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# PREFACE

## HYPERLINK FEATURE

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This report provides the detailed results for each question from the 2024-25 *California Healthy Kids Survey* (CHKS) for schools within this school. 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 state effort in the nation to regularly assess students, staff, and parents 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 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 create more positive, safe, supportive, and engaging environments and to promoting the successful cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of all students. 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](https://calschls.org)). The California Safe and Supportive Schools website ([ca-safe-supportive-schools.wested.org](https://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 technical advisor team offers data workshops and coaching to help identify local needs and develop action plans to meet those needs.

## 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 is 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:

- student grades, truancy, boredom at school, 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 indicators of student well-being in general, including the scope and nature of substance use and mental health and wellness (chronic sadness, social and emotional distress, life satisfaction, and contemplation of suicide). These questions provide insight into important barriers to learning and development.

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

## **Behavioral Health Module (Supplementary)**

The Behavioral Health Module (BHM) is a multiform survey module that assesses secondary student well-being indicators (i.e., social isolation, body image and disordered eating, responses to trauma, stress-associated health conditions, and precursors to and consequences of substance use) and protective factors (i.e., home adult supports, peer supports, and school mental health supports). This module assesses almost all of the measures that were assessed on the 2022-23 Mental Health Supports Module, Student Trauma Module, and Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Module—which have been discontinued. The BHM assesses more content while minimizing the survey length for individual students by using a multiform instrument. Students are randomly administered one of two BHM survey forms to reduce survey burden and collect representative data on more aspects of behavioral health. Because the BHM is administered to all schools participating in the Biennial State CHKS, statewide comparison data will be available for all BHM results.

## **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](https://calschls.org/survey-administration/downloads)).

## **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 and academic success. It includes 43 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).

## **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.

### **LCAP Subgroup Results**

Summary tables provide key findings (e.g., safety, school connectedness, bullying and harassment, developmental supports) disaggregated by each of the LCAP subgroups (race/ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners and long-term English learners, students with disabilities, students in foster care, and unhoused youth). Results are also disaggregated by gender. Districts can subscribe to the District CalSCHLS data dashboard to disaggregate their CHKS results by these and other factors (i.e., students who report different levels of caring relations with adults at school).

## **ONLINE DATA DASHBOARDS**

**Public Dashboard.** Anyone can examine online key state, county, and district CHKS results on the public CalSCHLS Data Dashboard ([calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard](https://calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard)). The dashboard can be used to graphically display statewide, county, and district key indicators from the Core and School Climate Modules, trends over time, and disparities in survey outcomes across subgroups. Group differences across LCAP subgroups and other characteristics (e.g., chronic sadness) can be examined. 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.

**The District Dashboard Option.** Districts may also purchase a two-year subscription to a password-protected, private data dashboard that displays up to 11 years of CalSCHLS data at not only the district level but also the *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 groups such as race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and many other characteristics (LCAP subgroups, chronic sadness, caring relationships); and
- examine data trends over time overall and by different demographic groups.

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.

## 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 (see Table A1.1 and Appendix I for student response rates). 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](http://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](http://calschls.org/resources/factsheets)).
- *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](http://data.calschls.org/resources/S3_schoolclimateguidebook_final.pdf)).
- The **California Center for School Climate** ([ccsc.wested.org](http://ccsc.wested.org)) website houses school climate resources and guides, and archived virtual events.
- The *California Safe and Supportive Schools Newsletter* provides monthly announcements of resources, tools, webinars and workshops, and research. Sign up on [ca-safe-supportive-schools.wested.org/subscribe/](http://ca-safe-supportive-schools.wested.org/subscribe/).
- CDE's **California Safe and Supportive Schools** website ([ca-safe-supportive-schools.wested.org](http://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/resources/#resources\\_and\\_tools](http://calschls.org/resources/#resources_and_tools)) 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 technical advisor team. 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 school and student needs and into 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. By enlisting their collaboration, you also increase the prospect that the identified needs will be successfully addressed.

As part of this process, WestEd staff can facilitate 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 technical advisor ([calschls.org/contact](https://calschls.org/contact)) or email [calschls@wested.org](mailto: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 Survey Item Crosswalk ([calschls.org/resources/#resources\\_and\\_tools](https://calschls.org/resources/#resources_and_tools)) 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders compare with those from 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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\\_1921.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1921.pdf)) or examined on the CalSCHLS Data Dashboard ([calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard](https://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](https://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 technical advisor 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 technical advisor ([calschls.org/contact](https://calschls.org/contact)) or email [calschls@wested.org](mailto: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 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 Climate Report Cards, Mental Health Reports, and School Boredom Reports**

In addition to this school-level report with all the survey results, three additional reports are available:

- A short, user-friendly, graphic **School Climate Report Card** that provides trends across key indicators of school climate and provides two-year state averages on those indicators ([calschls.org/reports-data/#slcr](https://calschls.org/reports-data/#slcr))
- A graphic **Mental Health Report** that describes key indicators of mental health by grade level and by survey administration year ([calschls.org/reports-data/#slcr](https://calschls.org/reports-data/#slcr))
- A **School Boredom Report** that describes how much students value school and how bored they feel at school ([calschls.org/reports-data/#slcr](https://calschls.org/reports-data/#slcr))

## **Disaggregated Reports**

CalSCHLS staff 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](https://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 (562.799.5460) or email [calschls@wested.org](mailto: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
<b>Student Learning Engagement</b>					
Academic mindset			✓		
Academic motivation	✓	✓		✓	✓
Academic performance (grades)	✓				
Attendance (absences and reasons absent)	✓			✓	
School boredom	✓				
School connectedness	✓				
<b>Student Social-Emotional and Physical Well-being</b>					
Alcohol, tobacco, and drug use	✓			✓	✓
Behavioral self-control			✓		
Bedtime	✓				
Collaboration			✓		
Emotional self-regulation			✓		
Empathy			✓		
Gratitude			✓		
Life satisfaction	✓				
Optimism	✓				
Perceived safety	✓			✓	✓
Persistence			✓		
Problem solving			✓		
Self-awareness			✓		
Self-efficacy			✓		
Social-emotional competencies and health			✓	✓	
Social-emotional distress	✓				
Violence and victimization (bullying)	✓			✓	✓
Zest			✓		
<b>School Climate Conditions</b>					
Academic rigor and norms				✓	✓
College and career supports				✓	✓
Family support			✓		
High expectations	✓			✓	✓
Meaningful participation and decision-making	✓			✓	✓
Parent involvement	✓			✓	✓
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		✓		✓	✓
<b>School Climate Improvement Practices</b>					
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. Behavioral Health Module (BHM)	
C. Closing the Achievement Gap (CTAG) Module	
D. Community Health Module (CHM)	
E. Community Schools Module	
F. District Afterschool Module (DASM)	
G. Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Module	
H. Gang Risk Awareness Module (GRAM)	
I. Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation-Based Harassment Module	
J. Military-Connected School Module	
K. Physical Health & Nutrition Module	
L. Resilience & Youth Development Module (RYDM)	
M. Safety & Violence Module	
N. School Climate Module (SCM)	
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 9	Grade 11
<b><i>Student Sample Size</i></b>		
Target sample	420	399
Final number	261	188
<b>Response Rate</b>	62%	47%

**Table A1.2**

*Number of Respondents by Instructional Model*

	Grade 9	Grade 11
In-school learning only	259	184
Remote learning only	2	4

## 2. Summary of Key Indicators

**Table A2.1**

**Key Indicators of School Climate**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	Table
<b>School Engagement and Supports</b>			
School connectedness <sup>†</sup>	51	47	A6.4
School connectedness <sup>†ψ</sup> ( <i>Remote Only</i> )			A6.4
Academic motivation <sup>†</sup>	57	57	A6.4
School is really boring <sup>±</sup>	46	37	A6.11
School is worthless and a waste of time <sup>±</sup>	15	8	A6.11
Current absenteeism (≥3 times) <sup>¶</sup>	16	16	A6.2
Trouble focusing on schoolwork <sup>σ</sup>	41	36	A6.10
Caring adult relationships <sup>‡</sup>	46	57	A6.4
High expectations <sup>‡</sup>	61	69	A6.4
Meaningful participation <sup>‡</sup>	24	25	A6.4
Facilities upkeep <sup>σ</sup>	38	24	A6.15
Promotion of parental involvement in school <sup>†</sup>	43	40	A6.4
<b>School Safety and Cyberbullying</b>			
School perceived as very safe or safe	61	58	A8.1
Experienced any harassment or bullying <sup>§</sup>	34	29	A8.2
Had mean rumors or lies spread about you <sup>§</sup>	35	21	A8.3
Been afraid of being beaten up <sup>§</sup>	18	12	A8.3
Been in a physical fight <sup>§</sup>	11	5	A8.4
Seen a weapon on campus <sup>§</sup>	13	12	A8.6
Cyberbullying <sup>§</sup>	28	14	A8.3

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

<sup>†</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

<sup>ψ</sup>The scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.

<sup>±</sup>Rating of 7 or higher.

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

<sup>σ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

<sup>‡</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A2.2**

**Key Indicators of Substance Use, Health Routines, and Remote Schooling**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	Table
<b>Substance Use</b>			
Current alcohol or drug use <sup>¶</sup>	10	10	A9.5
Current tobacco use <sup>¶</sup>	5	4	A10.8
Current marijuana use <sup>¶</sup>	4	5	A9.5
Current binge drinking <sup>¶</sup>	3	4	A9.5
Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times, ever	5	6	A9.7
Been drunk or “high” on drugs at school, ever	5	5	A9.9
Current cigarette smoking <sup>¶</sup>	3	2	A10.5
Current use of vape products <sup>¶</sup>	4	4	A10.6
Current tobacco vaping <sup>¶</sup>	2	3	A10.6
Current marijuana vaping <sup>¶</sup>	2	4	A10.6
<b>Health Routines</b>			
Eating of breakfast <sup>‡</sup>	59	53	A4.1
Bedtime (at 12 am or later)	20	20	A4.2
<b>Remote Schooling</b>			
Remote learning frequency (5 days per week) <sup>¶δ</sup>			A5.1
Synchronous instruction (4 days or more) <sup>‡δ</sup>			A5.1
Interest in schoolwork done from home <sup>σδ</sup>			A5.3
Meaningful opportunities <sup>θδ</sup>			A5.2

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

<sup>‡</sup>Today.

<sup>δ</sup>Remote only.

<sup>‡</sup>Past 7 days.

<sup>σ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

<sup>θ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

**Table A2.3****Key Indicators of Student Well-Being**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	Table
<b>Social and Emotional Health</b>			
Social emotional distress <sup>‡</sup>	27	28	A7.5
Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness <sup>§</sup>	32	26	A7.1
Considered suicide <sup>§</sup>	11	9	A7.2
Optimism <sup>‡</sup>	44	40	A7.3
Life satisfaction <sup>⊖</sup>	62	58	A7.4
	Grade 9	Grade 11	
California Student Wellness Index <sup>∘</sup>	100.7	99.5	NP

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

<sup>‡</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

<sup>⊖</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Satisfied” or “Very satisfied” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

<sup>∘</sup>To construct the index, the ten items that comprise both the social emotional distress and life satisfaction scales were each recoded such that the lowest possible score on each item was zero. These scores were then added together, resulting in a total raw score that could vary between 0 and 40. To calculate the scale score for the Student Wellness Index, the raw score was divided by the maximum possible score (40). Additionally, for clearer comparisons across groups and for interpreting future trends across time, a standardized version of the Student Wellness Index was constructed based on statewide data from the 2021-23 Biennial State CHKS. The standardized score (presented in the table) is scaled to have a mean score of 100 and a standard deviation of 15.

NP-Not presented in an individual table.

### 3. Demographics

**Table A3.1**

***School Schedule, Past 30 Days***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
In-School Model	99	98
Remote Learning Model	1	2

*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.”*

**Table A3.2**

***Gender of Sample***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Male	52	52
Female	47	44
Nonbinary	1	3
Something else	1	1

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

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

**Table A3.3**

***Gender Identity***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
No, I am not transgender	90	87
Yes, I am transgender	2	4
I am not sure if I am transgender	2	1
Decline to respond	5	7

*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 A3.4*****Sexual Orientation***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Heterosexual (straight)	71	65
Lesbian or Gay	3	6
Bisexual	8	7
Something else	4	4
Not sure	5	5
Decline to respond	9	13

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

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

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

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	0	1
Asian or Asian American, non-Hispanic	6	10
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	6	5
Hispanic or Latino/a	29	30
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	1	1
White, non-Hispanic	40	39
Multiracial, non-Hispanic	10	12
Something else, non-Hispanic	8	3

*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 Latino/a... Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander... White... Something else.*

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

**Table A3.6**  
***Living Arrangements and Housing Status***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
A home with one or more parent or guardian	93	96
Other relative’s home	1	2
A home with more than one family	2	1
Friend’s home	0	1
Foster home, group care, or waiting placement	1	0
Hotel or motel	0	0
Shelter, car, campground, or other transitional or temporary housing	0	0
Other living arrangement	4	1

*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**  
***Living Situation***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Home with one or more parent or guardian	93	96
Foster home	1	0
Homeless	0	1
Other living arrangement	7	3

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

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

*Category “Homeless” includes “Friend’s home,” “Hotel or motel,” and “Shelter, car, campground, or other transitional or temporary housing.”*

*Category “Other living arrangement” includes “Other relative’s home,” “A home with more than one family,” and “Other living arrangement.”*

**Table A3.8*****Parental Education***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Did not finish high school	9	8
Graduated from high school	10	18
Attended college but did not complete four-year degree	17	15
Graduated from college	43	48
Don't know	21	11

*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 A3.9*****Special Education Services***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
No	77	76
Yes	10	13
Don't know	10	7
Prefer not to say	3	3

*Question HS/MS A.15: Do you have an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) or get special education services?*

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

**Table A3.10*****English Learner Program Designation***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
No	85	86
Yes	5	10
Don't know	10	4

*Question HS/MS A.13: Are you in the English Learner Program at school?*

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

**Table A3.11*****English Learner (EL) Program Duration and Long-Term English Learner (LTEL) Status***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Not currently in English Learner Program	94	90
Less than 7 years (EL)	5	9
7 years or more (LTEL)	1	1

*Question HS/MS A.13, 14: Are you in the English Learner Program at school?... How many years have you been in the English Learner Program across all schools you've attended?*

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

*Category "Less than 7 years (EL)" includes responses "Less than 3 years," "3 to 4 years," and "5 to 6 years."*

**Table A3.12*****Language Spoken at Home***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
English	83	78
Spanish	4	5
Mandarin	0	1
Cantonese	0	0
Taiwanese	0	0
Tagalog	0	1
Vietnamese	1	0
Korean	0	0
Arabic	2	2
Other	10	14

*Question HS/MS A.12: What language is spoken most of the time in your home?*

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

**Table A3.13**

***English Language Proficiency Among Students Speaking a Language Other Than English at Home***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b><i>How well do you...</i></b>		
<b>understand English?</b>		
Very well	61	53
Well	34	44
Not well	0	3
Not at all	5	0
<b>speak English?</b>		
Very well	55	42
Well	38	47
Not well	0	11
Not at all	8	0
<b>read English?</b>		
Very well	50	46
Well	40	49
Not well	5	6
Not at all	5	0
<b>write English?</b>		
Very well	48	42
Well	35	42
Not well	12	14
Not at all	5	3
<b><i>English Language Proficiency Status</i></b>		
Proficient	50	42
Not proficient	50	58

