trying marijuana once or twice	54	38	–	B7.1
Using marijuana once a month or more	55	43	–	B7.1

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

3. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Marijuana Consumption Patterns

Table B3.1

Age of Onset – AOD Use

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Alcohol (one full drink)			
Never	91	85	–
10 years or under	5	5	–
11-12 years old	0	8	–
13-14 years old	2	2	–
15-16 years old	0	0	–
17 years or older	2	0	–
Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)			
Never	98	92	–
10 years or under	0	0	–
11-12 years old	0	7	–
13-14 years old	0	2	–
15-16 years old	2	0	–
17 years or older	0	0	–
Any other illegal drug or pill to get “high”			
Never	98	97	–
10 years or under	0	0	–
11-12 years old	0	2	–
13-14 years old	0	0	–
15-16 years old	0	0	–
17 years or older	2	2	–

Question HS/MS B.1, 4, 5: About how old were you the first time you tried any of these things?... A drink of an alcoholic beverage (other than a sip or two)... Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)... Any other illegal drug or pill to get “high.”

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table B3.2***Age of Onset – Tobacco Use***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Smoked part or all of a cigarette			
Never	98	93	–
10 years or under	0	3	–
11-12 years old	0	0	–
13-14 years old	0	3	–
15-16 years old	2	0	–
17 years or older	0	0	–
A vape product such as an e-cigarette, vape pen, or mod			
Never	98	92	–
10 years or under	0	0	–
11-12 years old	0	5	–
13-14 years old	0	0	–
15-16 years old	0	0	–
17 years or older	2	3	–

Question HS/MS B.2, 3: About how old were you the first time you tried any of these things?... Part or all of a cigarette... A vape product such as an e-cigarette (JUUL), vape pen, or mod.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table B3.3***Usual Alcohol Consumption Level***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
I don't drink alcohol	95	92	–
Just enough to feel it a little	5	3	–
Enough to feel it moderately	0	5	–
Until I feel it a lot or get really drunk	0	0	–

Question HS/MS B.6: If you drink alcohol, how much do you usually drink?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table B3.4
Vaping Substances

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
I've never used a vaping device or e-cigarette	90	90	–
Nicotine or tobacco substitute	0	7	–
Marijuana or THC	2	2	–
Amphetamines, cocaine, or heroin	2	0	–
A flavored product without nicotine, alcohol, or other drug	2	5	–
Any other product or substance	0	0	–
I was not sure what was in the vaping device or e-cigarette	5	3	–

Question HS B.31/MS B.25: Have you ever used a vaping device or e-cigarette to consume any of the following? (Mark All That Apply.)

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Total percentages may exceed 100% for “mark all that apply” items.

4. Reasons for and Consequences of AOD Consumption

Table B4.1

Reasons for AOD Use in the Past 12 Months

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Does not apply, I haven't used alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs in the past 12 months.	84	84	–
To experiment (try using)	2	5	–
To get high	0	0	–
To have a good time with friends	2	0	–
To fit in with a group you like	0	0	–
Because of boredom	0	2	–
To relax	2	5	–
To get away from problems	0	2	–
Because of anger or frustration	0	2	–
To get through the day	2	0	–
Because it made you feel better	0	0	–
To seek deeper insights and understanding	0	2	–
None of the above	34	25	–

Question HS B.8/MS B.7: Have you used alcoholic beverages, marijuana, or other drugs in the past 12 months for any of the following reasons? (Mark All That Apply.)

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Total percentages may exceed 100% for “mark all that apply” items.

5. Supports to Reduce AOD Use

Table B5.1

Talked with Parent About AOD Use

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
No	60	73	–
Yes	40	27	–

Question HS B.19/MS B.13: During the past 12 months, have you talked with at least one of your parents or guardians about the dangers of alcohol or drug use?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

6. Availability

Table B6.1

Sources for Obtaining Alcohol

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
At school	12	8	–
At parties	7	5	–
At concerts or other social events	2	0	–
At their own home	9	5	–
From adults at friends' homes	9	3	–
From friends or another teenager	12	8	–
Get adults to buy it for them	5	8	–
Buy it themselves from a store	9	2	–
At bars, clubs, or gambling casinos	2	0	–
Other	2	3	–
Don't know	81	84	–

Question HS B.14/MS B.8: How do most students at your school who drink alcohol usually get it? (Mark All That Apply.)

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Total percentages may exceed 100% for “mark all that apply” items.

Table B6.2
Sources for Obtaining Marijuana

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
At school	5	5	–
At parties	0	10	–
At concerts or other social events	0	0	–
At their own home	5	5	–
From an adult acquaintance	2	5	–
From friends or another teenager	2	8	–
Buy it at a marijuana dispensary	0	3	–
At bars or clubs	2	2	–
Other	2	5	–
Don't know	89	84	–

Question HS B.15/MS B.9: How do most kids at your school who use marijuana usually get it? (Mark All That Apply.)

