

School Climate Report: Fall 2010 High Schools

This report summarizes results from the Fall 2010 administration of the School Climate Bullying Survey in two Charlottesville and five Albemarle County high schools. A total of 4,400 students in grades 9-12 completed the survey this fall, achieving a participation rate of 92%. The purpose of this report is to provide schools with a baseline for planning that will be compared to the spring 2011 survey in reducing bullying, improving school climate, and meeting other Safe Schools/Healthy Students project goals. Information about the project can be found at <www.safeschoolscville.org>.

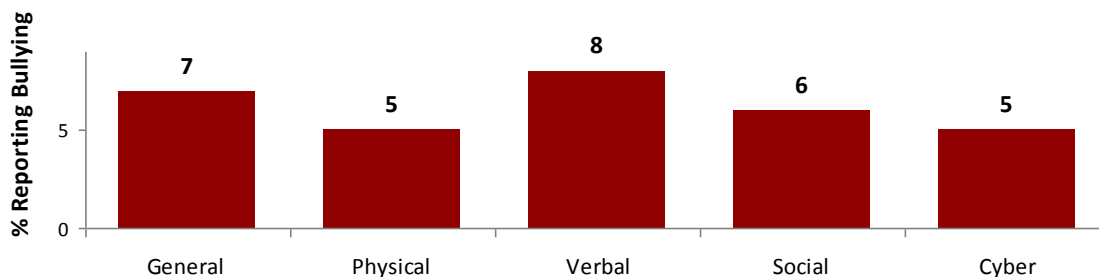
Bullying rates. The survey presents a standard definition of bullying:

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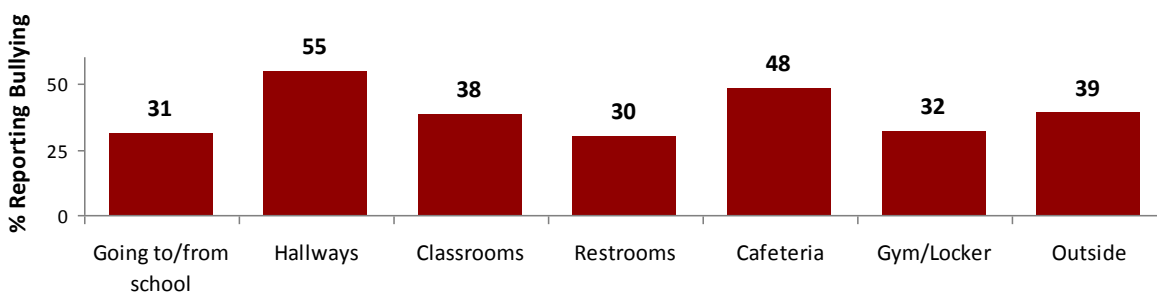
After reading this definition, students were asked whether they had been bullied in the past month "never," "once or twice," "about once per week" or "several times per week." By convention, the total percent who report being bullied at least once per week ("about once per week" plus "several times per week") is used as an index of bullying.

The survey asked students if they have been bullied in general and then asked about physical, verbal, social, and cyber bullying. The first chart below presents the percentages of students who reported being bullied at least once per week in the past month. (In some cases a student did not report being bullied on the general question, but did report other bullying.)

Victims of Bullying



Where Does Bullying Occur?