*Question HS/MS A.12, 12A-12D: 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 A3.14*****Number of Days Attending Afterschool Program***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
I do not attend my school's afterschool program	85	81
1 day	4	2
2 days	1	2
3 days	2	1
4 days	3	2
5 days	6	11

*Question HS/MS A.19: 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 A3.15*****Military Connections***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
No	91	92
Yes	4	3
Don't know	5	5

*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. Health Routines

**Table A4.1**

***Eating of Breakfast***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
No	41	47
Yes	59	53

*Question HS/MS A.17: Did you eat breakfast today?*

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

**Table A4.2**

***Bedtime***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Before 7:00 pm	0	1
7:00-7:59 pm	1	1
8:00-8:59 pm	4	4
9:00-9:59 pm	18	8
10:00-10:59 pm	28	35
11:00-11:59 pm	29	29
12:00-12:59 am	10	12
After 1:00 am	10	8
<b><i>Bedtime at 12 am or later</i></b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>

*Question HS/MS A.16: What time did you go to bed last night?*

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

## 5. Remote Schooling

**Results in this section are applicable to students who indicated that they attend school remotely. Responses from students attending school in-person are not included.**

**Table A5.1**

***Remote Schooling Schedule and Instructional Time (Remote Only)***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Time spent on learning and completing schoolwork from home on the average weekday</b>		
Less than 1 hour		
Between 1 and 2 hours		
Between 2 and 3 hours		
Between 3 and 4 hours		
Between 4 and 5 hours		
More than 5 hours		
<b>Number of days in the past week participating in an online class from home where your teacher talked to students</b>		
0 days		
1 day		
2 days		
3 days		
4 days		
5 days		
<b>Number of weekdays participating in school from home for the entire school day</b>		
0 days		
1 day		
2 days		
3 days		
4 days		
5 days		

*Question HS/MS A.20-22: In the past 30 days, how many weekdays in an average week did you participate in school from home for an entire school day?.. On the average weekday, how much of your day did you spend learning and completing schoolwork from home?... 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)?*

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

**Table A5.2**

***Interesting Activities Provided for Student in Remote Schooling (Remote Only)***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Not at all true		
A little true		
Pretty much true		
Very much true		

*Question HS/MS A.49: 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 Only)***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Strongly disagree		
Disagree		
Neither disagree nor agree		
Agree		
Strongly agree		

*Question HS/MS A.40: 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 9 %	Grade 11 %
Mostly A's	25	17
A's and B's	38	34
Mostly B's	7	10
B's and C's	18	25
Mostly C's	6	6
C's and D's	3	6
Mostly D's	2	1
Mostly F's	1	2

*Question HS/MS A.24: 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***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
I did not miss any days of school in the past 30 days	39	38
1 day	26	30
2 days	18	15
3 or more days	16	16

*Question HS/MS A.18, 23: 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 remote learning classes for any reason? [Remote only]*

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

**Table A6.3*****Reasons for Absence, Past 30 Days***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Does not apply; I didn't miss any school	36	38
Illness (feeling physically sick), including problems with breathing or your teeth	42	48
Were being bullied or mistreated at school	2	2
Felt very sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed, or angry	12	11
Didn't get enough sleep	13	12
Didn't feel safe at school or going to and from school	1	1
Had to take care of or help a family member or friend	6	6
Wanted to spend time with friends	1	1
Used alcohol or drugs	1	1
Were behind in schoolwork or weren't prepared for a test or class assignment	2	3
Were bored or uninterested in school	8	6
Had no transportation to school	0	2
Other reason	17	20

*Question HS/MS A.25, 26: 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 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 A6.4*****School Environment, School Connectedness, Academic Motivation, and Promotion of Parental Involvement Scales***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	Table
Total school supports	44	51	
Caring relationships-adults in school <sup>‡</sup>	46	57	A6.5
High expectations-adults in school <sup>‡</sup>	61	69	A6.6
Meaningful participation at school <sup>‡</sup>	24	25	A6.7
School connectedness <sup>†</sup>	51	47	A6.8
School connectedness <sup>†ψ</sup> <i>(Remote Only)</i>			A6.8
Academic motivation <sup>†</sup>	57	57	A6.9
Promotion of parental involvement in school <sup>†</sup>	43	40	A6.13

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

<sup>‡</sup>*Scales are based on average of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”*

<sup>†</sup>*Scales are based on average of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”*

<sup>ψ</sup>*The scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.*

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

**Table A6.5**  
***Caring Relationships Scale Questions***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Caring relationships-adults in school</b>		
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	46	57
<b><i>There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who really cares about me.</i></b>		
Not at all true	17	12
A little true	39	31
Pretty much true	30	40
Very much true	14	18
<b><i>who notices when I’m not there.</i></b>		
Not at all true	20	13
A little true	39	37
Pretty much true	33	39
Very much true	9	11
<b><i>who listens to me when I have something to say.</i></b>		
Not at all true	15	9
A little true	30	27
Pretty much true	38	46
Very much true	17	18

*Question HS/MS A.47, 50, 53: 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 A6.6*****High Expectations Scale Questions***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>High expectations-adults in school</b>		
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	61	69
<b><i>There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who tells me when I do a good job.</i></b>		
Not at all true	11	9
A little true	32	25
Pretty much true	39	46
Very much true	18	20
<b><i>who always wants me to do my best.</i></b>		
Not at all true	8	6
A little true	27	23
Pretty much true	38	41
Very much true	27	29
<b><i>who believes that I will be a success.</i></b>		
Not at all true	10	10
A little true	30	20
Pretty much true	38	43
Very much true	22	27

*Question HS/MS A.48, 51, 54: 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 A6.7**  
**Meaningful Participation Scale Questions**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Meaningful participation at school</b>		
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	24	25
<b>At school/When I participate in school,...</b>		
<b>I do interesting activities.</b>		
Not at all true	18	20
A little true	37	41
Pretty much true	33	27
Very much true	12	12
<b>I help decide things like class activities or rules.</b>		
Not at all true	54	47
A little true	28	33
Pretty much true	13	14
Very much true	5	6
<b>I do things that make a difference.</b>		
Not at all true	34	29
A little true	42	43
Pretty much true	18	20
Very much true	6	8
<b>I have a say in how things work.</b>		
Not at all true	47	36
A little true	34	39
Pretty much true	13	22
Very much true	6	3
<b>I help decide school activities or rules.</b>		
Not at all true	65	65
A little true	22	23
Pretty much true	9	9
Very much true	4	3

*Question HS/MS A.55-64: At school [In-School only],... When I participate in school [Remote only],... 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 A6.8**  
**School Connectedness Scale Questions**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School connectedness</b>		
<i>Average reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree”</i>	51	47
<b>School connectedness<sup>ψ</sup> (Remote Only)</b>		
<i>Average reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree”</i>		
<b>I feel close to people at/from this school.</b>		
Strongly disagree	4	7
Disagree	9	9
Neither disagree nor agree	29	36
Agree	50	41
Strongly agree	8	8
<b>I am happy with/to be at this school.</b>		
Strongly disagree	6	6
Disagree	11	12
Neither disagree nor agree	32	40
Agree	45	36
Strongly agree	6	6
<b>I feel like I am part of this school.</b>		
Strongly disagree	4	4
Disagree	15	13
Neither disagree nor agree	38	38
Agree	36	39
Strongly agree	7	5

*Question HS/MS A.27-34: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... I feel close to people at this school. [In-School only]... I feel close to people from this school. [Remote only]... I am happy to be at this school. [In-School only]... I am happy with this school. [Remote only]... I feel like I am part of this school.... The teachers at this school treat students fairly. [In-School only]... The teachers treat students fairly. [Remote only]... I feel safe in my school. [In-School only]*

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

*<sup>ψ</sup>The scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.*

**Table A6.8*****School Connectedness Scale Questions – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>The teachers at this school treat students fairly/The teachers treat students fairly.</b>		
Strongly disagree	5	4
Disagree	7	9
Neither disagree nor agree	39	35
Agree	41	46
Strongly agree	9	5
<b>I feel safe in my school.</b>		
Strongly disagree	2	3
Disagree	8	8
Neither disagree nor agree	38	36
Agree	45	46
Strongly agree	7	6

*Question HS/MS A.32-34 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... The teachers at this school treat students fairly. [In-School only]... The teachers treat students fairly. [Remote only]...I feel safe in my school. [In-School only]*

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

**Table A6.9*****Academic Motivation Scale Questions***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Academic motivation</b>		
<i>Average reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree”</i>	57	57
<b>I try hard to make sure that I am good at my schoolwork.</b>		
Strongly disagree	2	2
Disagree	4	5
Neither disagree nor agree	20	27
Agree	52	44
Strongly agree	22	22
<b>I try hard on my schoolwork because I am interested in it.</b>		
Strongly disagree	7	3
Disagree	20	14
Neither disagree nor agree	40	41
Agree	26	34
Strongly agree	6	8
<b>I work hard to try to understand new things when doing my schoolwork.</b>		
Strongly disagree	2	3
Disagree	9	4
Neither disagree nor agree	33	39
Agree	42	43
Strongly agree	13	11
<b>I am always trying to do better in my schoolwork.</b>		
Strongly disagree	1	3
Disagree	4	3
Neither disagree nor agree	28	29
Agree	43	48
Strongly agree	23	18

*Question HS/MS A.41-44: 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 A6.10**  
***Maintaining Focus on Schoolwork***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>It is hard for me to stay focused when doing my schoolwork.</b>		
Strongly disagree	4	4
Disagree	25	14
Neither disagree nor agree	30	46
Agree	31	29
Strongly agree	10	7

*Question HS/MS A.39: 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 A6.11**  
***School Boredom and Value of School***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School boredom</b>		
Low (0-3)	13	15
Moderate (4-6)	41	47
High (7-10)	46	37
<b>Value of school</b>		
High (0-3)	49	61
Moderate (4-6)	36	32
Low (7-10)	15	8

*Question HS/MS A.45, 46: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... School is really boring (school boredom)... School is worthless and a waste of time (value of school). Response categories range from 0 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree).*

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

**Table A6.12**  
***School Boredom Profile Groups***

Value of School	School Boredom	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
High Value	Low Boredom	10	14
	Moderate Boredom	26	32
	High Boredom	14	15
Moderate Value	Moderate Boredom	13	15
	High Boredom	21	16
Low Value	High Boredom	12	6

*Question HS/MS A.45, 46: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?... School is really boring (school boredom)... School is worthless and a waste of time (value of school). Response categories range from 0 (strongly disagree) to 10 (strongly agree)*

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

*Students are classified as high on value of school if they selected 0, 1, 2, or 3, moderate if they selected 4, 5, or 6, and low if they selected 7, 8, 9, or 10.*

*Students are classified as high on school boredom if they selected 7, 8, 9, or 10, moderate if they selected 4, 5, or 6, and low if they selected 0, 1, 2, or 3.*

*Percentages may not add up to 100% because categories with very low responses are not reported.*

**Table A6.13*****Promotion of Parental Involvement Scale Questions***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Promotion of parental involvement in school</b>		
<i>Average reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree”</i>	43	40
<b>Teachers at this school communicate with parents about what students are expected to learn in class.</b>		
Strongly disagree	3	6
Disagree	9	14
Neither disagree nor agree	39	36
Agree	46	40
Strongly agree	3	4
<b>Parents feel welcome to participate at this school.</b>		
Strongly disagree	1	4
Disagree	10	6
Neither disagree nor agree	48	52
Agree	37	35
Strongly agree	4	3
<b>School staff take parent concerns seriously.</b>		
Strongly disagree	4	5
Disagree	12	10
Neither disagree nor agree	47	47
Agree	32	36
Strongly agree	6	2

*Question HS/MS A.36-38: 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 A6.14**  
**Checking Student Well-Being**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>A teacher or some other adult from my school checks on how I am feeling.</b>		
Not at all true	30	20
A little true	34	31
Pretty much true	22	38
Very much true	13	11

*Question HS/MS A.52: There is a teacher or some other adult from my school... who checks on how I am feeling.*  
*Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.*

**Table A6.15**  
**Quality of School Physical Environment**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>My school is usually clean and tidy.</b>		
Strongly disagree	9	6
Disagree	14	24
Neither disagree nor agree	38	46
Agree	35	20
Strongly agree	3	4

*Question HS/MS A.35: 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 9 %	Grade 11 %
No	68	74
Yes	32	26

*Question HS A.153/MS A.146: 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 9 %	Grade 11 %
No	89	91
Yes	11	9

*Question HS A.154/MS A.147: 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**  
**Optimism Scale Questions**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Optimism</b>		
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	44	40
<b>Each day I look forward to having a lot of fun.</b>		
Not at all true	20	25
A little true	41	39
Pretty much true	28	25
Very much true	12	12
<b>I usually expect to have a good day.</b>		
Not at all true	24	28
A little true	28	30
Pretty much true	37	33
Very much true	11	10
<b>Overall, I expect more good things to happen to me than bad things.</b>		
Not at all true	22	26
A little true	34	32
Pretty much true	33	28
Very much true	12	14

*Question HS A.160-162/MS A.153-155: 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 A7.4**  
***Life Satisfaction Scale Questions***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Life satisfaction</b>		
<i>Average reporting “Satisfied” or “Very satisfied”</i>	62	58
<b><i>I would describe my satisfaction with...</i></b>		
<b>my family life as...</b>		
Very dissatisfied	3	2
Dissatisfied	5	8
A little dissatisfied	10	12
A little satisfied	10	12
Satisfied	44	38
Very satisfied	28	28
<b>my friendships as...</b>		
Very dissatisfied	2	3
Dissatisfied	3	4
A little dissatisfied	10	13
A little satisfied	14	16
Satisfied	45	38
Very satisfied	26	26
<b>my school experience as...</b>		
Very dissatisfied	9	4
Dissatisfied	8	7
A little dissatisfied	19	21
A little satisfied	24	35
Satisfied	32	25
Very satisfied	7	8

*Question HS A.163-165/MS A.156-158: Please describe your level of satisfaction below. I would describe my satisfaction with... my family life as... my friendships as... my school experience as...*

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

**Table A7.4**  
***Life Satisfaction Scale Questions – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b><i>I would describe my satisfaction with...</i></b>		
<b>myself as...</b>		
Very dissatisfied	6	8
Dissatisfied	11	9
A little dissatisfied	10	11
A little satisfied	18	18
Satisfied	35	32
Very satisfied	21	21
<b>where I live as...</b>		
Very dissatisfied	4	4
Dissatisfied	2	5
A little dissatisfied	7	8
A little satisfied	15	9
Satisfied	41	43
Very satisfied	31	31

*Question HS A.166, 167/MS A.159, 160: Please describe your level of satisfaction below. I would describe my satisfaction with... myself as... where I live as...*