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Total percentages may exceed 100% for “mark all that apply” items.

7. Influences on ATOD Use

Table B7.1

Personal Disapproval of AOD Use

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Having one or two drinks of any alcoholic beverage nearly every day			
Neither approve nor disapprove	37	55	–
Somewhat disapprove	5	2	–
Strongly disapprove	59	43	–
Trying marijuana once or twice			
Neither approve nor disapprove	37	50	–
Somewhat disapprove	10	12	–
Strongly disapprove	54	38	–
Using marijuana once a month or more regularly			
Neither approve nor disapprove	38	52	–
Somewhat disapprove	7	5	–
Strongly disapprove	55	43	–

Question HS B.16-18/MS B.10-12: How do you feel about someone your age doing the following?... Having one or two drinks of any alcoholic beverage nearly every day... Trying marijuana once or twice... Using marijuana once a month or more regularly.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table B7.2**Parent Disapproval of ATOD Use**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Take one or two drinks of alcohol nearly every day			
Very wrong	90	85	–
Wrong	5	8	–
A little wrong	3	2	–
Not at all wrong	3	5	–
Smoke tobacco			
Very wrong	93	86	–
Wrong	3	5	–
A little wrong	0	2	–
Not at all wrong	5	7	–
Use vape products such as e-cigarettes, vape pens, or mods			
Very wrong	93	88	–
Wrong	3	3	–
A little wrong	3	2	–
Not at all wrong	3	7	–
Use marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)			
Very wrong	88	84	–
Wrong	5	5	–
A little wrong	5	2	–
Not at all wrong	2	9	–
Use prescription drugs to get high or for reasons other than prescribed			
Very wrong	93	90	–
Wrong	3	3	–
A little wrong	0	3	–
Not at all wrong	5	3	–

Question HS B.21-25/MS B.15-19: How wrong do your parents or guardians feel it would be for you to do the following?... Take one or two drinks of alcohol nearly every day... Smoke tobacco... Use vape products such as e-cigarettes (JUUL), vape pens, or mods... Use marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)... Use prescription drugs to get high or for reasons other than prescribed.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table B7.3**Peer Disapproval of ATOD Use**

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Take one or two drinks of alcohol nearly every day			
Very wrong	85	88	–
Wrong	5	7	–
A little wrong	3	0	–
Not at all wrong	8	5	–
Smoke tobacco			
Very wrong	87	89	–
Wrong	5	5	–
A little wrong	3	2	–
Not at all wrong	5	4	–
Use vape products such as e-cigarettes, vape pens, or mods			
Very wrong	85	86	–
Wrong	8	3	–
A little wrong	3	7	–
Not at all wrong	5	3	–
Use marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)			
Very wrong	85	79	–
Wrong	8	5	–
A little wrong	0	9	–
Not at all wrong	8	7	–
Use prescription drugs to get high or for reasons other than prescribed			
Very wrong	87	88	–
Wrong	5	7	–
A little wrong	3	2	–
Not at all wrong	5	4	–

Question HS B.26-30/MS B.20-24: How wrong would your close friends feel it would be if you did the following?... Take one or two drinks of alcohol nearly every day... Smoke tobacco... Use vape products such as e-cigarettes (JUUL), vape pens, or mods... Use marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)... Use prescription drugs to get high or for reasons other than prescribed.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table B7.4

Heard, Read, or Watched Any Anti-ATOD Messages, Past 12 Months

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
No	48	48	–
Yes	52	52	–

Question HS B.20/MS B.14: During the past 12 months, have you heard, read, or watched any messages about not using alcohol or drugs?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Module

1. Module Sample

Table F1.1

Student Sample for DFC Module

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<i>Student Sample Size</i>			
Target sample	149	169	–
Final number	40	62	–
Response Rate	27%	37%	–

2. Prescription Drug Use

Table F2.1

Prescription Drug Use, Past 30 Days

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
No	97	96	–
Yes	3	4	–

Question HS/MS F.2: During the past 30 days, have you used prescription drugs not prescribed to you?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

3. Disapproval of Prescription Drug Use

Table F3.1

Parental Disapproval of Prescription Drug Use

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Very wrong	85	80	–
Wrong	5	12	–
A little wrong	3	0	–
Not at all wrong	8	8	–

Question HS/MS F.4: How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to use prescription drugs not prescribed to you?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table F3.2

Peer Disapproval of Prescription Drug Use

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Very wrong	71	68	–
Wrong	16	18	–
A little wrong	5	9	–
Not at all wrong	8	5	–