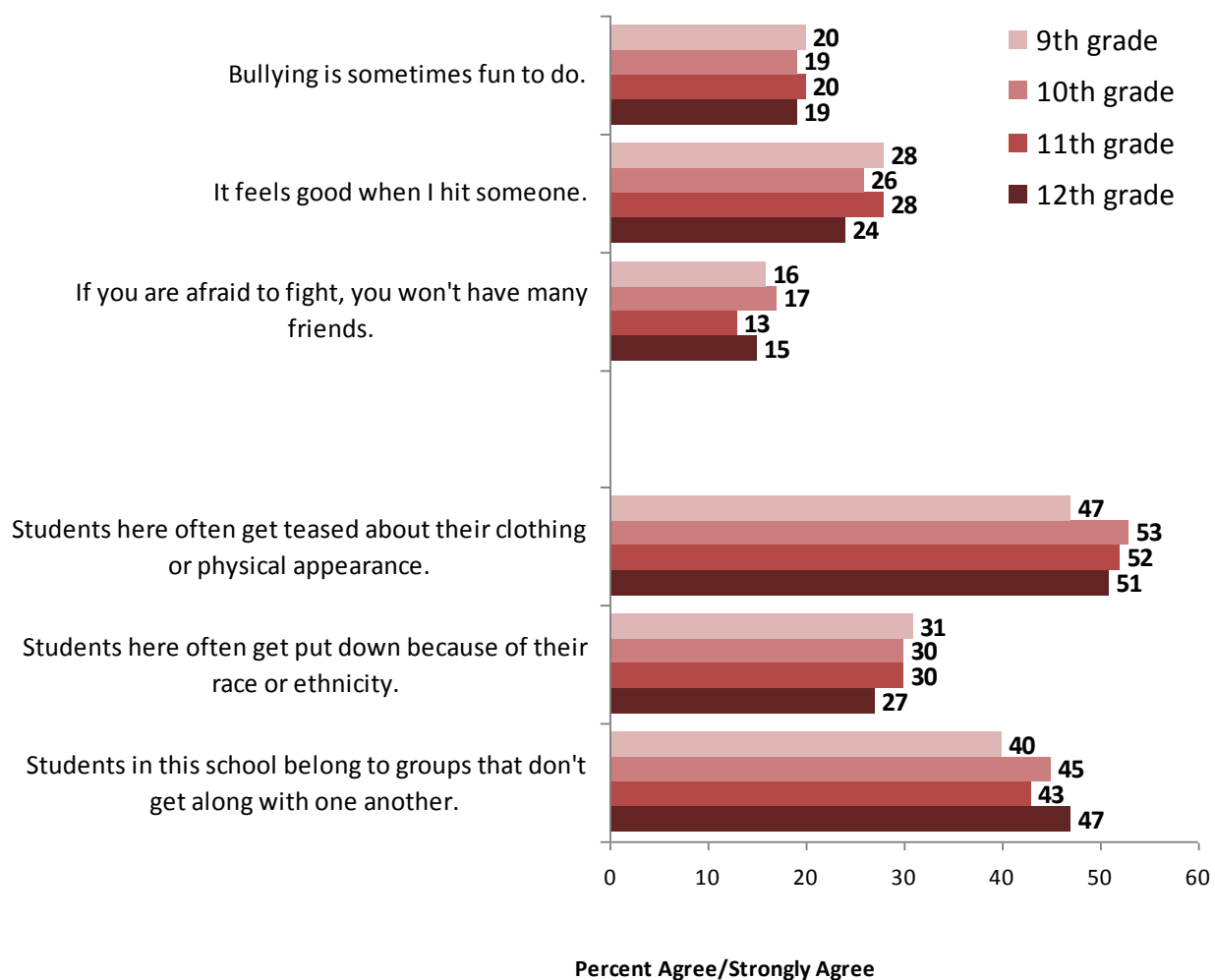


School Climate – Teasing and Aggressive Attitudes.

Teasing does not always rise to the level of bullying, but it affects the quality of the school climate and influences whether students feel comfortable and accepted at school. Fall survey results show that teasing about clothing and appearance are common problems in the high school grades. Teasing about race, while less common, can be more serious and needs attention.

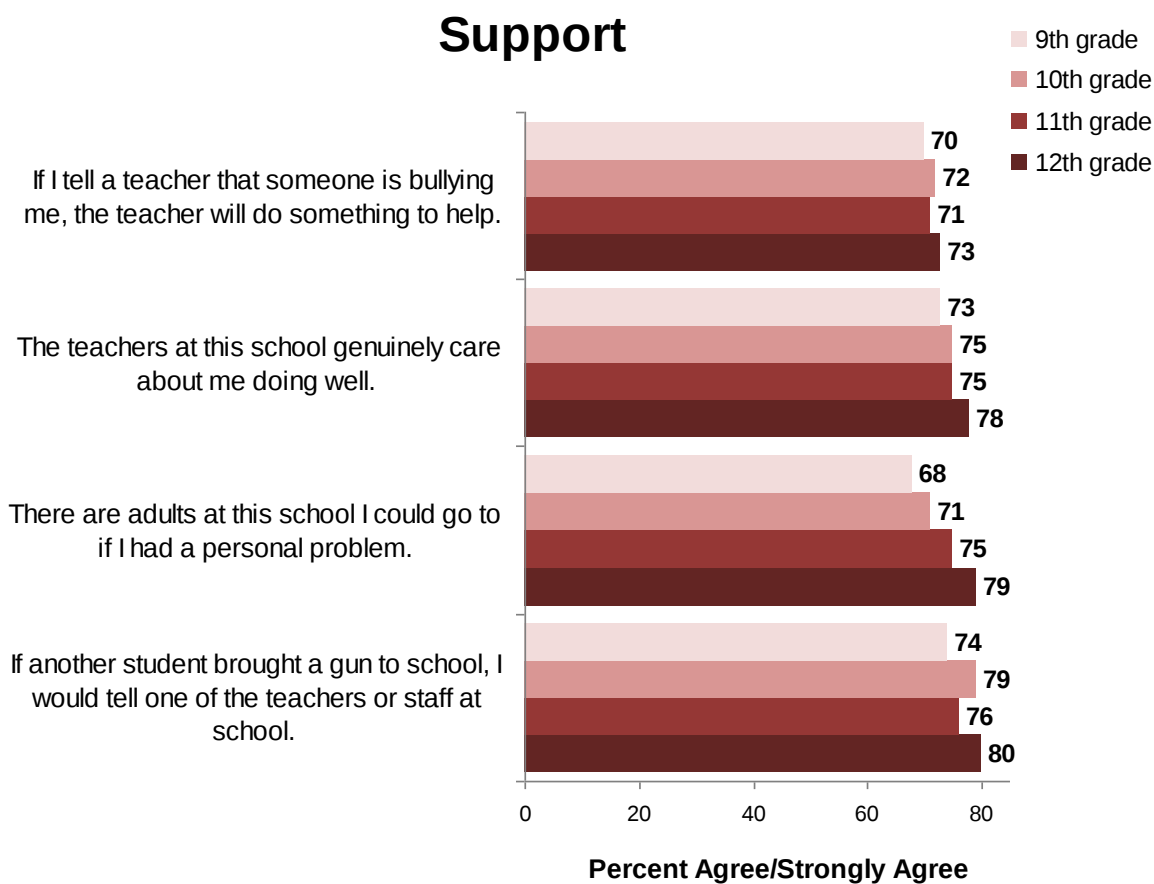
Our research has shown that the small number of students who express aggressive attitudes are at increased risk for aggressive behavior, disciplinary referrals, and bullying.