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

**Table A7.5**  
***Social Emotional Distress Scale Questions***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Social emotional distress</b>		
<i>Average reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true”</i>	27	28
<b>I had a hard time relaxing.</b>		
Not at all true	43	34
A little true	32	31
Pretty much true	16	22
Very much true	8	13
<b>I felt sad and down.</b>		
Not at all true	40	41
A little true	27	28
Pretty much true	21	15
Very much true	12	15
<b>I was easily irritated.</b>		
Not at all true	37	38
A little true	21	27
Pretty much true	19	12
Very much true	23	23
<b>It was hard for me to cope and I thought I would panic.</b>		
Not at all true	54	57
A little true	26	20
Pretty much true	14	14
Very much true	6	9
<b>It was hard for me to get excited about anything.</b>		
Not at all true	59	52
A little true	23	32
Pretty much true	13	8
Very much true	5	8

*Question HS A.155-159/MS A.148-152: Over the past 30 days, how true do you feel these statements are about you?... I had a hard time relaxing... 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.*

## 8. School Violence, Victimization, and Safety

**Table A8.1**

***Perceived Safety at School***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Very safe	10	8
Safe	51	50
Neither safe nor unsafe	31	36
Unsafe	6	5
Very unsafe	2	2

*Question HS A.117/MS A.110: 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, Past 12 Months**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Race, ethnicity, or national origin</b>		
0 times	82	91
1 time	7	5
2 or more times	12	5
<b>Religion</b>		
0 times	93	98
1 time	3	2
2 or more times	4	1
<b>Gender</b>		
0 times	86	88
1 time	6	5
2 or more times	7	6
<b>Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were</b>		
0 times	88	87
1 time	5	5
2 or more times	7	8
<b>A physical or mental disability</b>		
0 times	92	92
1 time	4	4
2 or more times	4	4
<b>Any of the above five reasons</b>	29	23
<b>Any of the above five reasons (2 or more times)</b>	22	16

*Question HS A.137-141, 144-148/MS A.130-134, 137-141: 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 [In-school only]... Your religion [In-school only]... Your gender [In-school only]... Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were [In-school only]... A physical or mental disability [In-school only]... During the past 12 months, how many times did students from your school harass you or bully you for any of the following reasons?... Your race, ethnicity, or national origin [Remote only]... Your religion [Remote only]... Your gender [Remote only]... Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were [Remote only]... A physical or mental disability. [Remote only]*

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

**Table A8.2*****Reasons for Harassment, Past 12 Months – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>You are an immigrant or someone thought you were</b>		
0 times	91	96
1 time	4	1
2 or more times	5	3
<b>Any other reason</b>		
0 times	82	85
1 time	5	3
2 or more times	14	12
<b><i>Any harassment</i></b>	34	29

*Question HS A.137-150/MS A.130-143: 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 [In-school only]... Your religion [In-school only]... Your gender [In-school only]... Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were [In-school only]... A physical or mental disability [In-school only]... You are an immigrant or someone thought you were [In-school only]... Any other reason [In-school only]... During the past 12 months, how many times did students from your school harass you or bully you for any of the following reasons?... Your race, ethnicity, or national origin [Remote only]... Your religion [Remote only]... Your gender [Remote only]... Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were [Remote only]... A physical or mental disability [Remote only]... You are an immigrant or someone thought you were [Remote only]... Any other reason. [Remote only]*

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

**Table A8.3**  
**School Violence Victimization Scale Questions**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School violence victimization</b>		
<i>Average reporting “1 or more times”</i>	29	17
<b><i>During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you...</i></b>		
<b>been pushed, shoved, slapped, hit, or kicked by someone who wasn’t just kidding around?</b>		
0 times	76	90
1 time	11	9
2 to 3 times	5	2
4 or more times	7	0
<b>been afraid of being beaten up?</b>		
0 times	82	88
1 time	7	9
2 to 3 times	7	1
4 or more times	4	2
<b><i>During the past 12 months, how many times have you...</i></b>		
<b>had mean rumors or lies spread about you?</b>		
0 times	65	79
1 time	17	11
2 to 3 times	8	6
4 or more times	10	5
<b>had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made to you?</b>		
0 times	68	80
1 time	12	8
2 to 3 times	11	6
4 or more times	9	6

*Question HS A.118, 119, 121, 122, 133, 134/MS A.111, 112, 114, 115, 126, 127: 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? [In-school only]... been afraid of being beaten up? [In-school only]... had mean rumors or lies spread about you? [In-school only]... had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made to you? [In-School only]... During the past 12 months, how many times did students from your school... spread mean rumors or lies spread about you? [Remote only]... make sexual jokes, comments, or gestures toward you? [Remote only]*

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

**Table A8.3**  
***School Violence Victimization Scale Questions – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b><i>During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you...</i></b>		
<b>had your property stolen or deliberately damaged?</b>		
0 times	85	89
1 time	9	6
2 to 3 times	3	5
4 or more times	3	0
<b>been made fun of because of your looks or the way you talk?</b>		
0 times	57	79
1 time	19	8
2 to 3 times	11	6
4 or more times	13	7
<b>been made fun of, insulted, or called names?</b>		
0 times	61	76
1 time	13	9
2 to 3 times	12	5
4 or more times	14	9
<b>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? (Cyberbullying)</b>		
0 times (never)	72	86
1 time	10	5
2 to 3 times	12	5
4 or more times	6	3

*Question HS A.123, 124, 132, 135, 136, 151/MS A.116, 117, 125, 128, 129, 144: 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? [In-school only]... had your property stolen or deliberately damaged, such as your car, clothing, or books? [In-school only]... been made fun of, insulted, or called names? [In-school only]... During the past 12 months, how many times did students from your school... make fun of you because of your looks or the way you talk? [Remote only]...make fun of you, insult you, or call you names? [Remote only]... 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***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School violence perpetration</b>		
<i>Average reporting “1 or more times”</i>	7	4
<b><i>During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you... been in a physical fight?</i></b>		
0 times	89	95
1 time	7	2
2 to 3 times	2	4
4 or more times	2	0
<b><i>been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug?</i></b>		
0 times	86	91
1 time	8	5
2 to 3 times	3	4
4 or more times	3	1
<b><i>damaged school property on purpose?</i></b>		
0 times	97	98
1 time	2	1
2 to 3 times	0	0
4 or more times	1	2
<b><i>carried a gun?</i></b>		
0 times	98	99
1 time	1	0
2 to 3 times	0	0
4 or more times	1	1
<b><i>carried any other weapon (such as a knife or club)?</i></b>		
0 times	96	96
1 time	3	2
2 to 3 times	1	2
4 or more times	1	1

*Question HS A.120, 125-128/MS A.113, 118-121: 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***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b><i>During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you...</i></b>		
<b>been threatened with harm or injury?</b>		
0 times	89	94
1 time	4	2
2 to 3 times	4	3
4 or more times	3	1
<b>been threatened or injured with a weapon (gun, knife, club, etc.)?</b>		
0 times	96	98
1 time	3	2
2 to 3 times	1	1
4 or more times	0	0

*Question HS A.129, 131/MS A.122, 124: 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***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b><i>During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you...</i></b>		
<b>seen someone carrying a gun, knife, or other weapon?</b>		
0 times	87	88
1 time	6	8
2 to 3 times	6	3
4 or more times	1	1

*Question HS A.130/MS A.123: 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 9 %	Grade 11 %	Table
Lifetime alcohol or drug use	23	21	A9.2
Lifetime marijuana use	13	13	A9.2
Lifetime very drunk or high (7 or more times)	5	6	A9.7
Current alcohol or drug use <sup>¶</sup>	10	10	A9.5
Current marijuana use <sup>¶</sup>	4	5	A9.5
Current heavy drug use <sup>¶</sup>	3	1	A9.5
Current heavy alcohol use (binge drinking) <sup>¶</sup>	3	4	A9.5
Current alcohol or drug use on school property <sup>¶</sup>	4	1	A9.8
Harmfulness of occasional marijuana use <sup>B</sup>	35	37	A9.11
Difficulty of obtaining marijuana <sup>C</sup>	7	6	A9.12

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

<sup>¶</sup>*Past 30 days.*

<sup>B</sup>*Great harm.*

<sup>C</sup>*Very difficult.*

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

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Alcohol	16	17
Marijuana	13	13
Inhalants	4	0
Cocaine, methamphetamine, or any amphetamines	2	1
Ecstasy, LSD, or other psychedelics	2	3
Prescription pain medication (opioids)	3	4
Cold/cough medicines or other over-the-counter medicines to get “high”	5	3
Any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high”	4	3
<b><i>Any of the above AOD use</i></b>	23	21

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

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

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Alcohol (one full drink)</b>		
0 times	84	83
1 time	8	4
2 to 3 times	6	4
4 or more times	3	9
<b>Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)</b>		
0 times	87	87
1 time	3	1
2 to 3 times	4	3
4 or more times	6	10
<b>Inhalants</b>		
0 times	96	100
1 time	1	0
2 to 3 times	1	0
4 or more times	1	0
<b>Cocaine, methamphetamine, or any amphetamines</b>		
0 times	98	99
1 time	0	0
2 to 3 times	1	0
4 or more times	0	1
<b>Ecstasy, LSD, or other psychedelics</b>		
0 times	98	97
1 time	1	1
2 to 3 times	1	1
4 or more times	0	1
<b>Prescription pain medication</b>		
0 times	97	96
1 time	1	0
2 to 3 times	0	0
4 or more times	1	4

*Question HS A.68-71, 73, 74/MS A.69-71: 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, hard seltzer, 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)... Cocaine, methamphetamine, or any amphetamines (meth, speed, crystal, crank, ice)... Ecstasy, LSD, or other psychedelics (acid, mescaline, peyote, mushrooms)... Prescription pain medication (Vicodin, OxyContin, Percodan, Fentanyl).*

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

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

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Cold/cough medicines or other over-the-counter medicines to get “high”</b>		
0 times	95	97
1 time	0	1
2 to 3 times	3	1
4 or more times	1	1
<b>Any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical</b>		
0 times	96	97
1 time	2	1
2 to 3 times	1	1
4 or more times	0	1

*Question HS A.75, 76/MS A.73: During your life, how many times have you used the following?... Cold/cough medicines or other over-the-counter medicines to get “high”... 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 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b><i>During your life, how many times have you used marijuana in any of the following ways...</i></b>		
<b>Smoke it?</b>		
0 times	91	89
1 time	1	1
2 to 3 times	3	3
4 or more times	5	7
<b>In a vaping device?</b>		
0 times	90	89
1 time	4	0
2 to 3 times	1	4
4 or more times	5	6
<b>Eat or drink it in products made with marijuana?</b>		
0 times	94	91
1 time	1	1
2 to 3 times	2	2
4 or more times	2	6
<b><i>Ever used marijuana in all three ways</i></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

*Question HS A.69, 80-82/MS A.70, 77-79: During your life, how many times have you used the following?... Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)... 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, or 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 9 %	Grade 11 %
Alcohol (one or more drinks of alcohol)	4	6
Binge drinking (5 or more drinks in a row)	3	4
Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)	4	5
Inhalants	2	1
Prescription drugs to get “high” or for reasons other than prescribed	2	0
Other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical	3	0
<b><i>Any drug use</i></b>	7	6
<b><i>Heavy drug use</i></b>	3	1
<b><i>Any AOD Use</i></b>	10	10
Two or more substances at the same time	1	1

*Question HS A.86-92/MS A.83-87: 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”)?... prescription drugs to get “high” or for reasons other than prescribed?... any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical?... two or more substances at the same time (for example, alcohol with marijuana, ecstasy with mushrooms)?*

*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 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Alcohol (one or more drinks)</b>		
0 days	96	94
1 or 2 days	2	5
3 to 9 days	1	1
10 to 19 days	0	0
20 to 30 days	0	1
<b>Binge drinking (5 or more drinks in a row)</b>		
0 days	97	96
1 or 2 days	2	3
3 to 9 days	0	1
10 to 19 days	0	0
20 to 30 days	1	0
<b>Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)</b>		
0 days	96	95
1 or 2 days	3	4
3 to 9 days	0	0
10 to 19 days	0	0
20 to 30 days	1	1

*Question HS A.86-88/MS A.83-85: 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 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Very drunk or sick after drinking alcohol</b>		
0 times	92	93
1 to 2 times	6	4
3 to 6 times	2	2
7 or more times	0	1
<b>“High” (loaded, stoned, or wasted) from using drugs</b>		
0 times	91	90
1 to 2 times	2	2
3 to 6 times	2	2
7 or more times	4	6
<b><i>Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times</i></b>	5	6

*Question HS A.77, 78/MS A.74, 75: 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***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Alcohol</b>		
0 days	98	100
1 to 2 days	1	0
3 or more days	1	0
<b>Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)</b>		
0 days	97	99
1 to 2 days	1	0
3 or more days	2	1
<b>Any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical</b>		
0 days	98	100
1 to 2 days	1	0
3 or more days	1	0
<b><i>Any of the above</i></b>	4	1

*Question HS A.96-98/MS A.91-93: 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 9 %	Grade 11 %
0 times	95	95
1 to 2 times	2	2
3 to 6 times	2	1
7 or more times	1	2

*Question HS A.79/MS A.76: 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**  
**Cessation Attempts**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Alcohol</b>		
Does not apply, don't use	94	94
0 times	4	4
1 time	2	1
2 to 3 times	0	2
4 or more times	0	0
<b>Marijuana</b>		
Does not apply, don't use	94	90
0 times	1	4
1 time	1	2
2 to 3 times	1	3
4 or more times	2	1

*Question HS A.68, 69, 114, 115: 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, hard seltzer, or shot of liquor)... Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)... How many times have you tried to quit or stop using... alcohol?... marijuana?*

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

*Respondents reporting "0 times" on lifetime alcohol and marijuana use are coded as "Does not apply, don't use" on alcohol and marijuana cessation attempts, respectively.*

**Table A9.11*****Perceived Harm of AOD Use***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Alcohol - drink occasionally</b>		
Great	32	30
Moderate	22	24
Slight	17	18
None	29	28
<b>Alcohol - 5 or more drinks once or twice a week</b>		
Great	49	52
Moderate	19	19
Slight	5	4
None	27	25
<b>Marijuana - use occasionally</b>		
Great	35	37
Moderate	22	20
Slight	15	12
None	28	31
<b>Marijuana - use daily</b>		
Great	55	50
Moderate	14	19
Slight	3	6
None	28	26

*Question HS A.104-107/MS A.99-102: 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, Marijuana, and Prescription Drugs to Get “High”***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Alcohol</b>		
Very difficult	10	6
Fairly difficult	11	11
Fairly easy	20	17
Very easy	15	23
Don't know	44	44
<b>Marijuana</b>		
Very difficult	7	6
Fairly difficult	9	6
Fairly easy	19	25
Very easy	19	20
Don't know	46	43
<b>Prescription drugs to get “high” or for reasons other than prescribed</b>		
Very difficult	8	5
Fairly difficult	18	14
Fairly easy	14	21
Very easy	12	14
Don't know	49	47

*Question HS A.110-112/MS A.105-107: How difficult is it for students in your grade to get any of the following if they really want them?... Alcohol... Marijuana... Prescription drugs to get “high” or for reasons other than prescribed.*

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

## 10. Use of Tobacco and Vaping Devices

**Table A10.1**

**Summary of Key CHKS Tobacco Indicators**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %	Table
<b>Use Prevalence and Patterns</b>			
Ever smoked a whole cigarette	5	6	A10.2
Current cigarette smoking <sup>¶</sup>	3	2	A10.5
Current cigarette smoking at school <sup>¶</sup>	2	0	A10.9
Ever tried smokeless tobacco	4	3	A10.2
Current smokeless tobacco use <sup>¶</sup>	2	1	A10.5
Current smokeless tobacco use at school <sup>¶</sup>	2	0	A10.9
Ever used vape products	16	13	A10.2
Current use of vape products <sup>¶</sup>	4	4	A10.5
Current tobacco vaping <sup>¶</sup>	2	3	A10.6
Current marijuana vaping <sup>¶</sup>	2	4	A10.6
Current vaping at school <sup>¶</sup>	4	1	A10.9
Lifetime tobacco use	14	14	A10.2
Current tobacco use <sup>¶</sup>	5	4	A10.8
<b>Cessation Attempts</b>			
Tried to quit smoking or vaping tobacco or nicotine	5	7	A10.14
<b>Attitudes and Correlates</b>			
Harmfulness of occasional cigarette smoking <sup>B</sup>	29	41	A10.15
Harmfulness of smoking 1 or more packs/day <sup>B</sup>	55	60	A10.15
Harmfulness of vaping occasionally <sup>B</sup>	33	38	A10.16
Harmfulness of vaping several times a day <sup>B</sup>	60	62	A10.16
Difficulty of obtaining cigarettes <sup>C</sup>	7	5	A10.17
Difficulty of obtaining vape products <sup>C</sup>	7	5	A10.17
<b>Anti-Tobacco Policy</b>			
School bans tobacco use and vaping	70	75	A10.18

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

<sup>B</sup>Great harm.