Question HS/MS F.5: How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to use prescription drugs not prescribed to you?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

4. Perceived Harm of Substance Use

Table F4.1

Perceived Risks Associated with Marijuana and Prescription Drug Use

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Smoke marijuana once or twice a week			
Great risk	64	35	–
Moderate risk	15	20	–
Slight risk	5	18	–
No risk	15	27	–
Use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them			
Great risk	70	38	–
Moderate risk	8	27	–
Slight risk	10	11	–
No risk	13	25	–

Question HS/MS F.1, 3: How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week?... How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Table F4.2***Perceived Harm of Alcohol and Cigarette Use (Remote Only)***

	Grade 6 %	Grade 7 %	Grade 8 %
Alcohol - 5 or more drinks once or twice a week			
Great	55	43	–
Moderate	14	16	–
Slight	3	9	–
None	28	32	–
Smoke one or more packs of cigarettes each day			
Great	62	52	–
Moderate	7	11	–
Slight	3	5	–
None	28	32	–

Question HS/MS F.6, 7: How much do people risk harming themselves physically and in other ways when they do the following?... Smoke one or more packs of cigarettes each day... Have five or more drinks of alcohol once or twice a week.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.

Appendix

CHKS Content Overview, 2020-21

This brief guide to key CHKS Core Module indicators is designed to help survey users more easily understand and interpret their findings.¹ References are provided to the tables in CHKS reports where results for the indicators discussed can be found. References are also made to other relevant CHKS reports, factsheets, and resources that can be downloaded from the CalSCHLS website (calschls.org) for further information. What Works Briefs that provide guidance on best practices related to areas assessed by the survey are available from the California Safe and Supportive Schools website (ca-safe-supportive-schools.wested.org/resources).

Special attention is directed toward indicators related to the requirements of California’s Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP).² For a summary of state-level LCAP-related baseline CHKS data, see Factsheet #15.³

MAIN CONTENT FOCUS: REMOTE LEARNING EXPERIENCES, SCHOOL CLIMATE, AND THE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE CHILD

In addition to assessing school climate, pupil engagement, and student supports, all three key priorities required of LCAP and helpful for monitoring student needs targeted by LEAs 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plans, the CHKS Core Module added a section in 2020-21 that measures students’ remote learning experiences due to school closures or change of instructional models during the 2020 pandemic. It focuses on students’ home educational routines, engagement and motivation in educational activities, quality of relationships with teachers and peers, and social-emotional well-being.

The Core Module seeks to provide schools with essential data to determine the degree to which they provide the conditions and supports that all youth need to succeed in learning and developmentally thrive. Twenty-nine items assessing seven domains are used to calculate a School Climate Index (SCI) score that is included in a *School Climate Report Card* that districts can request at the district and school level.⁴ The items used in the SCI assess school connectedness, developmental supports (e.g., caring adult relationships), and safety, including bullying and victimization.

School climate, as measured by the CHKS, is strongly related to student performance on standardized academic tests. Data for high school students show that as CHKS SCI scores increased—as the schools became safer, more supportive, and more engaging—test performance increased as well.⁵

In a ground-breaking analysis, a positive school climate was a distinguishing characteristic of California secondary schools that “beat the odds” academically and consistently performed better on the state’s standardized tests than *would be predicted* based on the characteristics of their students (i.e., comparing schools with similar student demographics). The higher (more positive) the CHKS SCI, the greater the

¹ To see how local results compare with state averages in California, download a copy of the latest Biennial State CHKS report (calschls.org/reports-data/#state-level-reports). The Biennial State data are derived from a randomly-selected, representative state sample. County level reports are also available on the CHKS website. Biennial State CHKS and county level data can also be examined interactively on the CalSCHLS Data Dashboard (calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard).

² For a guide to how CalSCHLS survey items align with LCAP indicator requirements, download Helpful Resources for Local Control and Accountability Plans at calschls.org/resources/#survey-content-guides.

³ Austin. (2016). Download calschls.org/docs/factsheet-15.pdf

⁴ See calschls.org/reports-data/#sclr

⁵ O’Malley & Hanson. (2012). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet3_API_20120716.pdf

probability there was for beating the odds. School climate was more strongly associated with beating the odds than a school's level of personnel resources.⁶

In addition, the CHKS Core Module provides data to help understand the degree to which schools address the needs of the Whole Child. CHKS data show that California secondary schools made greater progress in raising standardized test scores over a one-year period when they had higher percentages of students who reported: (1) being less engaged in risky behaviors such as substance use and violence; (2) being more likely to eat nutritiously and exercise; and (3) experiencing caring adult relationships and high expectations at school.⁷ These results suggest that addressing the health and developmental needs of youth is a critical component of a comprehensive strategy for meeting accountability demands for improved academic performance.