Teasing and Aggressive Attitudes



Help-Seeking Attitudes

Studies have shown that student willingness to seek help is a good indicator of a supportive school climate. Schools with a positive school climate tend to have fewer disciplinary problems, higher student engagement in learning, and overall higher academic achievement.



Seeking Help for Bullying

We recommend that students make an effort to stop bullying by telling the bully to stop and by speaking up when they see someone bullying someone else. However, if this does not work, and the student continues to be bullied, the student should seek help. The next set of questions asked students whether they had told anyone that they had been bullied in the past 30 days. (Note that students who had only been bullied one time could be included in these results, so that the totals are higher than the results for students who are bullied on a weekly basis.)

There were 402 (9%) students who reported, “I have been bullied, but I have not told anyone” and 305 (7%) students who reported, “I have told someone.” Students most often reported that they told a friend (184 students), a teacher or another adult at school (105), or a parent (153).

Seeking Help for Threats

We also asked students whether another student had threatened to harm them in the past 30 days. The majority (86%) of students said they had not been threatened. There were 441 (10%) students who said they had been threatened, but that the person did not really mean it and 163 (4%) who agreed, “I have been threatened and it was serious.”

All 604 students who said they were threatened were asked whether they told someone they had been threatened. Only 162 (27%) of the 604 threatened students said they had told someone. Students most often reported that they told a friend (95), a teacher or another adult at school (69), a family member (80), or someone else (33).

All of the students who said they were threatened were asked what happened. There were 435 (72% of those threatened) students who responded, “The threat is over and nothing happened,” 80 (13% of those threatened) who responded, “The threat is not over and might be carried out” and 77 (13% of those threatened) who responded, “The threat was carried out and the person tried to hurt me or did hurt me.”

Bullying Prevention Recommendations

High schools should make concerted efforts to establish cultures in which bullying and teasing others are not permitted. Here are some recommendations:

Establish bullying prevention as a schoolwide goal

- Include bullying reduction as a goal for school improvement.
- Discuss survey results with faculty to increase awareness of bullying, especially verbal bullying which is slightly more prevalent.
- Increase supervision at locations where bullying is most problematic such as hallways, the cafeteria, and outside schools.

Hold classroom meetings to discuss bullying. Topics that can be covered in these meetings

- Watch the 6-minute video “Bullying or Not?” Copies are available from the Safe Schools office or it can be downloaded from YouTube at <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iXXKMehgiAk>>.
- Discuss different forms of bullying and where bullying takes place.
- Ask why bullying is harmful and what can happen to victims of bullying.
- Discuss how to respond when someone bullies you or you witness someone bullying someone.

Identify victims of bullying

- Counselors should use the peer nomination list to identify possible victims.
- Increase supervision of areas where bullying takes place.
- Encourage students to come forward if they have been bullied.
- Encourage students to seek help for a peer who is being bullied.
- Teach students the difference between snitching for personal gain and seeking help.