<sup>C</sup>Very difficult.

**Table A10.2**  
***Lifetime Tobacco Use and Vaping***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>A whole cigarette</b>		
0 times	95	94
1 time	1	1
2 to 3 times	2	1
4 or more times	1	3
<b>Smokeless tobacco</b>		
0 times	96	97
1 time	0	1
2 to 3 times	1	1
4 or more times	2	1
<b>Vape products</b>		
0 times	84	87
1 time	6	4
2 to 3 times	2	2
4 or more times	8	8
<b><i>Lifetime tobacco use</i></b>		
No	86	86
Yes	14	14

*Question HS A.65-67/MS A.66-68: 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, snuff, snus, or nicotine pouches)... Vape products.*

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

*Lifetime tobacco use includes using a whole cigarette or smokeless tobacco, or vaping tobacco or nicotine.*

**Table A10.3**  
***Substances Ever Vaped***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Vaped tobacco or nicotine</b>		
0 times	88	89
1 time	4	2
2 to 3 times	1	1
4 or more times	7	8
<b>Vaped marijuana or THC</b>		
0 times	91	91
1 time	2	0
2 to 3 times	2	2
4 or more times	5	7
<b>Vaped other product</b>		
0 times	96	97
1 time	0	1
2 to 3 times	2	0
4 or more times	2	2

*Question HS A.67, 67A-67C/MS A.68, 68A-68C: During your life, how many times have you used the following?... Vape products... Vaped tobacco or nicotine... Vaped marijuana or THC... Vaped other product.*

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

**Table A10.4**  
***Ever Vaped Multiple Substances***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Never vaped tobacco/nicotine or marijuana/THC	87	89
Vaped tobacco or nicotine only	4	2
Vaped marijuana or THC only	1	1
Vaped tobacco/nicotine and marijuana/THC	8	9

*Question HS A.67, 67A, 67B/MS A.68, 68A, 68B: During your life, how many times have you used the following?... Vape products... Vaped tobacco or nicotine... Vaped marijuana or THC.*

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

**Table A10.5*****Any Current and Daily Use of Cigarettes, Smokeless Tobacco, and Vape Products***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Cigarettes</b>		
Any	3	2
Daily (20 or more days)	1	0
<b>Smokeless tobacco</b>		
Any	2	1
Daily (20 or more days)	0	0
<b>Vape products</b>		
Any	4	4
Daily (20 or more days)	1	2

*Question HS A.83-85/MS A.80-82: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use... cigarettes?... smokeless tobacco (dip, chew, snuff, snus, or nicotine pouches)?... vape products?*

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

**Table A10.6**  
**Substances Vaped, Past 30 Days**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Vaped tobacco or nicotine</b>		
0 days	98	97
1 or 2 days	0	1
3 to 9 days	0	0
10 to 19 days	0	0
20 to 30 days	1	2
<b>Vaped marijuana or THC</b>		
0 days	98	96
1 or 2 days	0	2
3 to 9 days	0	0
10 to 19 days	0	0
20 to 30 days	1	1
<b>Vaped other product</b>		
0 days	99	100
1 or 2 days	0	0
3 to 9 days	0	0
10 to 19 days	0	0
20 to 30 days	0	0

*Question HS A.85, 85A-85C/MS A.82, 82A-82C: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use... vape products?... vaped tobacco or nicotine?... vaped marijuana or THC?... vaped other product?*

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

**Table A10.7**  
**Vaped Multiple Substances, Past 30 Days**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Did not vape tobacco/nicotine or marijuana/THC	97	96
Vaped tobacco or nicotine only	1	0
Vaped marijuana or THC only	0	1
Vaped tobacco/nicotine and marijuana/THC	1	3

*Question HS A.85, 85A, 85B/MS A.82, 82A, 82B: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use... vape products?... vaped tobacco or nicotine?... vaped marijuana or THC?*

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

**Table A10.8****Current Tobacco Use, Past 30 Days**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
No	95	96
Yes	5	4

*Question HS A.83-85, 85A/MS A.80-82, 82A: During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use... cigarettes?... smokeless tobacco (dip, chew, snuff, snus, or nicotine pouches)?... vape products?... During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use vape products?... Vaped tobacco or nicotine.*

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

*Current tobacco use includes using cigarettes or smokeless tobacco, or vaping tobacco or nicotine.*

**Table A10.9****Current Cigarette Smoking, Smokeless Tobacco Use, and Vaping on School Property, Past 30 Days**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Cigarettes</b>		
0 days	98	100
1 or 2 days	0	0
3 to 9 days	0	0
10 to 19 days	0	0
20 to 30 days	1	0
<b>Smokeless tobacco</b>		
0 days	98	100
1 or 2 days	1	0
3 to 9 days	0	0
10 to 19 days	0	0
20 to 30 days	1	0
<b>Vape</b>		
0 days	96	99
1 or 2 days	2	0
3 to 9 days	0	0
10 to 19 days	0	0
20 to 30 days	2	1

*Question HS A.93-95/MS A.88-90: During the past 30 days, on how many days on school property did you... smoke cigarettes?... use smokeless tobacco (dip, chew, snuff, snus, or nicotine pouches)?... vape?*

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

**Table A10.10*****Substances Vaped on School Property, Past 30 Days***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Vaped tobacco or nicotine</b>		
0 days	97	99
1 or 2 days	0	0
3 to 9 days	0	0
10 to 19 days	0	0
20 to 30 days	2	1
<b>Vaped marijuana or THC</b>		
0 days	96	99
1 or 2 days	2	0
3 to 9 days	0	0
10 to 19 days	0	0
20 to 30 days	2	1
<b>Vaped other product</b>		
0 days	97	100
1 or 2 days	1	0
3 to 9 days	1	0
10 to 19 days	0	0
20 to 30 days	2	0

*Question HS A.95, 95A-95C/MS A.90, 90A-90C: During the past 30 days, on how many days on school property did you... vape?... vape tobacco or nicotine?... vape marijuana or THC?... vape other product?*

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

**Table A10.11*****Vaped Multiple Substances on School Property, Past 30 Days***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Did not vape tobacco/nicotine or marijuana/THC	96	99
Vaped tobacco or nicotine only	0	1
Vaped marijuana or THC only	1	0
Vaped tobacco/nicotine and marijuana/THC	3	1

*Question HS A.95, 95A, 95B/MS A.90, 90A, 90B: During the past 30 days, on how many days on school property did you... vape?... vape tobacco or nicotine?... vape marijuana or THC?*

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

**Table A10.12*****Current Tobacco Use on School Property, Past 30 Days***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
No	96	99
Yes	4	1

*Question HS A.93-95, 95A/MS A.88-90, 90A: During the past 30 days, on how many days on school property did you... smoke cigarettes?... use smokeless tobacco (dip, chew, snuff, snus, or nicotine pouches)?... vape?... During the past 30 days, on how many days on school property did you... Vape tobacco or nicotine.*

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

*Current tobacco use includes using cigarettes or smokeless tobacco, or vaping tobacco or nicotine.*

**Table A10.13*****Secondhand Smoke on School Property, Past 30 Days***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Breathed the smoke or vapor from someone who was using cigarettes or e-cigarettes</b>		
0 days	92	98
1 day	3	0
2 days	0	2
3-9 days	2	0
10-19 days	0	0
20-30 days	1	0

*Question HS A.99/MS A.94: 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 A10.14**  
***Cigarette Smoking and Vaping Cessation Attempts***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
Does not apply, don't use	94	91
0 times	1	2
1 time	2	2
2 to 3 times	1	3
4 or more times	2	2

*Question HS A.65, 67, 113: During your life, how many times have you used the following? A whole cigarette... Vape products... How many times have you tried to quit or stop using... smoking or vaping tobacco or nicotine?*

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

*Respondents reporting "0 Times" on lifetime cigarette or vape product use are coded as "Does not apply, don't use" on cigarette smoking and vaping cessation attempts.*

**Table A10.15**  
***Perceived Harm of Cigarette Smoking***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Smoke cigarettes occasionally</b>		
Great	29	41
Moderate	30	23
Slight	13	12
None	28	24
<b>Smoke 1 or more packs of cigarettes each day</b>		
Great	55	60
Moderate	12	12
Slight	4	2
None	29	25

*Question HS A.100, 101/MS A.95, 96: 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 A10.16*****Perceived Harm of Vaping Tobacco or Nicotine***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Vape tobacco or nicotine occasionally</b>		
Great	33	38
Moderate	29	26
Slight	10	10
None	27	26
<b>Vape tobacco or nicotine several times a day (100 puffs or more)</b>		
Great	60	62
Moderate	10	10
Slight	4	3
None	26	25

*Question HS A.102, 103/MS A.97, 98: How much do people risk harming themselves physically and in other ways when they do the following?... Vape tobacco or nicotine occasionally... Vape tobacco or nicotine several times a day (100 puffs or more).*

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

**Table A10.17*****Perceived Difficulty of Obtaining Cigarettes and Vape Products***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Cigarettes</b>		
Very difficult	7	5
Fairly difficult	16	11
Fairly easy	23	28
Very easy	10	11
Don't know	44	45
<b>Vape products</b>		
Very difficult	7	5
Fairly difficult	7	2
Fairly easy	20	24
Very easy	28	29
Don't know	39	41

*Question HS A.108, 109/MS A.103, 104: 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 A10.18*****School Bans Tobacco Use and Vaping***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
No	6	4
Yes	70	75
Don't know	24	21

*Question HS A.116/MS A.108: Does your school ban 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**  
***Gang Involvement***

	Grade 9	Grade 11
	%	%
No	97	99
Yes	3	1

*Question HS A.152/MS A.145: Do you consider yourself a member of a gang?*

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

## 12. Race/Ethnicity Breakdowns

**Table A12.1**

***School Engagement and Supports by Race/Ethnicity***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School Connectedness<sup>†</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	63	32
Black or African American	42	
Hispanic or Latino/a	53	51
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	51	48
Multiracial	47	47
Something else	44	
<b>School Connectedness<sup>†ψ</sup> (<i>Remote Only</i>)</b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American		
Black or African American		
Hispanic or Latino/a		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White		
Multiracial		
Something else		
<b>Academic Motivation<sup>†</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	59	34
Black or African American	52	
Hispanic or Latino/a	57	66
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	58	55
Multiracial	57	53
Something else	55	

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

<sup>†</sup> *Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

<sup>ψ</sup> *The scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.*

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

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School is really boring<sup>±</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	33	60
Black or African American	67	
Hispanic or Latino/a	48	40
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	47	30
Multiracial	40	28
Something else	41	
<b>School is worthless and a waste of time<sup>±</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	20	7
Black or African American	0	
Hispanic or Latino/a	15	9
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	12	6
Multiracial	20	11
Something else	24	
<b>Current absenteeism (≥3 times)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	0	6
Black or African American	8	
Hispanic or Latino/a	18	20
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	17	17
Multiracial	18	11
Something else	29	

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

<sup>±</sup>*Rating of 7 or higher.*

<sup>¶</sup>*Past 30 days.*

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

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Trouble focusing on schoolwork<sup>σ</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	36	29
Black or African American	42	
Hispanic or Latino/a	44	40
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	36	38
Multiracial	43	28
Something else	60	
<b>Caring adult relationships<sup>‡</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	38	57
Black or African American	42	
Hispanic or Latino/a	46	44
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	50	65
Multiracial	48	65
Something else	33	
<b>High expectations<sup>‡</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	64	62
Black or African American	58	
Hispanic or Latino/a	61	55
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	60	81
Multiracial	63	71
Something else	52	

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

*<sup>σ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”*

*<sup>‡</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

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

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Meaningful participation<sup>‡</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	25	19
Black or African American	18	
Hispanic or Latino/a	23	25
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	23	22
Multiracial	31	29
Something else	25	
<b>Facilities upkeep<sup>σ</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	50	23
Black or African American	42	
Hispanic or Latino/a	38	17
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	38	26
Multiracial	25	11
Something else	40	
<b>Promotion of parental involvement in school<sup>†</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	40	26
Black or African American	44	
Hispanic or Latino/a	48	39
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	40	42
Multiracial	33	41
Something else	53	

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

<sup>‡</sup> *Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

<sup>σ</sup> *Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”*

<sup>†</sup> *Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

**Table A12.2**  
**School Safety by Race/Ethnicity**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School perceived as very safe or safe</b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	86	50
Black or African American	70	
Hispanic or Latino/a	56	51
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	64	61
Multiracial	42	50
Something else	46	
<b>Experienced harassment due to five reasons<sup>λ§</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	50	0
Black or African American		
Hispanic or Latino/a	31	21
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	20	30
Multiracial	35	25
Something else	36	
<b>Experienced any harassment or bullying<sup>§</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	50	10
Black or African American		
Hispanic or Latino/a	38	29
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	26	30
Multiracial	35	38
Something else	45	

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

<sup>λ</sup>The five reasons include race, ethnicity, or national origin; religion; gender (being male or female); sexual orientation; and a physical or mental disability.