GRADE-LEVEL PATTERNS

More than twenty years of survey administration has demonstrated that as youth progress through secondary school, they become: (1) less likely to report feeling connected to school and being academically motivated; and (2) more likely to report truancy, involvement in substance use, and chronic sadness and hopelessness. Here are some additional grade-level patterns in CHKS data:

- **Seventh graders** report the highest rates of harassment and victimization, as well as participation in a physical fight and seeing a weapon on campus.
- **Ninth graders** report the lowest rates of developmental support.
- **Nontraditional (continuation school) students** report risk behavior (e.g., binge drinking, fighting at school) prevalence rates at least twice those of 11th graders in traditional comprehensive high schools.⁸ They also exhibit lower perceived school safety, school connectedness, and developmental supports. Continuation school students are a highly vulnerable population in need of a wide range of academic, social, emotional, and behavioral supports and intervention services.⁹

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS AND POPULATION GROUP DIFFERENCES (Section 3)

Indicators of the demographic and background characteristics of the survey respondents help users gain a better sense of how representative the survey sample is compared to the student population overall. They also enable users to analyze how survey results vary by important groups in the school and help them to identify, and target programs for, youth most in need. School districts can use these data to meet LCAP and Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan requirements to demonstrate actions across state priorities in regard to socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, and foster youth, as well as other indicators such as race/ethnicity, homeless youth, and LGBTQ youth.

In the standard CHKS report, breakdowns for selected key indicators are provided by race/ethnicity and gender. For selected key indicators, the CalSCHLS Data Dashboard (calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard) can be used to display group differences by gender, race/ethnicity, parental education, parent military status, homeless status, afterschool participation, gender identity, and sexual orientation. Results can also

⁶ Voight, Austin, & Hanson. (2013). Download www.wested.org/online_pubs/hd-13-10.pdf

⁷ Hanson & Austin. (2003). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-3.pdf

⁸ In interpreting the results for 11th graders, note that many youth who are most disengaged and involved in high risk behaviors may have already dropped out of school or did not participate in the survey because of truancy or absenteeism.

⁹ Austin, Dixon, & Bailey. (2007). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-7.pdf

be displayed for English learners, free and reduced-priced meal eligible students, and foster youth—three important LCAP priority groups. Districts/schools can also subscribe to the District CalSCHLS private data dashboard to disaggregate their CHKS results by demographic groups for each school (call 888.841.7536 or email calschls@wested.org).

Racial-Ethnic Group Identification

Respondents self-report their identification with six racial/ethnic groups plus mixed (two or more) race. In one study of CHKS data, both academic performance and school well-being—the degree to which students feel safe at, supported by, and connected to the school—varied consistently and persistently across schools by racial/ethnic groupings.¹⁰ They were lowest in schools with large proportions of African American and Hispanic students, as well as in low-income schools. Controlling for socioeconomic status and other school demographic characteristics reduced these racial/ethnic group differences, but the disparities still remained. This suggests that school climate factors related to student well-being may also play a role in the racial/ethnic achievement gap. One strategy to close the gap may be to enhance learning supports that foster caring adult relationships, high expectations, meaningful participation, safety, and connectedness in schools serving large proportions of low-income African American and Hispanic students.

In the majority of cases, with notable exceptions for Asians, *the racial/ethnic gaps in performance, engagement, perceived support, and safety are greater within-schools than between-schools.*¹¹ African American, Latino, and Asian students feel less safe, engaged, and supported than their White peers *within the same school*. Inequities in these factors, for the various racial/ethnic groups, can possibly contribute to the achievement gap. Further, these findings suggest that practices designed to ensure equal access to academic resources, opportunities, learning supports, and promotion of common experiences may be effective in ameliorating the gap.

Foster Care Youth

Compared to youth who live with their parents, foster care youth report much higher rates of substance abuse, poor school attendance and grades, more violence-related behaviors, more harassment, and higher depression risk.¹² They were also more likely to be low in caring adult relationships and total developmental support.

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning or queer (LGBTQ) youth are at elevated risk for bullying and violence victimization, mental health problems, drug and alcohol use, and exhibiting poor performance in school.^{13 14} For example, analysis of the latest Biennial CHKS data indicate that LGBTQ youth¹⁵ are:

- about 30 percentage points more likely than non-LGBTQ youth to experience harassment and bullying at school;
- 30-to-40 percentage points more likely to exhibit chronic sadness;

¹⁰ Austin, Hanson, Bono, & Zheng. (2008). Download data.calschls.org/resources/factsheet_8.pdf

¹¹ Hanson, Austin, & Li. (2012). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-13_20120405.pdf

¹² Austin, Jones, & Annon. (2007). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-6.pdf

¹³ Hanson, T., Zhang, G., Cerna, R., Stern, A., & Austin, G. (2019) Understanding the experiences of LGBTQ youth in California. San Francisco, CA: WestEd. Download.wested.org/resources/lgbtq-students-in-california/

¹⁴ Russell, S. T., & Fish, J. N. (2016). Mental health in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth. *Annual Review of Clinical Psychology*, 12, 465-487.