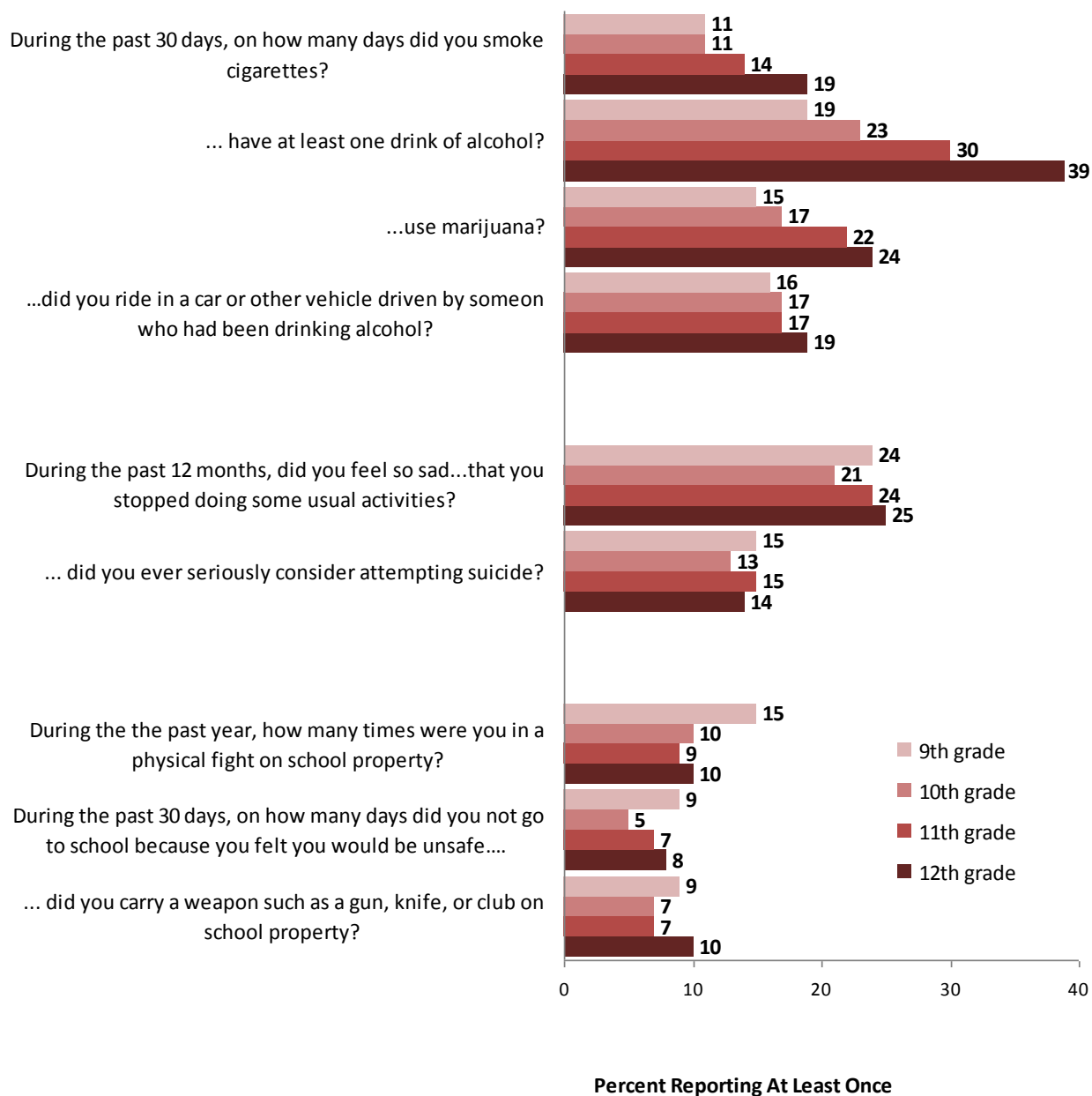
Engage parents in bullying prevention

- Share survey results with parents.
- Advise parents of the school’s policy toward bullying.
- Invite parents to contact the school with concerns about bullying.
- Make presentations to parent meetings.

Youth Risk Behaviors

The survey includes some standard items used on national surveys to assess the prevalence of high-risk behaviors. Students should be reminded of resources available in school to help with feelings of depression, substance abuse, and concerns about violence. It may be beneficial to share some of these results with students so that they do not overestimate how common it is for their peers to smoke, drink alcohol, or use other drugs.

Youth Risk Behaviors



Student honesty in survey reports

Most students answer surveys honestly and accurately, but a small proportion of students may answer in a careless or intentionally provocative manner. This survey includes a series of questions designed to identify *some* of the students whose answers are questionable. This provides schools with a gauge for assessing student engagement in the survey process. Studies have found that when students are not seriously engaged in the survey, rates of invalid and exaggerated responding increase. Therefore, it is important that school staff convey to students the importance of taking the survey seriously and answering it accurately.

This survey contained four validity check questions designed to detect students who answered in a careless or intentionally provocative manner.

Validity Check Questions	Percent who answered inappropriately
I am not paying attention to how I answer this survey	8%
I am telling the truth on this survey.	7%
The answers I have given on this survey are true.	3%
During the past 30 days, how many times did you use the drug known as “Panda B”? (Note: No drug called “Panda B” exists.)	8%
Answered at least one question inappropriately.	19%

Caveats. Percentage differences of just a few points can be due to chance variations. Student self-report surveys are vulnerable to exaggeration, misunderstanding, and under-reporting by some students. They are also influenced by classroom conditions and student engagement in the survey process. Therefore, surveys are most useful in indicating trends within a school rather than precise measures. Student surveys should be accompanied by other efforts to assess bullying and risky behaviors, such as interviews with students, class discussions, peer nomination procedures, and reviews of discipline referrals.

This report was completed by the Virginia Youth Violence Project of the Curry School of Education, University of Virginia. The survey period for the high schools ended on October 19, 2010. Final data for this report were received from October 21 to November 9, and the report was completed on November 14.