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A12.2**  
**School Safety by Race/Ethnicity – Continued**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Had mean rumors or lies spread about you<sup>§</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	36	20
Black or African American	30	
Hispanic or Latino/a	39	21
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	35	20
Multiracial	35	31
Something else	23	
<b>Been afraid of being beaten up<sup>§</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	0	10
Black or African American	20	
Hispanic or Latino/a	19	8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	15	17
Multiracial	32	12
Something else	31	
<b>Been in a physical fight<sup>§</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	0	20
Black or African American	10	
Hispanic or Latino/a	15	11
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	5	0
Multiracial	21	6
Something else	23	

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

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A12.2**  
**School Safety by Race/Ethnicity – Continued**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Seen a weapon on campus<sup>§</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	7	10
Black or African American	10	
Hispanic or Latino/a	19	11
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	9	13
Multiracial	16	19
Something else	25	

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

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A12.3**  
**Cyberbullying by Race/Ethnicity**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Cyberbullying<sup>§</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	36	0
Black or African American	20	
Hispanic or Latino/a	38	19
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	22	17
Multiracial	40	6
Something else	9	

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

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A12.4**  
**Substance Use by Race/Ethnicity**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current alcohol or drug use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	7	17
Black or African American	0	
Hispanic or Latino/a	12	10
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	7	12
Multiracial	20	0
Something else	7	
<b>Current tobacco use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	7	8
Black or African American	0	
Hispanic or Latino/a	6	2
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	2	7
Multiracial	10	0
Something else	7	
<b>Current marijuana use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	0	8
Black or African American		
Hispanic or Latino/a	5	2
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	5	9
Multiracial	10	0
Something else	0	

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A12.4**  
**Substance Use by Race/Ethnicity – Continued**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current binge drinking<sup>¶</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	0	0
Black or African American	0	
Hispanic or Latino/a	3	5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	4	5
Multiracial	5	0
Something else	0	
<b>Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times, ever</b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	0	8
Black or African American	0	
Hispanic or Latino/a	9	5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	2	9
Multiracial	5	6
Something else	0	
<b>Been drunk or “high” on drugs at school, ever</b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	0	8
Black or African American	9	
Hispanic or Latino/a	6	2
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	5	9
Multiracial	10	0
Something else	0	

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A12.4**  
**Substance Use by Race/Ethnicity – Continued**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current alcohol use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	7	8
Black or African American	0	
Hispanic or Latino/a	3	8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	2	7
Multiracial	10	0
Something else	7	
<b>Current alcohol use at school<sup>¶</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	0	0
Black or African American		
Hispanic or Latino/a	2	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	1	0
Multiracial	11	0
Something else	0	
<b>Current cigarette smoking<sup>¶</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	7	8
Black or African American	0	
Hispanic or Latino/a	3	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	0	3
Multiracial	5	0
Something else	7	

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A12.4**  
**Substance Use by Race/Ethnicity – Continued**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current use of vape products<sup>¶</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	0	8
Black or African American	0	
Hispanic or Latino/a	10	5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	1	5
Multiracial	10	0
Something else	0	
<b>Current tobacco vaping<sup>¶</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	0	8
Black or African American	0	
Hispanic or Latino/a	5	3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	0	4
Multiracial	10	0
Something else	0	
<b>Current marijuana vaping<sup>¶</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	0	8
Black or African American	0	
Hispanic or Latino/a	3	3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	1	5
Multiracial	5	0
Something else	0	

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A12.5**  
**Health Routines by Race/Ethnicity**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Eating of breakfast<sup>1</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	53	31
Black or African American	50	
Hispanic or Latino/a	55	53
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	65	61
Multiracial	57	58
Something else	59	
<b>Bedtime (at 12 am or later)</b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	27	44
Black or African American	31	
Hispanic or Latino/a	22	18
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	13	21
Multiracial	13	5
Something else	47	

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

<sup>1</sup>Today.

**Table A12.6**

**Remote Schooling by Race/Ethnicity (Remote Only)**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Remote learning frequency (5 days per week)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American		
Black or African American		
Hispanic or Latino/a		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White		
Multiracial		
Something else		
<b>Synchronous instruction (4 days or more)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American		
Black or African American		
Hispanic or Latino/a		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White		
Multiracial		
Something else		
<b>Interest in schoolwork done from home<sup>σ</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American		
Black or African American		
Hispanic or Latino/a		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White		
Multiracial		
Something else		

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

<sup>¶</sup>Past 7 days.

<sup>σ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

**Table A12.6**

***Remote Schooling by Race/Ethnicity – Continued (Remote Only)***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Meaningful opportunities<sup>θ</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American		
Black or African American		
Hispanic or Latino/a		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White		
Multiracial		
Something else		

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

*<sup>θ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”*

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

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Social emotional distress<sup>‡</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	24	12
Black or African American	32	
Hispanic or Latino/a	25	21
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	30	29
Multiracial	26	40
Something else	20	
<b>Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness<sup>§</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	29	0
Black or African American	40	
Hispanic or Latino/a	37	24
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	26	35
Multiracial	45	19
Something else	27	
<b>Considered suicide<sup>§</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	29	0
Black or African American	20	
Hispanic or Latino/a	8	5
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	10	14
Multiracial	15	6
Something else	0	

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

*<sup>‡</sup> Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

*<sup>§</sup> Past 12 months.*

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

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Optimism<sup>‡</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	43	40
Black or African American		
Hispanic or Latino/a	50	51
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	42	38
Multiracial	37	35
Something else	45	
<b>Life satisfaction<sup>±</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	76	
Black or African American		
Hispanic or Latino/a	66	69
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	59	58
Multiracial	58	46
Something else	67	

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

<sup>‡</sup>*Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

<sup>±</sup>*Average percent of respondents reporting “Satisfied” or “Very satisfied” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

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

	Grade 9	Grade 11
<b>California Student Wellness Index<sup>o</sup></b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native		
Asian or Asian American	103.5	
Black or African American		
Hispanic or Latino/a	102.3	103.4
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		
White	99.3	99.2
Multiracial	99.2	94.7
Something else	105.6	

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

<sup>o</sup>*To construct the index, the ten items that comprise both the social emotional distress and life satisfaction scales were each recoded such that the lowest possible score on each item was zero. These scores were then added together, resulting in a total raw score that could vary between 0 and 40. To calculate the scale score for the Student Wellness Index, the raw score was divided by the maximum possible score (40). Additionally, for clearer comparisons across groups and for interpreting future trends across time, a standardized version of the Student Wellness Index was constructed based on statewide data from the 2021-23 Biennial State CHKS. The standardized score (presented in the table) is scaled to have a mean score of 100 and a standard deviation of 15.*

## 13. Gender Breakdowns

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

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School Connectedness<sup>†</sup></b>		
Male	53	49
Female	49	48
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>School Connectedness<sup>†ψ</sup> (<i>Remote Only</i>)</b>		
Male		
Female		
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Academic Motivation<sup>†</sup></b>		
Male	54	54
Female	59	63
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>School is really boring<sup>±</sup></b>		
Male	46	46
Female	47	27
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>School is worthless and a waste of time<sup>±</sup></b>		
Male	17	9
Female	13	6
Nonbinary		
Something else		

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

<sup>†</sup> *Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

<sup>ψ</sup> *The scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.*

<sup>±</sup> *Rating of 7 or higher.*

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

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current absenteeism (<math>\geq 3</math> times)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Male	15	13
Female	18	18
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Trouble focusing on schoolwork<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Male	41	28
Female	39	45
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Caring adult relationships<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Male	50	58
Female	42	60
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>High expectations<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Male	59	68
Female	62	73
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Meaningful participation<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Male	27	27
Female	21	24
Nonbinary		
Something else		

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

<sup>σ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

<sup>‡</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

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

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Facilities upkeep<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Male	35	18
Female	42	31
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Promotion of parental involvement in school<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Male	45	38
Female	41	45
Nonbinary		
Something else		

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

*<sup>σ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”*

*<sup>‡</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

**Table A13.2**  
**School Safety by Gender**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School perceived as very safe or safe</b>		
Male	62	59
Female	61	58
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Experienced harassment due to five reasons<sup>λ§</sup></b>		
Male	20	15
Female	35	32
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Experienced any harassment or bullying<sup>§</sup></b>		
Male	26	23
Female	39	35
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Had mean rumors or lies spread about you<sup>§</sup></b>		
Male	27	15
Female	43	28
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Been afraid of being beaten up<sup>§</sup></b>		
Male	16	13
Female	18	9
Nonbinary		
Something else		

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

<sup>λ</sup>The five reasons include race, ethnicity, or national origin; religion; gender (being male or female); sexual orientation; and a physical or mental disability.

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A13.2**  
**School Safety by Gender – Continued**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Been in a physical fight<sup>§</sup></b>		
Male	13	8
Female	9	4
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Seen a weapon on campus<sup>§</sup></b>		
Male	12	12
Female	15	11
Nonbinary		
Something else		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.  
<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A13.3**  
**Cyberbullying by Gender**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Cyberbullying<sup>§</sup></b>		
Male	18	9
Female	39	18
Nonbinary		
Something else		

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 10 respondents.  
<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A13.4**  
**Substance Use by Gender**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current alcohol or drug use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Male	12	8
Female	8	11
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Current tobacco use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Male	4	3
Female	7	7
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Current marijuana use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Male	2	4
Female	7	5
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Current binge drinking<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Male	4	1
Female	3	7
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times, ever</b>		
Male	3	6
Female	7	8
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Been drunk or “high” on drugs at school, ever</b>		
Male	2	6
Female	9	3
Nonbinary		
Something else		

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A13.4**  
**Substance Use by Gender – Continued**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current alcohol use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Male	5	7
Female	3	7
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Current alcohol use at school<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Male	3	0
Female	1	0
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Current cigarette smoking<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Male	2	1
Female	4	3
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Current use of vape products<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Male	2	6
Female	7	3
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Current tobacco vaping<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Male	1	3
Female	4	3
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Current marijuana vaping<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Male	1	4
Female	3	3
Nonbinary		
Something else		

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A13.5**  
***Health Routines by Gender***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Eating of breakfast<sup>†</sup></b>		
Male	63	58
Female	52	51
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Bedtime (at 12 am or later)</b>		
Male	23	20
Female	14	21
Nonbinary		
Something else		

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

<sup>†</sup>*Today.*

**Table A13.6**

**Remote Schooling by Gender (Remote Only)**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Remote learning frequency (5 days per week)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Male		
Female		
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Synchronous instruction (4 days or more)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Male		
Female		
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Interest in schoolwork done from home<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Male		
Female		
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Meaningful opportunities<sup>θ</sup></b>		
Male		
Female		
Nonbinary		
Something else		

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

<sup>¶</sup>Past 7 days.

<sup>σ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

<sup>θ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

**Table A13.7**  
***Social and Emotional Health by Gender***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Social emotional distress<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Male	20	21
Female	32	33
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness<sup>§</sup></b>		
Male	24	17
Female	39	32
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Considered suicide<sup>§</sup></b>		
Male	7	8
Female	14	9
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Optimism<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Male	50	40
Female	39	44
Nonbinary		
Something else		
<b>Life satisfaction<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Male	63	57
Female	62	61
Nonbinary		
Something else		

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

<sup>‡</sup>*Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

<sup>§</sup>*Past 12 months.*

<sup>‡</sup>*Average percent of respondents reporting “Satisfied” or “Very satisfied” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

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

	Grade 9	Grade 11
<b>California Student Wellness Index<sup>o</sup></b>		
Male	103.0	101.1
Female	99.3	99.1
Nonbinary		
Something else		

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

*<sup>o</sup>To construct the index, the ten items that comprise both the social emotional distress and life satisfaction scales were each recoded such that the lowest possible score on each item was zero. These scores were then added together, resulting in a total raw score that could vary between 0 and 40. To calculate the scale score for the Student Wellness Index, the raw score was divided by the maximum possible score (40). Additionally, for clearer comparisons across groups and for interpreting future trends across time, a standardized version of the Student Wellness Index was constructed based on statewide data from the 2021-23 Biennial State CHKS. The standardized score (presented in the table) is scaled to have a mean score of 100 and a standard deviation of 15.*

## 14. Parental Education Breakdowns

**Table A14.1**  
***School Engagement and Supports by Parental Education***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School Connectedness<sup>†</sup></b>		
Less than high school	43	34
High school graduate	54	48
Some college	54	46
College degree	56	51
Don't know	40	41
<b>School Connectedness<sup>†ψ</sup> (<i>Remote Only</i>)</b>		
Less than high school		
High school graduate		
Some college		
College degree		
Don't know		
<b>Academic Motivation<sup>†</sup></b>		
Less than high school	66	48
High school graduate	66	62
Some college	51	65
College degree	57	55
Don't know	53	52
<b>School is really boring<sup>±</sup></b>		
Less than high school	50	31
High school graduate	52	38
Some college	47	33
College degree	42	38
Don't know	52	44

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

<sup>†</sup> *Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

<sup>ψ</sup> *The scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.*

**Table A14.1*****School Engagement and Supports by Parental Education – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School is worthless and a waste of time<sup>±</sup></b>		
Less than high school	25	15
High school graduate	17	24
Some college	11	0
College degree	12	4
Don't know	17	0
<b>Current absenteeism (≥3 times)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Less than high school	10	29
High school graduate	36	10
Some college	8	29
College degree	14	15
Don't know	20	6
<b>Trouble focusing on schoolwork<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Less than high school	55	38
High school graduate	57	32
Some college	41	46
College degree	40	36
Don't know	32	25
<b>Caring adult relationships<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Less than high school	50	44
High school graduate	49	59
Some college	43	65
College degree	46	58
Don't know	45	52

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

<sup>±</sup>Rating of 7 or higher.

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

<sup>σ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

<sup>‡</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

**Table A14.1*****School Engagement and Supports by Parental Education – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>High expectations<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Less than high school	77	58
High school graduate	61	64
Some college	60	65
College degree	60	73
Don't know	53	77
<b>Meaningful participation<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Less than high school	29	27
High school graduate	29	20
Some college	22	30
College degree	21	24
Don't know	26	24
<b>Facilities upkeep<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Less than high school	25	23
High school graduate	41	26
Some college	43	21
College degree	41	25
Don't know	31	20
<b>Promotion of parental involvement in school<sup>†</sup></b>		
Less than high school	50	38
High school graduate	45	43
Some college	46	28
College degree	43	43
Don't know	36	38

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

<sup>σ</sup> Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

<sup>‡</sup> Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

<sup>†</sup> Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

**Table A14.2**  
***School Safety by Parental Education***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School perceived as very safe or safe</b>		
Less than high school	53	50
High school graduate	65	60
Some college	68	67
College degree	65	53
Don't know	46	67
<b>Experienced harassment due to five reasons<sup>λ§</sup></b>		
Less than high school	44	0
High school graduate	21	8
Some college	30	40
College degree	31	28
Don't know	18	25
<b>Experienced any harassment or bullying<sup>§</sup></b>		
Less than high school	44	8
High school graduate	21	12
Some college	40	50
College degree	35	33
Don't know	26	25
<b>Had mean rumors or lies spread about you<sup>§</sup></b>		
Less than high school	31	17
High school graduate	21	8
Some college	47	40
College degree	36	23
Don't know	28	8

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

<sup>λ</sup>The five reasons include race, ethnicity, or national origin; religion; gender (being male or female); sexual orientation; and a physical or mental disability.