¹⁵ See calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard/

- 2-to-3 times more likely to smoke cigarettes, binge drink, and to have been drunk or high at school; and
- receive substantially fewer social supports from teachers and peers at school than their counterparts who do not identify as LGBTQ.

Because of such disparities, it is important to examine disparities across LGBTQ and non-LGBTQ youth to identify needs and support the development of practices that promote the healthy development and safety of all youth.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, SUPPORTS, AND ENGAGEMENT (Section 6)

A major focus of the CHKS is providing data to gauge the level of pupil engagement, an LCAP state priority on which districts are required to show improvement. Enhancing student engagement has been identified as the key to addressing problems of low achievement, high levels of student misbehavior, alienation, and high dropout rates.¹⁶ A 2009 Gallup study found that a one-percentage-point uptick in a school's average student engagement was connected to a six-point increase in reading achievement and eight points in math.¹⁷ CHKS and other surveys consistently show that as youth progress through the school system, indicators of engagement decline.

It is important to look at engagement from three perspectives: behavioral, emotional, and cognitive. The CHKS provides data on all three types. As discussed below, the Academic Motivation scale and self-reported grades provide insight into cognitive engagement; the School Connectedness scale into emotional engagement; and attendance and truancy data into behavioral engagement. Another behavioral engagement indicator on the survey is include substance use at school. Research shows that student engagement is malleable and that all three types of engagement are influenced by the level to which students perceive the school as having a positive environment.

The CHKS Developmental Supports scales provide insight into whether students experience in their school the three protective factors (caring relationships, high expectations, and opportunities for meaningful participation) that characterize a positive school climate and are linked to school connectedness and positive academic, behavioral, and health outcomes. Other school climate factors assessed are the level of parent involvement and the quality of the school physical environment, both also LCAP priorities. The likelihood that students will be motivated and engaged is increased to the extent that their teachers, family, and friends effectively support their purposeful involvement in learning and in school.

Self-Reported Grades

The CHKS asks students to indicate what grades they mostly received in school in the past 12 months. Although self-reports are not as accurate as actual report card data, they provide a general sense of the school performance of the survey respondents from their self-perception. To learn more about the factors that might be causing poor performance, request a CHKS report showing how all the survey results vary by level of performance (call 888.841.7536 or email calschls@wested.org).

Academic Motivation

A four-item scale gauges student academic motivation by asking how strongly they agree that they try hard to do well on schoolwork, try hard because they are interested in the work, work hard to understand

¹⁶ Wang, M-T, & Eccles, J. (2013). School context, achievement motivation, and academic engagement: A longitudinal study of school engagement using a multidimensional perspective. *Learning and Instruction*, 28, 12-23.

¹⁷ Gallop. (2014). Download www.gallup.com/services/178769/state-america-schools-report.aspx

new things at school, and always try to do better. On the 2017-19 State CHKS, the percentage of students agreeing with the questions on this scale ranged from 71 percent in 11th grade to 75 percent in 11th.¹⁸

In order to achieve rigorous academic goals, students need not only a challenging and engaging curriculum, but they need to be emotionally connected to their learning. Student perceptions of the school environment and their degree of school connectedness influence their achievement motivation. But students may be behaviorally and/or emotionally invested in a given activity without actually exerting the necessary mental effort to understand and master the knowledge, craft, or skill that the activity promotes. This scale provides insight into the overall level of that mental effort.

In addition, the supplementary School Climate Module includes an Academic Mindset and Learning Engagement scale and a series of questions about supports for learning and academic rigor.

Absenteeism

Before good teachers with quality curriculums and engaging activities can improve academic performance, the students have to show up. The CHKS provides data to identify what proportion of respondents are at risk of chronic absenteeism (missed 2 or more days during the past 30 days) and what were the reasons for absences.¹⁹ In 2020-21, absenteeism is assessed for students who are participating in school in-person or learning remotely. Users can request reports looking at the characteristics of youth based on absenteeism indicators to guide efforts to improve the LCAP pupil engagement priority (call 888.841.7536 or email calschls@wested.org).

