

## WPS 2023 Youth Risk Behavior (YRBS) Survey Results

Wilmington Public Schools administered the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) to middle and high schools in the spring of 2023. YRBS was developed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to monitor health behaviors among adolescents and youth. Results are analyzed to determine the prevalence of risky health behaviors; assess general trends health behaviors over time, examine the co-occurrence of health behaviors; provide comparison data for geographies and subpopulations; and monitor progress toward achieving Healthy People objectives and program indicators. The data collected helps schools, government agencies, and community organizations develop health programs and drug abuse and bullying prevention plans.

There will be two reports available: **Middlesex League Wilmington Report** and **Middlesex League Regional Report**. In collaboration with the Middlesex League of Superintendents, the WPS was awarded partial funding from Lahey Health to implement YRBS across participating districts in Middlesex County to create a common dataset for the group and to better understand and respond to health risks facing youth in our communities. The data from both Wilmington Middle School and Wilmington High School responses was measured with Middlesex League, Commonwealth and National comparisons.

[Click here](#) for the WPS 2023 YRBS questionnaires and reports. On **November 15, 2023**, a representative from John Snow Inc.(JSI) will be presenting a summary of 2023 YRBS results at the scheduled School Committee meeting. In addition, please join us for a “*Wilmington Community Cares Event*” featuring keynote speaker Brian O’Keefe, “**Latest Drug Threats**” on **November 29, 2023, from 6:30-8:00 PM**\*. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information (all are welcome to attend).

*\*Please help support two WHS senior students with their Community Service Project, called **Revive & Thrive**. They are in the process of collecting necessary supplies (toiletries) for those who are recovering from drug addiction and donating to the Gavin Foundation. There will be a donation box available on the evening of November 29th, so please consider bringing an item. The list of donation items can be found [here](#).*