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A14.2*****School Safety by Parental Education – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Been afraid of being beaten up<sup>§</sup></b>		
Less than high school	38	0
High school graduate	21	8
Some college	20	15
College degree	15	15
Don't know	10	9
<b>Been in a physical fight<sup>§</sup></b>		
Less than high school	29	8
High school graduate	6	4
Some college	7	5
College degree	9	5
Don't know	12	0
<b>Seen a weapon on campus<sup>§</sup></b>		
Less than high school	20	0
High school graduate	11	8
Some college	7	10
College degree	14	15
Don't know	15	18

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

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A14.3*****Cyberbullying by Parental Education***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Cyberbullying<sup>§</sup></b>		
Less than high school	29	17
High school graduate	11	4
Some college	28	15
College degree	32	20
Don't know	26	0

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

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A14.4**  
**Substance Use by Parental Education**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current alcohol or drug use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Less than high school	22	8
High school graduate	9	4
Some college	6	9
College degree	10	14
Don't know	7	7
<b>Current tobacco use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Less than high school	17	0
High school graduate	0	4
Some college	0	5
College degree	6	5
Don't know	4	7
<b>Current marijuana use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Less than high school	12	0
High school graduate	5	4
Some college	3	5
College degree	5	6
Don't know	0	7
<b>Current binge drinking<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Less than high school	11	8
High school graduate	0	4
Some college	0	0
College degree	4	3
Don't know	2	7

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A14.4**  
**Substance Use by Parental Education – Continued**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times, ever</b>		
Less than high school	16	0
High school graduate	5	8
Some college	3	9
College degree	4	8
Don’t know	2	0
<b>Been drunk or “high” on drugs at school, ever</b>		
Less than high school	11	0
High school graduate	0	8
Some college	6	0
College degree	7	6
Don’t know	2	7
<b>Current alcohol use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Less than high school	0	8
High school graduate	0	4
Some college	3	5
College degree	5	8
Don’t know	5	7
<b>Current alcohol use at school<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Less than high school	0	0
High school graduate	0	0
Some college	0	0
College degree	2	0
Don’t know	2	0

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A14.4**  
**Substance Use by Parental Education – Continued**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current cigarette smoking<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Less than high school	6	0
High school graduate	0	0
Some college	0	5
College degree	3	3
Don't know	4	0
<b>Current use of vape products<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Less than high school	6	0
High school graduate	0	4
Some college	3	0
College degree	7	6
Don't know	2	7
<b>Current tobacco vaping<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Less than high school	6	0
High school graduate	0	4
Some college	0	0
College degree	4	3
Don't know	0	7
<b>Current marijuana vaping<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Less than high school	0	0
High school graduate	0	4
Some college	0	0
College degree	4	5
Don't know	0	7

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A14.5**  
***Health Routines by Parental Education***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Eating of breakfast<sup>1</sup></b>		
Less than high school	65	64
High school graduate	68	52
Some college	51	48
College degree	60	53
Don't know	53	53
<b>Bedtime (at 12 am or later)</b>		
Less than high school	15	21
High school graduate	20	31
Some college	15	8
College degree	21	16
Don't know	24	41

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

<sup>1</sup>*Today.*

**Table A14.6****Remote Schooling by Parental Education (Remote Only)**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Remote learning frequency (5 days per week)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Less than high school		
High school graduate		
Some college		
College degree		
Don't know		
<b>Synchronous instruction (4 days or more)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Less than high school		
High school graduate		
Some college		
College degree		
Don't know		
<b>Interest in schoolwork done from home<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Less than high school		
High school graduate		
Some college		
College degree		
Don't know		
<b>Meaningful opportunities<sup>θ</sup></b>		
Less than high school		
High school graduate		
Some college		
College degree		
Don't know		

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

<sup>¶</sup>Past 7 days.

<sup>σ</sup> Percent of respondents reporting "Agree" or "Strongly agree."

<sup>θ</sup> Percent of respondents reporting "Pretty much true" or "Very much true."

**Table A14.7*****Social and Emotional Health by Parental Education***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Social emotional distress<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Less than high school	37	22
High school graduate	20	17
Some college	27	38
College degree	27	31
Don't know	28	20
<b>Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness<sup>§</sup></b>		
Less than high school	47	25
High school graduate	21	5
Some college	39	50
College degree	31	31
Don't know	29	8
<b>Considered suicide<sup>§</sup></b>		
Less than high school	12	8
High school graduate	5	5
Some college	7	5
College degree	17	14
Don't know	5	0
<b>Optimism<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Less than high school	38	33
High school graduate	50	33
Some college	42	45
College degree	46	44
Don't know	43	39

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

<sup>‡</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A14.7*****Social and Emotional Health by Parental Education – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Life satisfaction<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Less than high school	56	65
High school graduate	70	55
Some college	56	41
College degree	64	64
Don't know	58	58
<b>California Student Wellness Index<sup>°</sup></b>		
Less than high school	97.6	103.0
High school graduate	104.3	101.7
Some college	99.4	91.4
College degree	101.3	99.6
Don't know	99.5	104.9

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

<sup>‡</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Satisfied” or “Very satisfied” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

<sup>°</sup>To construct the index, the ten items that comprise both the social emotional distress and life satisfaction scales were each recoded such that the lowest possible score on each item was zero. These scores were then added together, resulting in a total raw score that could vary between 0 and 40. To calculate the scale score for the Student Wellness Index, the raw score was divided by the maximum possible score (40). Additionally, for clearer comparisons across groups and for interpreting future trends across time, a standardized version of the Student Wellness Index was constructed based on statewide data from the 2021-23 Biennial State CHKS. The standardized score (presented in the table) is scaled to have a mean score of 100 and a standard deviation of 15.

## 15. English Learner Breakdowns

**Table A15.1**  
***School Engagement and Supports by English Learner Status***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School Connectedness<sup>†</sup></b>		
Not English learner	50	46
English learner	60	51
Don't know	54	
<b>School Connectedness<sup>†ψ</sup> (<i>Remote Only</i>)</b>		
Not English learner		
English learner		
Don't know		
<b>Academic Motivation<sup>†</sup></b>		
Not English learner	56	57
English learner	70	56
Don't know	63	
<b>School is really boring<sup>±</sup></b>		
Not English learner	48	39
English learner	40	25
Don't know	30	
<b>School is worthless and a waste of time<sup>±</sup></b>		
Not English learner	13	8
English learner	18	0
Don't know	25	
<b>Current absenteeism (≥3 times)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not English learner	16	15
English learner	18	7
Don't know	14	

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

<sup>†</sup> Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

<sup>ψ</sup> The scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.

<sup>±</sup> Rating of 7 or higher.

<sup>¶</sup> Past 30 days.

**Table A15.1*****School Engagement and Supports by English Learner Status – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Trouble focusing on schoolwork<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Not English learner	41	40
English learner	30	12
Don't know	48	
<b>Caring adult relationships<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Not English learner	45	58
English learner	52	49
Don't know	58	
<b>High expectations<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Not English learner	59	70
English learner	85	51
Don't know	63	
<b>Meaningful participation<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Not English learner	22	24
English learner	54	24
Don't know	30	
<b>Facilities upkeep<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Not English learner	38	21
English learner	40	36
Don't know	35	
<b>Promotion of parental involvement in school<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Not English learner	42	38
English learner	47	52
Don't know	44	

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

<sup>σ</sup> Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

<sup>‡</sup> Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

**Table A15.2**  
**School Safety by English Learner Status**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School perceived as very safe or safe</b>		
Not English learner	60	55
English learner		83
Don't know	50	
<b>Experienced harassment due to five reasons<sup>λ</sup></b>		
Not English learner	29	25
English learner		15
Don't know	27	
<b>Experienced any harassment or bullying<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not English learner	35	31
English learner		15
Don't know	27	
<b>Had mean rumors or lies spread about you<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not English learner	35	24
English learner		8
Don't know	29	
<b>Been afraid of being beaten up<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not English learner	17	13
English learner		8
Don't know	19	
<b>Been in a physical fight<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not English learner	10	5
English learner		8
Don't know	12	
<b>Seen a weapon on campus<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not English learner	13	13
English learner		8
Don't know	18	

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

<sup>λ</sup>The five reasons include race, ethnicity, or national origin; religion; gender (being male or female); sexual orientation; and a physical or mental disability.

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A15.3**  
**Cyberbullying by English Learner Status**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Cyberbullying<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not English learner	29	15
English learner		9
Don't know	21	

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

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A15.4**  
**Substance Use by English Learner Status**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current alcohol or drug use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not English learner	9	12
English learner	40	0
Don't know	0	
<b>Current alcohol or drug use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not English learner	5	5
English learner	10	0
Don't know	6	
<b>Current marijuana use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not English learner	5	6
English learner		0
Don't know	0	
<b>Current binge drinking<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not English learner	3	4
English learner	20	0
Don't know	0	
<b>Very drunk or "high" 7 or more times, ever</b>		
Not English learner	5	8
English learner	10	0
Don't know	0	

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A15.4**  
**Substance Use by English Learner Status – Continued**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Been drunk or “high” on drugs at school, ever</b>		
Not English learner	5	6
English learner		0
Don’t know	0	
<b>Current alcohol use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not English learner	4	8
English learner		0
Don’t know	0	
<b>Current alcohol use at school<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not English learner	2	0
English learner		0
Don’t know	0	
<b>Current cigarette smoking<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not English learner	3	3
English learner	10	0
Don’t know	0	
<b>Current use of vape products<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not English learner	5	5
English learner		0
Don’t know	0	
<b>Current tobacco vaping<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not English learner	3	3
English learner		0
Don’t know	0	
<b>Current marijuana vaping<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not English learner	2	4
English learner		0
Don’t know	0	

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A15.5**  
***Health Routines by English Learner Status***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Eating of breakfast<sup>†</sup></b>		
Not English learner	58	53
English learner	50	47
Don't know	68	
<b>Bedtime (at 12 am or later)</b>		
Not English learner	21	18
English learner	17	29
Don't know	14	

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

<sup>†</sup>*Today.*

**Table A15.6**

***Remote Schooling by English Learner Status (Remote Only)***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Remote learning frequency (5 days per week)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not English learner		
English learner		
Don't know		
<b>Synchronous instruction (4 days or more)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not English learner		
English learner		
Don't know		
<b>Interest in schoolwork done from home<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Not English learner		
English learner		
Don't know		
<b>Meaningful opportunities<sup>θ</sup></b>		
Not English learner		
English learner		
Don't know		

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

<sup>¶</sup>*Past 30 days.*

<sup>¶</sup>*Past 7 days.*

<sup>σ</sup>*Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”*

<sup>θ</sup>*Percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”*

**Table A15.7**  
***Social and Emotional Health by English Learner Status***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Social emotional distress<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Not English learner	29	31
English learner		2
Don't know	18	
<b>Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not English learner	32	29
English learner		9
Don't know	23	
<b>Considered suicide<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not English learner	11	10
English learner		0
Don't know	14	
<b>Optimism<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Not English learner	44	41
English learner		40
Don't know	45	
<b>Life satisfaction<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not English learner	62	58
English learner		58
Don't know	66	

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

<sup>‡</sup>*Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

<sup>§</sup>*Past 12 months.*

<sup>¶</sup>*Average percent of respondents reporting “Satisfied” or “Very satisfied” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

**Table A15.7*****Social and Emotional Health by English Learner Status – Continued***

	Grade 9	Grade 11
<b>California Student Wellness Index<sup>o</sup></b>		
Not English learner	100.5	98.7
English learner		105.8
Don't know	104.5	

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

<sup>o</sup>*To construct the index, the ten items that comprise both the social emotional distress and life satisfaction scales were each recoded such that the lowest possible score on each item was zero. These scores were then added together, resulting in a total raw score that could vary between 0 and 40. To calculate the scale score for the Student Wellness Index, the raw score was divided by the maximum possible score (40). Additionally, for clearer comparisons across groups and for interpreting future trends across time, a standardized version of the Student Wellness Index was constructed based on statewide data from the 2021-23 Biennial State CHKS. The standardized score (presented in the table) is scaled to have a mean score of 100 and a standard deviation of 15.*

## 16. Long-Term English Learner (LTEL) Breakdowns

**Table A16.1**

***School Engagement and Supports by English Learner (EL) Program Duration***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School Connectedness<sup>†</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	50	46
Less than 7 years (EL)		47
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>School Connectedness<sup>†ψ</sup> (<i>Remote Only</i>)</b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program		
Less than 7 years (EL)		
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Academic Motivation<sup>†</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	56	57
Less than 7 years (EL)		62
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>School is really boring<sup>±</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	48	39
Less than 7 years (EL)		29
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>School is worthless and a waste of time<sup>±</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	13	8
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Current absenteeism (≥3 times)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	16	15
Less than 7 years (EL)		8
7 years or more (LTEL)		

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

<sup>†</sup> *Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

<sup>ψ</sup> *The scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.*

<sup>±</sup> *Rating of 7 or higher.*

<sup>¶</sup> *Past 30 days.*

**Table A16.1*****School Engagement and Supports by English Learner (EL) Program Duration – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Trouble focusing on schoolwork<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	41	40
Less than 7 years (EL)		14
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Caring adult relationships<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	45	58
Less than 7 years (EL)		49
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>High expectations<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	59	70
Less than 7 years (EL)		46
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Meaningful participation<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	22	24
Less than 7 years (EL)		23
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Facilities upkeep<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	38	21
Less than 7 years (EL)		42
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Promotion of parental involvement in school<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	42	38
Less than 7 years (EL)		57
7 years or more (LTEL)		

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

*<sup>σ</sup> Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”*

*<sup>‡</sup> Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

**Table A16.2*****School Safety by English Learner (EL) Program Duration***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School perceived as very safe or safe</b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	60	55
Less than 7 years (EL)		80
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Experienced harassment due to five reasons<sup>λ§</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	29	25
Less than 7 years (EL)		18
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Experienced any harassment or bullying<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	35	31
Less than 7 years (EL)		18
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Had mean rumors or lies spread about you<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	35	24
Less than 7 years (EL)		9
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Been afraid of being beaten up<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	17	13
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Been in a physical fight<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	10	5
Less than 7 years (EL)		10
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Seen a weapon on campus<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	13	13
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		

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

<sup>λ</sup>The five reasons include race, ethnicity, or national origin; religion; gender (being male or female); sexual orientation; and a physical or mental disability.

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A16.3**  
**Cyberbullying by English Learner (EL) Program Duration**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Cyberbullying<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	29	15
Less than 7 years (EL)		10
7 years or more (LTEL)		

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

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A16.4**  
**Substance Use by English Learner (EL) Program Duration**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current alcohol or drug use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	9	12
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Current tobacco use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	5	5
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Current marijuana use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	5	6
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Current binge drinking<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	3	4
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times, ever</b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	5	8
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A16.4****Substance Use by English Learner (EL) Program Duration – Continued**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Been drunk or “high” on drugs at school, ever</b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	5	6
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Current alcohol use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	4	8
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Current alcohol use at school<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	2	0
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Current cigarette smoking<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	3	3
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Current use of vape products<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	5	5
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Current tobacco vaping<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	3	3
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Current marijuana vaping<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	2	4
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A16.5**  
***Health Routines by English Learner (EL) Program Duration***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Eating of breakfast<sup>†</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	58	53
Less than 7 years (EL)	50	40
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Bedtime (at 12 am or later)</b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	21	18
Less than 7 years (EL)	10	27
7 years or more (LTEL)		

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

<sup>†</sup>*Today.*

**Table A16.6**

***Remote Schooling by English Learner (EL) Program Duration (Remote Only)***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Remote learning frequency (5 days per week)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program		
Less than 7 years (EL)		
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Synchronous instruction (4 days or more)<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program		
Less than 7 years (EL)		
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Interest in schoolwork done from home<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program		
Less than 7 years (EL)		
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Meaningful opportunities<sup>θ</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program		
Less than 7 years (EL)		
7 years or more (LTEL)		

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

<sup>¶</sup>*Past 30 days.*

<sup>‡</sup>*Past 7 days.*

<sup>σ</sup>*Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”*

<sup>θ</sup>*Percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”*

**Table A16.7*****Social and Emotional Health by English Learner (EL) Program Duration***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Social emotional distress<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	29	31
Less than 7 years (EL)		
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	32	29
Less than 7 years (EL)		10
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Considered suicide<sup>§</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	11	10
Less than 7 years (EL)		0
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Optimism<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	44	41
Less than 7 years (EL)		
7 years or more (LTEL)		
<b>Life satisfaction<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	62	58
Less than 7 years (EL)		
7 years or more (LTEL)		

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

<sup>‡</sup> Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

<sup>§</sup> Past 12 months.