Poor attendance is a marker of a wider variety of other problems, including low school connectedness and learning engagement. Both the US Department of Education and the California Office of the Attorney General have launched initiatives designed to raise awareness about and combat chronic absenteeism, generally defined as missing 10 percent of school days. According to a report by Attendance Works, the nation's large and persistent achievement gaps are rooted in a largely hidden crisis of chronic absenteeism, especially among low-income and minority children.²⁰

Biennial State CHKS data indicate that the most common reasons for being absent in secondary school, after illness, are generally not getting enough sleep and anxiety or stress, followed by being behind in schoolwork, and being bored or uninterested in school, another good indicator of disengagement.²¹

Developmental Supports

Research shows that when schools (or families or communities) provide three developmental supports—**caring adult relationships, high expectations, and opportunities for meaningful participation**—students are more likely to report more positive academic, social-emotional, and health outcomes, including higher grades, school connectedness, attendance, and perceived safety. CHKS measures these supports using multi-item scales. Results overall suggest that the great majority of students do not receive

¹⁸ Austin, Hanson, Zhang, & Zheng. (2020). Download data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1719.pdf

¹⁹ Because most students participated in school via remote learning in 2020-21, the CHKS did not ask about student truancy so that additional items could be included to assess absenteeism.

²⁰ Attendance Works & Everyone Graduates Center. (2017, September). *Portraits of Change: Aligning School and Community Resources to Reduce Chronic Absence*. Download www.attendanceworks.org/portraits-of-change/

²¹ Austin, Hanson, Polik, & Zheng. (2018). Download data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1517.pdf

sufficient levels of support and that the supports received are lower in high school than in middle school, even though student need for them is arguably higher.^{22 23 24 25 26 27}

School Connectedness

School connectedness is one of the indicators of school climate that a California school district must address in its LCAP. Research shows that school connectedness is associated with multiple positive academic, social-emotional, and health outcomes.²⁸ It also shows that youth who feel safe at school, experience caring adults, and have opportunities for engagement and other developmental supports are more likely to feel connected to the school. The CHKS five-item School Connectedness scale is an important differentiator between low-performing and high-performing high schools and has value as an indicator of school quality. The online Query CalSCHLS system (calschls.org/reports-data/query-calschls/) enables examination of how key survey indicators vary by school connectedness.

School connectedness appears to have increased in California in the second half of the last decade, but it still declines markedly after elementary school. A substantial minority of middle and high school students are not connected to their schools. On the 2017-19 State CHKS, the average percentage of students agreeing to these scale questions declined from 62 percent in 7th grade to 53 percent in 11th, a decline similar to that found for the Academic Motivation scale.²⁹ This may be related at least in part to their lower levels of developmental support. Prior analyses have indicated that the lowest rates of both connectedness and test scores are in low-income schools.^{30 31}

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement, including promoting parental participation in school programs, is one of the LCAP state priorities. A three-item scale assesses student perceptions (level of agreement) of three components of parent involvement: teachers communicating with parents about what students are expected to learn in class, parents feeling welcome to participate at this school, and school staff taking parent concerns seriously. The same questions also are asked on the staff and parent surveys so that perceptions can be compared across all three stakeholder groups. A large and growing body of evidence has linked school success to the manner and degree to which a school communicates with parents, engages them both in school activities and education, and fosters a school climate that parents perceive as warm, inviting, and helpful.³²

Facilities and Physical Environment

As an indicator of student perceptions of the school's physical environment, the CHKS includes a question asking students how much they agree the school "is usually clean and tidy."³³ Additional questions are

²² Hanson & Austin. (2002). Download data.calschls.org/resources/factsheet.pdf

²³ Hanson & Austin. (2002). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-3.pdf

²⁴ Hanson. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet1_caring_20120223.pdf

²⁵ Hanson. (2012). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet2_participation_20120224.pdf

²⁶ O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief1_CaringRelationships_final.pdf

²⁷ O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief2_MeaningfulPart_final.pdf

²⁸ National Research Council and the Institute of Medicine. (2004). *Engaging schools: Fostering high school students' motivation to learn*. Washington, D.C.: The National Academies Press.

²⁹ Austin, Hanson, Zhang, & Zheng. (2020). Download data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1719.pdf

³⁰ Austin, Hanson, & Voight. (2013). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet5_connectedness_20130827.pdf

³¹ O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief4_Connectedness_final.pdf

³² Wilder, S. (2014). Effects of parental involvement on academic achievement. A meta-synthesis. *Educational Review*, 66:3, 377-397.