Summary of Survey Results: Demographics and Reports of Bullying

Overall HIGH SCHOOL

Total students completing the survey: (All numbers are in percent)		GENDER		Boys:	Girls:		
				48.7	51.3		
How old are you?	≤ 13	14	15	16	17	18	≥ 19
	1.8	19.0	24.0	23.8	24.2	5.2	2.1
What grade are you in?	9	10	11	12			
	27	25	25	24			
Are you Hispanic?	Yes	No					
	10.8	89.2					
What is your race?	Am-Indian /Alaskan	Asian	Black	White	Multi-racial	Other	
	2.0	4.6	15.3	58.9	6.0	13.1	

	Never	Once or Twice	About once per week	Several times per week
I have been bullied at school in the past month.	80.5%	13.0%	2.2%	4.3%
I have bullied others at school in the past month.	82.0%	12.0%	2.1%	3.8%
I have been physically bullied at school in the past month.	89.2%	6.3%	1.4%	3.0%
I have physically bullied others at school in the past month.	89.7%	6.1%	1.2%	3.0%
I have been verbally bullied at school in the past month.	74.0%	17.9%	2.8%	5.3%
I have verbally bullied others at school in the past month.	79.5%	13.5%	2.5%	4.5%
I have been socially bullied at school in the past month.	82.4%	12.0%	1.7%	4.0%
I have socially bullied others at school in the past month.	85.7%	9.3%	1.4%	3.6%
I have been cyber bullied at school in the past month.	87.1%	8.5%	1.2%	3.3%
I have cyber bullied others at school in the past month.	90.5%	5.7%	2.9%	2.9%

Summary of Survey Results: Bullying Reporting, Locations, and Peer Threats

Have you told anyone that you were bullied in the past 30 days at school?	
I have not been bullied	83.9%
I have been bullied, but I have not told anyone.	9.1%
I have told someone.	6.9%

If you told someone you were bullied in the previous question, whom did you tell?	
I told a friend	4.2%
I told a teacher or other adult at school	2.4%
I told a family member	3.5%

	Yes	No
Does bullying take place anywhere at school?	74.8%	25.2%

If bullying takes place, where does it occur?	Yes	No
Going to/from school	30.5%	69.5%
Restrooms	30.0%	70.0%
Outside	39.3%	60.7%
Hallways	54.6%	45.4%
Cafeteria	48.1%	51.9%
Classrooms	37.5%	62.5%
Gym/locker room	32.1%	67.9%

Has another student threatened to harm you in the past 30 days at school?	
I have not been threatened	86.3%
I have been threatened, but the person did not really mean it	10.0%
I have been threatened and it was serious	3.7%

What did the other student threaten to do to you? (only for students who reported being threatened)	
Nothing specific, just a threat to hurt or harm me	7.4%
Injure me without a weapon (for example, hit me)	3.2%
Injure me with a weapon such as a club, knife, or gun	2.9%

What happened with the threat? (only for students who reported being threatened)	
The threat is over and nothing happened	9.9%
The threat is not over and might be carried out	1.8%
The threat was carried out and the person tried to hurt me or did	1.8%

	Yes	No
Did you tell someone you have been threatened? (only for students who reported being threatened)	3.7%	9.6%

If you told someone you were threatened in the previous question, whom did you tell?	
I told a friend	2.2%
I told a teacher or other adult at school	1.6%
I told a family member	1.8%

Summary of Results: School Climate Items

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Bullying is a problem at this school.	20.8%	45.6%	24.7%	9.0%
If another student was bullying me, I would tell one of the teachers or staff at school.	18.0%	27.1%	37.9%	17.0%
It feels good when I hit someone.	47.5%	26.3%	14.1%	12.0%
Students here often get teased about their clothing or physical appearance.	17.4%	32.2%	34.6%	15.9%
Students here try to stop bullying when they see it happening.	24.0%	41.5%	28.6%	5.8%
If another student brought a gun to school, I would tell one of the teachers or staff at school.	12.7%	10.7%	22.7%	54.0%
If you fight a lot, everyone will look up to you.	50.3%	32.0%	10.2%	7.4%
Students here often get put down because of their race or ethnicity.	30.5%	40.1%	20.2%	9.2%
Teachers here make it clear to students that bullying is not tolerated.	14.9%	19.9%	42.3%	22.9%
If another student talked about killing someone, I would tell one of the teachers or staff at school.	12.1%	14.8%	32.3%	40.9%
Sometimes you only have two choices – get punched or punch the other person first.	28.2%	29.2%	22.5%	20.0%
I am telling the truth on this survey.	5.1%	2.5%	20.1%	72.3%
If I tell a teacher that someone is bullying me, the teacher will do something to help.	12.6%	16.3%	51.8%	19.3%
There are adults at this school I could go to if I had a personal problem.	12.5%	14.9%	47.4%	25.2%
If you are afraid to fight, you won't have many friends.	45.9%	38.9%	9.3%	5.9%
Students tell teachers when other students are being bullied.	23.1%	47.3%	24.1%	5.5%
The teachers at this school genuinely care about me doing well.	12.0%	13.2%	52.6%	22.1%
I am not paying attention to how I answer this survey.	70.7%	21.5%	3.5%	4.3%
If someone threatens you, it is okay to hit that person.	31.3%	42.8%	16.3%	9.7%
There is a lot of teasing about sexual topics at this school.	16.2%	32.0%	32.3%	19.5%
Students who are bullied or teased mostly deserve it.	46.6%	39.3%	8.8%	5.2%
Bullying is sometimes fun to do.	49.4%	31.3%	14.1%	5.2%
Students in this school belong to groups that don't get along with one another.	21.5%	35.0%	30.8%	12.7%