<sup>¶</sup> Average percent of respondents reporting “Satisfied” or “Very satisfied” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

**Table A16.7*****Social and Emotional Health by English Learner (EL) Program Duration – Continued***

	Grade 9	Grade 11
<b>California Student Wellness Index<sup>o</sup></b>		
Not currently in English Learner Program	100.5	98.7
Less than 7 years (EL)		
7 years or more (LTEL)		

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

*<sup>o</sup>To construct the index, the ten items that comprise both the social emotional distress and life satisfaction scales were each recoded such that the lowest possible score on each item was zero. These scores were then added together, resulting in a total raw score that could vary between 0 and 40. To calculate the scale score for the Student Wellness Index, the raw score was divided by the maximum possible score (40). Additionally, for clearer comparisons across groups and for interpreting future trends across time, a standardized version of the Student Wellness Index was constructed based on statewide data from the 2021-23 Biennial State CHKS. The standardized score (presented in the table) is scaled to have a mean score of 100 and a standard deviation of 15.*

## 17. Special Education Breakdowns

**Table A17.1**

***School Engagement and Supports by Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Placement***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School Connectedness<sup>†</sup></b>		
No IEP	50	51
IEP	56	38
Don't know	51	32
Prefer not to say		
<b>School Connectedness<sup>†ψ</sup> (<i>Remote Only</i>)</b>		
No IEP		
IEP		
Don't know		
Prefer not to say		
<b>Academic Motivation<sup>†</sup></b>		
No IEP	56	59
IEP	65	52
Don't know	58	46
Prefer not to say		
<b>School is really boring<sup>±</sup></b>		
No IEP	47	35
IEP	33	43
Don't know	50	50
Prefer not to say		
<b>School is worthless and a waste of time<sup>±</sup></b>		
No IEP	13	7
IEP	29	10
Don't know	19	8
Prefer not to say		

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

<sup>†</sup> *Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

<sup>ψ</sup> *The scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.*

<sup>±</sup> *Rating of 7 or higher.*

**Table A17.1*****School Engagement and Supports by Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Placement – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current absenteeism (<math>\geq 3</math> times)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
No IEP	15	19
IEP	24	18
Don't know	18	0
Prefer not to say		
<b>Trouble focusing on schoolwork<sup>σ</sup></b>		
No IEP	37	33
IEP	57	50
Don't know	65	33
Prefer not to say		
<b>Caring adult relationships<sup>‡</sup></b>		
No IEP	44	60
IEP	65	58
Don't know	50	39
Prefer not to say		
<b>High expectations<sup>‡</sup></b>		
No IEP	59	70
IEP	84	79
Don't know	63	56
Prefer not to say		
<b>Meaningful participation<sup>‡</sup></b>		
No IEP	23	27
IEP	42	15
Don't know	20	13
Prefer not to say		

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

<sup>σ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

<sup>‡</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

**Table A17.1*****School Engagement and Supports by Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Placement – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Facilities upkeep<sup>σ</sup></b>		
No IEP	39	26
IEP	41	26
Don't know	30	17
Prefer not to say		
<b>Promotion of parental involvement in school<sup>†</sup></b>		
No IEP	42	43
IEP	49	33
Don't know	40	31
Prefer not to say		

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

*<sup>σ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”*

*<sup>†</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

**Table A17.2*****School Safety by Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Placement***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School perceived as very safe or safe</b>		
No IEP	63	58
IEP	56	47
Don't know	53	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Experienced harassment due to five reasons<sup>λ</sup></b>		
No IEP	28	22
IEP	21	33
Don't know	37	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Experienced any harassment or bullying<sup>§</sup></b>		
No IEP	34	28
IEP	21	40
Don't know	37	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Had mean rumors or lies spread about you<sup>§</sup></b>		
No IEP	35	25
IEP	31	13
Don't know	47	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Been afraid of being beaten up<sup>§</sup></b>		
No IEP	12	12
IEP	38	13
Don't know	44	
Prefer not to say		

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

<sup>λ</sup>The five reasons include race, ethnicity, or national origin; religion; gender (being male or female); sexual orientation; and a physical or mental disability.

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A17.2*****School Safety by Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Placement – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Been in a physical fight<sup>§</sup></b>		
No IEP	8	6
IEP	18	0
Don't know	26	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Seen a weapon on campus<sup>§</sup></b>		
No IEP	10	12
IEP	20	7
Don't know	32	
Prefer not to say		

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

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A17.3*****Cyberbullying by Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Placement***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Cyberbullying<sup>§</sup></b>		
No IEP	27	16
IEP	40	6
Don't know	29	
Prefer not to say		

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

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A17.4*****Substance Use by Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Placement***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current alcohol or drug use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
No IEP	9	8
IEP	17	22
Don't know	15	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Current tobacco use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
No IEP	4	4
IEP	16	6
Don't know	10	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Current marijuana use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
No IEP	4	4
IEP	6	17
Don't know	5	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Current binge drinking<sup>¶</sup></b>		
No IEP	2	4
IEP	11	0
Don't know	10	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Very drunk or "high" 7 or more times, ever</b>		
No IEP	5	6
IEP	5	12
Don't know	0	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Been drunk or "high" on drugs at school, ever</b>		
No IEP	5	4
IEP	6	12
Don't know	5	
Prefer not to say		

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A17.4****Substance Use by Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Placement – Continued**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current alcohol use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
No IEP	3	6
IEP	12	11
Don't know	5	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Current alcohol use at school<sup>¶</sup></b>		
No IEP	1	0
IEP	12	0
Don't know	5	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Current cigarette smoking<sup>¶</sup></b>		
No IEP	1	1
IEP	11	6
Don't know	10	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Current use of vape products<sup>¶</sup></b>		
No IEP	4	4
IEP	11	12
Don't know	5	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Current tobacco vaping<sup>¶</sup></b>		
No IEP	2	3
IEP	6	6
Don't know	5	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Current marijuana vaping<sup>¶</sup></b>		
No IEP	1	3
IEP	6	12
Don't know	5	
Prefer not to say		

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A17.5*****Health Routines by Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Placement***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Eating of breakfast<sup>†</sup></b>		
No IEP	58	51
IEP	64	55
Don't know	61	58
Prefer not to say		
<b>Bedtime (at 12 am or later)</b>		
No IEP	20	16
IEP	20	36
Don't know	22	33
Prefer not to say		

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

<sup>†</sup>*Today.*

**Table A17.6**

**Remote Schooling by Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Placement (Remote Only)**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Remote learning frequency (5 days per week)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
No IEP		
IEP		
Don't know		
Prefer not to say		
<b>Synchronous instruction (4 days or more)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
No IEP		
IEP		
Don't know		
Prefer not to say		
<b>Interest in schoolwork done from home<sup>σ</sup></b>		
No IEP		
IEP		
Don't know		
Prefer not to say		
<b>Meaningful opportunities<sup>θ</sup></b>		
No IEP		
IEP		
Don't know		
Prefer not to say		

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

<sup>¶</sup>Past 7 days.

<sup>σ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting "Agree" or "Strongly agree."

<sup>θ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting "Pretty much true" or "Very much true."

**Table A17.7*****Social and Emotional Health by Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Placement***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Social emotional distress<sup>‡</sup></b>		
No IEP	28	29
IEP	31	28
Don't know	26	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness<sup>§</sup></b>		
No IEP	32	27
IEP	53	29
Don't know	18	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Considered suicide<sup>§</sup></b>		
No IEP	11	8
IEP	14	14
Don't know	6	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Optimism<sup>‡</sup></b>		
No IEP	43	41
IEP	62	46
Don't know	46	
Prefer not to say		
<b>Life satisfaction<sup>‡</sup></b>		
No IEP	61	59
IEP	78	54
Don't know	65	
Prefer not to say		

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

<sup>‡</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

<sup>‡</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Satisfied” or “Very satisfied” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

**Table A17.7*****Social and Emotional Health by Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Placement – Continued***

	Grade 9	Grade 11
<b>California Student Wellness Index<sup>o</sup></b>		
No IEP	100.2	99.4
IEP	103.6	100.1
Don't know	101.9	
Prefer not to say		

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

*<sup>o</sup>To construct the index, the ten items that comprise both the social emotional distress and life satisfaction scales were each recoded such that the lowest possible score on each item was zero. These scores were then added together, resulting in a total raw score that could vary between 0 and 40. To calculate the scale score for the Student Wellness Index, the raw score was divided by the maximum possible score (40). Additionally, for clearer comparisons across groups and for interpreting future trends across time, a standardized version of the Student Wellness Index was constructed based on statewide data from the 2021-23 Biennial State CHKS. The standardized score (presented in the table) is scaled to have a mean score of 100 and a standard deviation of 15.*

## 18. Living Situation Breakdowns

**Table A18.1**  
***School Engagement and Supports by Living Situation***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School Connectedness<sup>†</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	52	48
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	37	
<b>School Connectedness<sup>†ψ</sup> (<i>Remote Only</i>)</b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian		
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement		
<b>Academic Motivation<sup>†</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	57	57
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	56	
<b>School is really boring<sup>±</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	47	36
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	31	
<b>School is worthless and a waste of time<sup>±</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	14	7
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	15	

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

<sup>†</sup> *Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

<sup>ψ</sup> *The scale was based on four questions for remote respondents.*

<sup>±</sup> *Rating of 7 or higher.*

**Table A18.1*****School Engagement and Supports by Living Situation – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current absenteeism (<math>\geq 3</math> times)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	16	15
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	14	
<b>Trouble focusing on schoolwork<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	41	36
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	50	
<b>Caring adult relationships<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	47	58
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	30	
<b>High expectations<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	61	69
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	67	
<b>Meaningful participation<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	24	24
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	27	

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

<sup>σ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

<sup>‡</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

**Table A18.1*****School Engagement and Supports by Living Situation – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Facilities upkeep<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	39	24
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	23	
<b>Promotion of parental involvement in school<sup>†</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	43	41
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	36	

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

*<sup>σ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”*

*<sup>†</sup>Average percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

**Table A18.2**  
**School Safety by Living Situation**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>School perceived as very safe or safe</b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	62	58
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	40	
<b>Experienced harassment due to five reasons<sup>λ</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	28	23
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	36	
<b>Experienced any harassment or bullying<sup>§</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	34	29
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	36	
<b>Had mean rumors or lies spread about you<sup>§</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	35	21
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	20	
<b>Been afraid of being beaten up<sup>§</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	18	11
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	20	

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

<sup>λ</sup>The five reasons include race, ethnicity, or national origin; religion; gender (being male or female); sexual orientation; and a physical or mental disability.

<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.

**Table A18.2**  
***School Safety by Living Situation – Continued***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Been in a physical fight<sup>§</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	11	6
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	10	
<b>Seen a weapon on campus<sup>§</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	13	12
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	20	

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

*<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.*

**Table A18.3**  
***Cyberbullying by Living Situation***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Cyberbullying<sup>§</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	27	14
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	50	

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

*<sup>§</sup>Past 12 months.*

**Table A18.4**  
**Substance Use by Living Situation**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current alcohol or drug use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	10	10
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	10	
<b>Current tobacco use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	5	4
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	0	
<b>Current marijuana use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	5	4
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	0	
<b>Current binge drinking<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	4	4
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	0	
<b>Very drunk or “high” 7 or more times, ever</b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	5	7
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	0	
<b>Been drunk or “high” on drugs at school, ever</b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	6	4
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	0	

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A18.4**  
**Substance Use by Living Situation – Continued**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Current alcohol use<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	4	7
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	10	
<b>Current alcohol use at school<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	2	0
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	10	
<b>Current cigarette smoking<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	3	2
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	0	
<b>Current use of vape products<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	5	5
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	0	
<b>Current tobacco vaping<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	3	3
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	0	
<b>Current marijuana vaping<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	2	4
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	0	

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

**Table A18.5**  
***Health Routines by Living Situation***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Eating of breakfast<sup>†</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	60	53
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	50	
<b>Bedtime (at 12 am or later)</b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	20	19
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	14	

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

<sup>†</sup>*Today.*

**Table A18.6**

**Remote Schooling by Living Situation (Remote Only)**

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Remote learning frequency (5 days per week)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian		
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement		
<b>Synchronous instruction (4 days or more)<sup>¶</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian		
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement		
<b>Interest in schoolwork done from home<sup>σ</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian		
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement		
<b>Meaningful opportunities<sup>θ</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian		
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement		

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

<sup>¶</sup>Past 30 days.

<sup>¶</sup>Past 7 days.

<sup>σ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Agree” or “Strongly agree.”

<sup>θ</sup>Percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true.”

**Table A18.7**  
***Social and Emotional Health by Living Situation***

	Grade 9 %	Grade 11 %
<b>Social emotional distress<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	28	27
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement		
<b>Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness<sup>§</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	31	26
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	50	
<b>Considered suicide<sup>§</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	10	8
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	30	
<b>Optimism<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	45	40
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement	20	
<b>Life satisfaction<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	63	59
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement		

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

<sup>‡</sup>*Average percent of respondents reporting “Pretty much true” or “Very much true” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

<sup>§</sup>*Past 12 months.*

<sup>‡</sup>*Average percent of respondents reporting “Satisfied” or “Very satisfied” across survey questions that comprise the scale.*

**Table A18.7*****Social and Emotional Health by Living Situation – Continued***

	Grade 9	Grade 11
<b>California Student Wellness Index<sup>o</sup></b>		
Home with one or more parent or guardian	100.8	99.9
Foster home		
Homeless		
Other living arrangement		

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

*<sup>o</sup>To construct the index, the ten items that comprise both the social emotional distress and life satisfaction scales were each recoded such that the lowest possible score on each item was zero. These scores were then added together, resulting in a total raw score that could vary between 0 and 40. To calculate the scale score for the Student Wellness Index, the raw score was divided by the maximum possible score (40). Additionally, for clearer comparisons across groups and for interpreting future trends across time, a standardized version of the Student Wellness Index was constructed based on statewide data from the 2021-23 Biennial State CHKS. The standardized score (presented in the table) is scaled to have a mean score of 100 and a standard deviation of 15.*

# Appendix

## CHKS Content Overview, 2024-25

This brief guide to key CHKS Core Module indicators is designed to help survey users more easily understand and interpret their findings.<sup>1</sup> 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](https://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](https://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). For a summary of state-level LCAP-related baseline CHKS data, see Factsheet #15.<sup>2</sup>

### MAIN CONTENT FOCUS: SCHOOL CLIMATE AND THE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE CHILD

The main purpose of the CHKS Core Module is to assess indicators of school climate, pupil engagement, and student supports, all three key priorities required of the LCAP. It provides 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. Forty-nine items assessing 14 school climate domains included in a *School Climate Report Card (SCRC)*.<sup>3</sup> All districts receive a district-level SCRC and can request school-level SCRCs. The items used in the SCRC 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 learning and academic performance. Data for high school students show that as school climate improves—as the schools became safer, more supportive, and more engaging—academic performance increased as well.<sup>4</sup>

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 more positive the school climate, the greater the 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.<sup>5</sup>

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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](https://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](https://calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard)).