³³ Questions about school facilities and the physical environment were not asked to students who participated in school exclusively via remote learning in 2020-21.

included in the supplementary School Climate Module. An analysis of 2015/17 data from the questions on both modules found that a plurality of students report that their school facilities are in good condition, but a non-trivial minority of students were dissatisfied with the condition of their school facilities.³⁴ Between 20 percent and 25 percent of students disagree or strongly disagree on the quality of the physical environment items. Almost one-third of schools serving 11th graders were categorized as having low quality physical environments based on student reports on the clean and tidy item. Student perceptions of the quality of their school's physical environment were strongly related to student achievement.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE, VICTIMIZATION, AND SAFETY (Section 8)

The CHKS asks students a wide range of questions to ascertain the scope and nature of physical and verbal violence and victimization that occurs on campus, as well as vandalism, and the overall level of school safety.³⁵ Physical violence and weapons on campus have long been a major public concern. Equally disruptive are the uncounted acts of bullying, teasing, and other nonviolent misbehavior among youth, such as substance use and sales on campus.³⁶ These behaviors adversely affect not only students' ability to learn and willingness to attend school, but also the overall school environment, the ability of teachers to teach, and the willingness of adults to enter the teaching profession.^{37 38 39}

Perceived Safety

Perceived safety is another indicator that districts/schools are required to monitor as part of their LCAP school climate priority. School safety is more than the antithesis of violence. Perceived school safety is psychological as well as physical. Feelings of insecurity can have multiple sources, not all of which correctly reflect the level of danger and violence on a school campus, such as verbal bullying. Both physical and psychological safety are essential for high quality teaching and learning. It is a key factor in students feeling connected to school. Another indicator important for attendance is the percentage of students who report missing school because they didn't feel safe (Table A6.6).

If students report low levels of perceived school safety, further examination of all the indicators related to bullying and victimization is warranted. Consider conducting follow-up student voice and feedback sessions such as focus groups or Student Listening Circles and integrating questions on why students do not feel safe.⁴⁰

Harassment and Victimization

Most of the safety-related questions on the survey assess victimization. Because a relatively small number of students can victimize a large number of their peers, victimization questions provide important insight into the overall school climate. Nonviolent harassment in any form—threats, intimidation, rumors, and ostracism—can instill a sense of vulnerability, isolation, frustration, and fear among its victims, leading to engagement in health risk behaviors or avoidance behaviors such as missing school and social isolation. This type of misbehavior, vastly more common than any other, ruins the school day for many students. In

³⁴ Hanson & Austin. (2018). Download calschls.org/docs/facilities_2-18-1.pdf

³⁵ The CHKS also includes two violence-related questions that are not school based: the frequency students experienced cyberbullying and whether they are gang members.

³⁶ Juvonen, J., & Graham, S. (2001). *Peer harassment in school: The plight of the vulnerable and victimized*. New York: Guilford Press.

³⁷ Barton, P. E. (2001). *Facing the hard facts in education reform*. Princeton, NJ: Educational Testing Service.

³⁸ O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief5_ViolencePerpetration_final.pdf

³⁹ O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief6_ViolenceVictimization_final.pdf

⁴⁰ O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief3_Safety_final.pdf

Bruised Inside (2000), the National Association of Attorneys General describes harassment by peers as one of the two causes for kids to express anger using guns, knives, and fists.⁴¹

The CHKS asks about the frequency with which students experienced any bullying/harassment related to six bias-related categories (gender, race/ethnicity, disability, sexual identity, religion, immigrant status), as well as for any other reason (Table A8.2). About three-in-ten secondary students report experiencing some harassment in the past year on the State CHKS, with the percentages declining between 7th and 11th grades.⁴² Analyses show that victims of harassment are more likely to not feel safe at, and connected to, school; to have higher truancy; and to experience lower developmental (resilience) supports at school.⁴³ ⁴⁴ They report higher rates of fighting and weapons possession at school, as well as risk of depression. Students who report bias-related harassment, particularly for disability and sexual orientation, have poorer well-being than students who were only harassed for other reasons.

Different forms of verbal harassment at school are assessed by asking students about: mean rumors or lies; sexual-related jokes, comments, or gestures; being made fun of because of looks or speech; and, more generally, being made fun of, insulted or called names. Physical victimization is assessed by questions about having been pushed/shoved, threatened with harm or injury (without or without weapon), and being afraid of being beaten up. Students are also asked whether they have ever been in a physical fight as a measure of general violence.

The supplementary School Climate Module includes Bullying Prevention and Respect for Diversity scales to provide insight into what the school is doing to reduce the problem.

Vandalism and Weapons

Two other safety-related areas assessed by the survey are school vandalism and weapons possession. Students are asked whether they damaged school property or had their property damaged at school and whether they carried a knife or other weapon to school or observed someone else doing these things.⁴⁵ Overall, weapons possession is not common. Statewide, only about two percent of secondary students report carrying a gun and 4-5 percent report carrying another weapon.⁴⁶ About 14 percent of 7th and 9th graders report seeing someone carrying a weapon compared to 11 percent of 11th graders.