Summary of Results: Risky Behaviors

	0	1-2 Days	3-9 Days	10-19 Days	20-30 Days
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?	86.3%	3.6%	1.9%	1.7%	6.5%
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?	73.1%	12.5%	7.5%	2.2%	4.6%

	0	1-2 Times	3-9 Times	10-19 Times	20 or more times
During the past 30 days, how many times did you smoke marijuana?	80.7%	5.5%	3.7%	2.2%	7.9%
During the past 30 days, how many times did you use the drug known as "Panda B"?	92.3%	1.0%	0.5%	0.3%	6.0%

	0	1-2 Times	3-9 Times	10-19 Times	20 or more times
During the past 30 days, how many times did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?	83.0%	7.0%	4.3%	1.1%	4.5%
During the past 30 days, how many times did you drive a car or other vehicle when you had been drinking alcohol?	91.9%	2.8%	1.2%	0.7%	3.3%

	0	1 Day	2-3 Days	4-5 Days	6 or more days
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?	74.1%	8.8%	7.5%	3.3%	6.3%
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?	84.1%	5.4%	3.7%	2.1%	4.7%

	0	1-2 Times	3-9 Times	10-19 Times	20 or more times
During the past 30 days, how many times do you think a typical student in your school rode in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?	41.6%	20.4%	23.1%	6.5%	8.4%
During the past 30 days, how many times do you think a typical student at your school drove a car or other vehicle when they have been drinking alcohol?	46.0%	22.0%	19.2%	5.0%	7.8%

Summary of Results: Risky Behaviors (continued)

	0	1 Day	2-3 Days	4-5 Days	6 or more days
During the past 30 days, on how many days do you think the typical student at your school had at least one drink of alcohol?	32.4%	16.1%	24.9%	12.1%	14.5%
During the past 30 days, on how many days do you think the typical student at your school had 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?	43.0%	20.7%	19.0%	6.9%	10.4%

	0	1 Day	2-3 Days	4-5 Days	6 or more days
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property?	91.9%	2.2%	1.3%	0.6%	4.0%
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to school?	92.9%	2.5%	1.1%	0.5%	2.9%

	0	1 Time	2-3 Times	4-5 Times	6 or more times
During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight on school property?	89.1%	4.3%	2.2%	0.9%	3.4%
During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?	76.7%	8.2%	6.0%	2.3%	6.9%
During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?	85.8%	5.6%	2.9%	1.2%	4.5%

Breakdowns by Grade and Gender: Bullying Reports

Definition of Bullying: Bullying is defined as the use of one's strength or popularity to injure, threaten, or embarrass another person. Bullying can be physical, verbal, or social. It is not bullying when two students of about the same strength argue or fight.

The answers below are based on the above definition of bullying	GRADE	Never			Once or Twice			About once per week			Several times per week		
		Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ
By this definition, I have been bullied at school in the past month.	9	470	443	913	80	83	163	13	16	29	27	33	60
	10	433	442	875	100	62	162	7	14	21	10	25	35
	11	445	434	879	83	54	137	14	11	25	13	37	50
	12	467	388	855	64	48	112	9	13	22	17	26	43
	Σ	1815	1,707	3,522	327	247	574	43	54	97	67	121	188
By this definition, I have bullied others at school in the past month.	9	488	437	925	65	83	148	8	13	21	23	36	59
	10	481	427	908	55	71	126	4	22	26	7	20	27
	11	464	416	880	68	72	140	7	14	21	9	30	39
	12	472	369	841	55	61	116	9	15	24	17	26	43
	Σ	1905	1,649	3,554	243	287	530	28	64	92	56	112	168

Physical Bullying: repeatedly hitting, kicking, or shoving someone weaker on purpose	GRADE	Never			Once or Twice			About once per week			Several times per week		
		Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ
By this definition, I have been physically bullied at school in the past month.	9	529	473	1,002	30	59	89	6	12	18	19	26	45
	10	513	470	983	30	46	76	1	10	11	4	18	22
	11	502	462	964	35	37	72	8	11	19	7	23	30
	12	515	421	936	19	23	42	7	7	14	10	27	37
	Σ	2,059	1,826	3,885	114	165	279	22	40	62	40	94	134
By this definition, I have physically bullied others at school in the past month.	9	531	478	1,009	28	48	76	6	11	17	17	31	48
	10	517	467	984	21	44	65	3	9	12	4	18	22
	11	508	458	966	31	39	70	3	10	13	5	25	30
	12	515	405	920	18	41	59	4	5	9	13	21	34
	Σ	2,071	1,808	3,879	98	172	270	16	35	51	39	95	134