<sup>2</sup> Austin. (2016). Download [calschls.org/docs/factsheet-15.pdf](https://calschls.org/docs/factsheet-15.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> See [calschls.org/reports-data/#scrc](https://calschls.org/reports-data/#scrc)

<sup>4</sup> O’Malley & Hanson. (2012). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet3\\_API\\_20120716.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet3_API_20120716.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> Voight, Austin, & Hanson. (2013). Download [www.wested.org/online\\_pubs/hd-13-10.pdf](https://www.wested.org/online_pubs/hd-13-10.pdf)

expectations at school.<sup>6</sup> 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 20 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 11<sup>th</sup> graders in traditional comprehensive high schools.<sup>7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup>

## 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 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 all the LCAP priority groups such as race/ethnicity, gender, parental education, English learner and long-term English learner status, disability status, foster youth, and unhoused youth. For selected key indicators, the CalSCHLS Data Dashboard ([calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard](https://calschls.org/reports-data/dashboard)) can be used to display group differences across these same groups as well as additional groups (e.g., chronic sadness, caring relationships). Districts/schools can also subscribe to the District CalSCHLS private data dashboard to disaggregate their CHKS results by these groups for each school (email [calschls@wested.org](mailto:calschls@wested.org)).

### Racial-Ethnic Group Identification

Respondents self-report their identification with six racial/ethnic groups. 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.<sup>9</sup> They were highest in schools with large proportions of white and Asian students, as well as

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<sup>6</sup> Hanson & Austin. (2003). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-3.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-3.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> In interpreting the results for 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> Austin, Dixon, & Bailey. (2007). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-7.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-7.pdf)

<sup>9</sup> Austin, Hanson, Bono, & Zheng. (2008). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/factsheet\\_8.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/factsheet_8.pdf)

in middle- and high-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 racial/ethnic group differences in achievement. 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*.<sup>10</sup> White students feel more safe, engaged, and supported than their African American, Hispanic, and Asian peers *within the same school*.<sup>11</sup> Inequities in these factors can possibly contribute to the achievement differences. Further, these findings suggest that practices designed to ensure equitable access to academic resources, opportunities, learning supports, and promotion of common experiences may be effective in ameliorating the gap.

### **Youth in Foster Care**

Compared to youth who live with their parents, youth in foster care settings report much higher rates of substance abuse, poor school attendance and grades, more violence-related behaviors, more harassment, and higher depression risk.<sup>12 13</sup> They were also more likely to be low in caring adult relationships and total developmental support.

### **Unhoused Youth**

Homeless youth are substantially more likely than other youth to engage in substance use, have lower attendance at school and struggle with academic performance, feel less safe at school and experience greater levels of harassment and bullying, and exhibit higher levels of chronic sadness.<sup>14</sup> Like youth in foster care, unhoused youth were also more likely to be low in caring adult relationships at school.

### **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.<sup>15 16</sup> For example, analysis of the Biennial State CHKS data indicate that LGBTQ youth<sup>17</sup> 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;
- 2-to-3 times more likely to smoke cigarettes, binge drink, and to have been drunk or high at school; and

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<sup>10</sup> Hanson, Austin, & Li. (2012). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-13\\_20120405.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-13_20120405.pdf)

<sup>11</sup> See [calschls.org/my-surveys/](https://calschls.org/my-surveys/)

<sup>12</sup> Austin, Jones, & Annon. (2007). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-6.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-6.pdf)

<sup>13</sup> See [calschls.org/my-surveys/](https://calschls.org/my-surveys/)

<sup>14</sup> See [calschls.org/my-surveys/](https://calschls.org/my-surveys/)

<sup>15</sup> 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/](https://download.wested.org/resources/lgbtq-students-in-california/)

<sup>16</sup> 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. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-clinpsy-021815-093153>

<sup>17</sup> See [calschls.org/my-surveys/](https://calschls.org/my-surveys/)

- 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, ENGAGEMENT, AND SUPPORTS (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.<sup>18</sup> 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, school boredom, and self-reported grades provide insight into cognitive engagement; the School Connectedness scale and school value item into emotional engagement; and attendance data into behavioral engagement. Another behavioral engagement indicator on the survey is 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 three protective factors in their school (caring relationships, high expectations, and opportunities for meaningful participation). These protective factors 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 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.

### **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 new things at school, and always try to do better. On the 2019-21 State CHKS, the percentage of students agreeing with the questions on this scale ranged from 64 percent in 11<sup>th</sup> grade to 71 percent in 7<sup>th</sup>.<sup>19</sup>

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

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<sup>18</sup> 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. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.learninstruc.2013.04.002>

<sup>19</sup> Download [data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial\\_State\\_1921.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1921.pdf)

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 Student Learning Environment and Learning Engagement Climate scales and a series of questions about supports for learning and academic rigor.

### School Boredom – School Value

Boredom is commonly experienced among secondary students, but its meaning and effects vary from student to student. Student boredom can be associated with specific subjects and academic tasks or it can be a pervasive response to school activities. Frequent boredom is associated with poor academic and mental health outcomes. Two CHKS questions ask about students’ school boredom (school is really boring) and how much they value their schooling experience (school is worthless and a waste of time). Combined, these two survey questions are used to identify School Boredom Mindset Profiles.<sup>20,21,22</sup>

				School Boredom								
				School is really boring								
				Low Boredom			Moderate Boredom			High Boredom		
				0 Disagree	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Value of School	School is worthless, a waste of time	High Value	0 Disagree	<b>1</b> <b>Optimal</b>			<b>2</b>			<b>3</b>		
			1	<b>High Value–Low Boredom</b>			<b>High Value–Moderate Boredom</b>			<b>High Value–High Boredom</b>		
			2	Students did not think school was boring and valued school highly			Students valued school highly with moderate-level school boredom			Students indicated school was very boring, yet they valued it highly		
		Moderate Value	3	<b>4</b> <b>Moderate Value–Low Boredom</b>			<b>5</b>			<b>6</b>		
			4				<b>Moderate Value–Moderate Boredom</b>			<b>Moderate Value–High Boredom</b>		
			5				Students with moderate-level school boredom and school value			Students indicated school was very boring, and valued it at a moderate level		
		Low Value	6	<b>7</b> <b>Low Value–Low Boredom</b>			<b>8</b>			<b>9</b>		
			7				<b>Low Value–Moderate Boredom</b>			<b>Low Value–High Boredom</b>		
			8				Only a low percentage of students’ responses place them in groups 4, 7, and 8.			<b>Suboptimal</b>		
			9									<b>Low Value–High Boredom</b>
10 Agree							Students indicated school was very boring, and valued it at a very low level					

<sup>20</sup> Furlong, M. J., Smith, D. C., Springer, T., & Dowdy, E. (2021). Bored with school! Bored with life? Well-being characteristics associated with a school boredom mindset. *Journal of Positive School Psychology*, 5(1), 42–64. <https://www.covitalityucsb.info/ewExternalFiles/10.%20Furlong%20et%20al%20Boredom-JPSP.pdf>

<sup>21</sup> Branstetter, R. (2021). What do kids mean when they say they’re bored at school? Greater Good Magazine. [https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/what\\_do\\_kids\\_mean\\_when\\_they\\_say\\_theyre\\_bored\\_at\\_school](https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/what_do_kids_mean_when_they_say_theyre_bored_at_school)

<sup>22</sup> See D. Michael Furlong’s RISE 360 School Boredom Resource to learn more about school boredom and how these two items are combined to identify School Boredom Mindset Profiles [https://rise.articulate.com/share/evs7SLqtz3xvWkgVnQjW6YNu1vFyRm6\\_#/](https://rise.articulate.com/share/evs7SLqtz3xvWkgVnQjW6YNu1vFyRm6_#/)

Students with high school boredom and low school-value, a suboptimal profile, report substantially poorer well-being than students with low boredom combined with elevated school-value, an optimal profile. Moreover, students with high school boredom and high school-value may be experiencing episodic or task-specific boredom, which requires different types of support than students who exhibit the suboptimal pattern. The percentage of students falling in each of these profile groups is presented in the CHKS report so that school personnel can monitor the boredom experiences of students to best address their academic and social-emotional needs.

## 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 3 or more days during the past 30 days) and what were the reasons for absences.

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.<sup>23</sup>

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.<sup>24</sup>

## 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 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.<sup>25 26 27 28 29 30</sup>

## 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

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<sup>23</sup> 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/](http://www.attendanceworks.org/portraits-of-change/)

<sup>24</sup> Austin, Hanson, Bala, & Zheng. (2023). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/18th\\_Biennial\\_State\\_1921.pdf](http://data.calschls.org/resources/18th_Biennial_State_1921.pdf)

<sup>25</sup> Hanson & Austin. (2002). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/factsheet.pdf](http://data.calschls.org/resources/factsheet.pdf)

<sup>26</sup> Hanson & Austin. (2002). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-3.pdf](http://data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-3.pdf)

<sup>27</sup> Hanson. (2011). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet1\\_caring\\_20120223.pdf](http://data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet1_caring_20120223.pdf)

<sup>28</sup> Hanson. (2012). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet2\\_participation\\_20120224.pdf](http://data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet2_participation_20120224.pdf)

<sup>29</sup> O’Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/S3\\_WhatWorksBrief1\\_CaringRelationships\\_final.pdf](http://data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief1_CaringRelationships_final.pdf)

<sup>30</sup> O’Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/S3\\_WhatWorksBrief2\\_MeaningfulPart\\_final.pdf](http://data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief2_MeaningfulPart_final.pdf)

academic, social-emotional, and health outcomes.<sup>31</sup> 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/](https://calschls.org/reports-data/query-calschls/)) enables examination of how key survey indicators vary by school connectedness.

School connectedness 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade to 53 percent in 11<sup>th</sup>, a decline similar to that found for the Academic Motivation scale.<sup>32</sup> 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.<sup>33 34</sup>

## 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.<sup>35</sup>

## 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.” Additional questions are included in the supplementary School Climate Module. An analysis of 2018/20 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.<sup>36</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

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<sup>31</sup> 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.

<sup>32</sup> Austin, Hanson, Zhang, & Zheng. (2020). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial\\_State\\_1719.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1719.pdf). *School Connectedness was not assessed on the 2019-21 State CHKS because the majority of students did not attend school in-person in 2020-21 due to the COVID-19 pandemic*.

<sup>33</sup> Austin, Hanson, & Voight. (2013). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet5\\_connectedness\\_20130827.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/S3factsheet5_connectedness_20130827.pdf)

<sup>34</sup> O’Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/S3\\_WhatWorksBrief4\\_Connectedness\\_final.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief4_Connectedness_final.pdf)

<sup>35</sup> Wilder, S. (2014). Effects of parental involvement on academic achievement. A meta-synthesis. *Educational Review*, 66:3, 377-397.

<sup>36</sup> Hanson & Zheng. (2021). Download [calschls.org/docs/facilities\\_030221.pdf](https://calschls.org/docs/facilities_030221.pdf)

safety.<sup>37</sup> 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.<sup>38</sup> 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.<sup>39 40 41</sup>

## 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 A6.3).

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.<sup>42</sup>

## 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.

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 2017-19 State CHKS, with the percentages declining between 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades.<sup>43</sup> 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.<sup>44 45</sup> 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

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<sup>37</sup> The CHKS also includes two violence-related questions that are not school based: the frequency students experienced cyberbullying and whether they are gang members.

<sup>38</sup> Juvonen, J., & Graham, S. (2001). *Peer harassment in school: The plight of the vulnerable and victimized*. New York: Guilford Press.

<sup>39</sup> Barton, P. E. (2001). *Facing the hard facts in education reform*. Princeton, NJ: Educational Testing Service.

<sup>40</sup> O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/S3\\_WhatWorksBrief5\\_ViolencePerpetration\\_final.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief5_ViolencePerpetration_final.pdf)

<sup>41</sup> O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/S3\\_WhatWorksBrief6\\_ViolenceVictimization\\_final.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief6_ViolenceVictimization_final.pdf)

<sup>42</sup> O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/S3\\_WhatWorksBrief3\\_Safety\\_final.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief3_Safety_final.pdf)

<sup>43</sup> Austin, Hanson, Zhang, & Zheng. (2020). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial\\_State\\_1719.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1719.pdf). Harassment at school was not assessed on the 2019-21 State CHKS due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<sup>44</sup> Heck, Russell, O'Shaughnessy, Laub, Calhoun, & Austin. (2005). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-4.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-4.pdf)

<sup>45</sup> Austin, Nakamoto, & Bailey. (2010). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-10.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-10.pdf)

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.<sup>46</sup> 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.<sup>47</sup> About 14 percent of 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders report seeing someone carrying a weapon compared to 11 percent of 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.<sup>48</sup>

### **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.<sup>49</sup> Schools with proportionately large numbers of students who reported these behaviors exhibited smaller gains in test scores than other schools.<sup>50 51</sup>

### **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

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<sup>46</sup> Students who participated in school exclusively via remote learning were not asked these questions in 2020-21.

<sup>47</sup> Austin, Hanson, Polik, & Zheng. (2018). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial\\_State\\_1517.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/Biennial_State_1517.pdf)

<sup>48</sup> Statewide CSSS. (2018). Download [calschls.org/docs/statewide\\_1517\\_csss.pdf](https://calschls.org/docs/statewide_1517_csss.pdf)

<sup>49</sup> 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.

<sup>50</sup> Hanson & Austin. (2003). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-3.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-3.pdf)

<sup>51</sup> O'Malley & Amarillas. (2011). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/S3\\_WhatWorksBrief8\\_AOD\\_final.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/S3_WhatWorksBrief8_AOD_final.pdf)

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.<sup>52 53</sup>

## **SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH (Section 7)**

Student mental health can have a big impact on their health and well-being. The CHKS Core provides four measures for assessing mental health among students: (1) whether they experience chronic, incapacitating sadness or hopelessness; (2) whether they ever contemplated suicide; (3) social and emotional distress; and (4) life satisfaction. 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.<sup>54</sup> 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.<sup>55</sup>

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.<sup>56 57</sup>

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 social-emotional competencies.

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<sup>52</sup> Hanson & Zheng. (2006). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/factsheet2update.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/factsheet2update.pdf)

<sup>53</sup> Austin, McCarthy, Slade, & Bailey. (2007). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-5.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-5.pdf)

<sup>54</sup> Austin, Nakamoto, & Bailey. (2010). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-11.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-11.pdf)

<sup>55</sup> Austin, Cragle, Delong-Cotty. (2012). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-12.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-12.pdf)

<sup>56</sup> Heck, Russell, O’Shaughnessy, Laub, Calhoun, & Austin. (2005). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-4.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-4.pdf)

<sup>57</sup> Austin, Nakamoto, & Bailey. (2010). Download [data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-10.pdf](https://data.calschls.org/resources/FACTSHEET-10.pdf)