SUBSTANCE USE (Sections 9 and 10)

An important barrier to learning, positive youth development, and health, substance use is assessed by the CHKS Core.

Alcohol and Other Drug Use (Section 9)

The misuse of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) continues to be among the most important issues confronting the nation. For schools, the problem is particularly relevant. Years of research have shown that adolescent substance use is closely connected to academic performance and contributes to raising the level of truancy and absenteeism, special education, disciplinary problems, disengagement and dropout rates, teacher turnover, and property damage.

⁴¹ Horn, D. M., National Association of Attorneys General., & Washington (State). (2000). *Bruised inside: What our children say about youth violence, what causes it, and what we need to do about it: A report of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG)*. Washington, DC: National Association of Attorneys General.

⁴² Austin, Hanson, Zhang, & Zheng. (2020). Download data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1719.pdf

⁴³ Heck, Russell, O'Shaughnessy, Laub, Calhoun, & Austin. (2005). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-4.pdf

⁴⁴ Austin, Nakamoto, & Bailey. (2010). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-10.pdf

⁴⁵ Students who participated in school exclusively via remote learning were not asked these questions in 2020-21.

⁴⁶ Austin, Hanson, Polik, & Zheng. (2018). Download data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1517.pdf

Reflecting this, on the California School Staff Survey, 39 percent of high school staff statewide reported that alcohol and drug use are a moderate to severe problem at their school.⁴⁷

Alcohol and Other Drug Use at School (Section 9)

AOD use at school is especially troubling. This is behavior that threatens not only the user’s learning ability but also the school’s efforts to educate all youth. It also is an indirect indicator of school disengagement. An analysis of CHKS data found that substance use and intoxication at school, being offered drugs at school, and lifetime intoxication were significantly related to changes in California achievement test scores one year later.⁴⁸ Schools with proportionately large numbers of students who reported these behaviors exhibited smaller gains in test scores than other schools.^{49 50}

Cigarette Smoking (Section 10)

Students who report smoking cigarettes are significantly more likely than those who do not to engage in alcohol and other drug use, be involved in violence and gang membership, and experience school-related problems and disengagement. To a lesser extent, students who smoke are also more likely to be victims of violence and harassment, feel unsafe at school, and experience incapacitating sadness and loneliness. These results suggest that efforts to reduce student smoking may be more successful if embedded in approaches that address a broad range of risk behaviors and problems.^{51 52}

MENTAL HEALTH (Section 7)

Student mental health can have a big impact on their health and well-being. The CHKS Core provides two measures for assessing mental health among students: (1) whether they experience chronic, incapacitating sadness or hopelessness; and (2) whether they ever contemplated suicide. Students who experience chronic sadness, compared to their peers who do not, are at elevated risk of a wide range of educational, health, social, and emotional problems, including lower school attendance, performance, and connectedness.⁵³ They also report lower levels of the developmental supports in their schools and communities that have been shown to mitigate these problems. Similar findings are found among youth who have contemplated suicide.⁵⁴

CHKS data also show that students who report bias-related harassment, particularly for disability and sexual orientation, have poorer overall mental health than students who are harassed for other reasons or not harassed. Students who report any harassment are about twice as likely to experience chronic sadness/hopelessness than their non-harassed peers.^{55 56}

See also the percentage of students who report missing school because they “felt very sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed, or angry.” In addition, the supplementary School Climate Module includes a Social and Emotional Supports scale that provides insight from students on what the school does to help promote mental health and foster of social-emotional competencies.

⁴⁷ Statewide CSSS. (2018). Download calschls.org/docs/statewide_1517_csss.pdf

⁴⁸ Hanson, T. L., Austin, G. A., & Lee-Bayha, J. (2004). *Ensuring that No Child is Left Behind: How are Student Health Risks & Resilience Related to the Academic Progress of Schools*. San Francisco: WestEd.

⁴⁹ Hanson & Austin. (2003). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-3.pdf

⁵⁰ O’Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief8_AOD_final.pdf

⁵¹ Hanson & Zheng. (2006). Download data.calschls.org/resources/factsheet2update.pdf

⁵² Austin, McCarthy, Slade, & Bailey. (2007). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-5.pdf

⁵³ Austin, Nakamoto, & Bailey. (2010). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-11.pdf

⁵⁴ Austin, Cragle, Delong-Cotty. (2012). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-12.pdf

⁵⁵ Heck, Russell, O’Shaughnessy, Laub, Calhoun, & Austin. (2005). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-4.pdf

⁵⁶ Austin, Nakamoto, & Bailey. (2010). Download data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-10.pdf