Verbal Bullying: repeatedly teasing, putting down, or insulting someone on purpose	GRADE	Never			Once or Twice			About once per week			Several times per week		
		Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ
By this definition, I have been verbally bullied at school in the past month.	9	410	415	825	121	87	208	13	20	33	34	45	79
	10	408	389	797	118	100	218	12	18	30	10	39	49
	11	402	396	798	116	89	205	16	13	29	21	39	60
	12	430	367	797	94	62	156	14	18	32	18	29	47
	Σ	1,650	1,567	3,217	449	338	787	55	69	124	83	152	235
By this definition, I have verbally bullied others at school in the past month.	9	455	431	886	91	78	169	9	20	29	23	37	60
	10	449	411	860	77	84	161	8	14	22	9	33	42
	11			-			-			-			0
	12	460	365	825	64	59	123	10	14	24	18	33	51
	Σ	1,364	1,207	2,571	232	221	453	27	48	75	50	103	153

Social Bullying: getting others to repeatedly ignore or leave someone out on purpose	GRADE	Never			Once or Twice			About once per week			Several times per week		
		Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ
By this definition, I have been socially bullied at school in the past month.	9	465	469	934	87	64	151	9	8	17	27	29	56
	10	451	457	908	81	55	136	6	10	16	11	23	34
	11	452	445	897	77	54	131	13	11	24	12	30	42
	12	466	400	866	68	42	110	10	6	16	13	30	43
	Σ	1,834	1,771	3,605	313	215	528	38	35	73	63	112	175
By this definition, I have socially bullied others at school in the past month.	9	507	478	985	50	51	101	7	8	15	18	34	52
	10	472	455	927	57	61	118	4	10	14	9	18	27
	11	483	451	934	57	48	105	3	10	13	6	30	36
	12	484	395	879	47	38	85	8	12	20	16	27	43
	Σ	1,946	1,779	3,725	211	198	409	22	40	62	49	109	158

Cyber Bullying: using technology (cell phone, email, internet chat and posting, etc.) to tease or put down someone	GRADE	Never			Once or Twice			About once per week			Several times per week		
		Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ
By this definition, I have been cyber bullied at school in the past month.	9	495	503	998	70	38	108	6	5	11	17	23	40
	10	482	489	971	55	33	88	4	6	10	9	19	28
	11	481	469	950	58	37	95	7	9	16	7	25	32
	12	479	411	890	54	30	84	5	9	14	17	26	43
	Σ	1,937	1,872	3,809	237	138	375	22	29	51	50	93	143
By this definition, I have cyber bullied others at school in the past month.	9	509	508	1,017	50	28	78	8	3	11	15	30	45
	10	496	489	985	41	26	67	2	5	7	4	20	24
	11	520	476	996	22	26	48	2	9	11	2	25	27
	12	507	421	928	30	26	56	5	7	12	11	21	32
	Σ	2,032	1,894	3,926	143	106	249	17	24	41	32	96	128

Breakdowns by Grade and Gender: Bullying Reporting and Locations

Have you told anyone that you were bullied in the past 30 days at school?				
		Girls	Boys	Σ
I have not been bullied	9	475	480	955
	10	466	467	933
	11	458	58	516
	12	478	409	887
	Σ	1877	1,414	3291
I have been bullied, but I have not told anyone.	9	57	69	126
	10	44	52	96
	11	48	590	638
	12	36	46	82
	Σ	185	757	942
I have told someone.	9	58	28	86
	10	43	29	72
	11	50	466	516
	12	44	23	67
	Σ	195	546	741
If you told someone you were bullied in the previous question, whom did you tell?				
		Girls	Boys	Σ
I told a friend	9	30	13	43
	10	20	14	34
	11	33	23	56
	12	36	15	51
	Σ	119	65	184
I told a teacher or other adult at school	9	15	8	23
	10	11	11	22
	11	23	11	34
	12	16	10	26
	Σ	65	40	105
I told a family member	9	27	12	39
	10	24	13	37
	11	26	9	35
	12	31	11	42
	Σ	108	45	153
Does bullying take place anywhere at school?				
		Yes		No
		Girls	Boys	Σ
Does bullying take place anywhere at school?	9	434	389	823
	10	450	393	843
	11	433	393	826
	12	437	364	801
	Σ	1754	1,539	3,293
If bullying takes place, where does it occur?				
		Girls	Boys	Σ
Going to/from school	9	162	160	322
	10	183	173	356
	11	170	165	335
	12	177	154	331
	Σ	692	652	1344
Restrooms	9	166	148	314
	10	165	166	331
	11	159	177	336
	12	169	170	339
	Σ	659	661	1320
Outside	9	222	197	419
	10	217	207	424
	11	241	197	438
	12	253	196	449
	Σ	933	797	1,730
Hallways	9	323	267	590
	10	338	274	612
	11	333	270	603
	12	347	250	597
	Σ	1,341	1,061	2,402
Cafeteria	9	10	206	216
	10	302	251	553
	11	294	252	546
	12	304	230	534
	Σ	910	939	1,849
Classrooms	9	214	167	381
	10	219	200	419
	11	239	202	441
	12	221	187	408
	Σ	893	756	1,649
Gym/locker room	9	157	158	315
	10	194	197	391
	11	161	201	362
	12	165	178	343
	Σ	677	734	1,411

Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.

Breakdowns by Grade and Gender: Student Threats

Has another student threatened to harm you in the past 30 days at school?				
		Girls	Boys	Σ
I have not been threatened	9	516	472	988
	10	490	455	945
	11	493	461	954
	12	511	398	909
	Σ	2010	1,786	3796
I have been threatened, but the person did not really mean it	9	51	76	127
	10	53	75	128
	11	48	60	108
	12	33	45	78
	Σ	185	256	441
I have been threatened and it was serious	9	23	29	52
	10	10	18	28
	11	15	19	34
	12	14	35	49
	Σ	62	101	163

What did the other student threaten to do to you? (only for students who reported being threatened)				
		Girls	Boys	Σ
Nothing specific, just a threat to hurt or harm me	9	37	54	91
	10	43	49	92
	11	37	39	76
	12	29	36	65
	Σ	146	178	324
Injure me without a weapon (for example, hit me)	9	19	30	49
	10	13	18	31
	11	19	16	35
	12	7	17	24
	Σ	58	81	139
Injure me with a weapon such as a club, knife, or gun	9	16	19	35
	10	6	23	29
	11	6	20	26
	12	10	27	37
	Σ	38	89	127

What happened with the threat? (only for students who reported being threatened)				
		Girls	Boys	Σ
The threat is over and nothing happened	9	55	68	123
	10	52	68	120
	11	49	58	107
	12	36	49	85
	Σ	192	243	435
The threat is not over and might be carried out	9	5	19	24
	10	5	14	19
	11	7	11	18
	12	5	14	19
	Σ	22	58	80
The threat was carried out and the person tried to hurt me or did hurt me	9	13	14	27
	10	4	10	14
	11	6	7	13
	12	6	17	23
	Σ	29	48	77

Did you tell someone you have been threatened? (only for students who reported being threatened)				
		Yes		
		Girls	Boys	Σ
	9	21	26	47
	10	19	18	37
	11	24	15	39
	12	20	19	39
	Σ	84	78	162

If you told someone you were threatened in the previous question, whom did you tell?				
		Girls	Boys	Σ
I told a friend	9	6	14	20
	10	10	10	20
	11	17	11	28
	12	17	10	27
	Σ	50	45	95
I told a teacher or other adult at school	9	8	7	15
	10	8	4	12
	11	10	9	19
	12	13	10	23
	Σ	39	30	69
I told a family member	9	9	11	20
	10	13	9	22
	11	12	6	18
	12	14	6	20
	Σ	48	32	80

Breakdowns by Gender and Grade: School Climate Items

	GRADE	Strongly Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Strongly Agree		
		Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ
Bullying is a problem at this school.	9	105	130	235	287	245	532	152	132	284	40	68	108
	10	77	135	212	264	242	506	161	121	282	50	47	97
	11	77	141	218	264	238	502	169	103	272	45	55	100
	12	99	128	227	255	210	465	161	88	249	41	49	90
	Σ	358	534	892	1070	935	2005	643	444	1087	176	219	395
If another student was bullying me, I would tell one of the teachers or staff at school.	9	69	134	203	135	130	265	260	214	474	125	92	217
	10	64	115	179	157	167	324	244	178	422	87	84	171
	11	64	140	204	168	137	305	238	172	410	86	85	171
	12	68	116	184	163	134	297	220	141	361	104	85	189
	Σ	265	505	770	623	568	1191	962	705	1667	402	346	748
It feels good when I hit someone.	9	312	189	501	155	171	326	61	104	165	51	105	156
	10	309	205	514	149	147	296	52	107	159	36	86	122
	11	325	182	507	129	152	281	69	104	173	29	98	127
	12	335	185	520	125	130	255	50	75	125	42	83	125
	Σ	1,281	761	2042	558	600	1158	232	390	622	158	372	530
Students here often get teased about their clothing or physical appearance.	9	83	129	212	209	186	395	194	166	360	94	91	185
	10	62	96	158	162	192	354	235	172	407	90	84	174
	11	84	163	247	165	182	347	211	82	293	93	536	629
	12	67	94	161	178	160	338	216	145	361	91	75	166
	Σ	296	482	778	714	720	1434	856	565	1421	368	766	1154
Students here try to stop bullying when they see it happening.	9	104	169	273	129	211	340	47	151	198	583	43	626
	10	109	150	259	247	219	466	168	148	316	27	29	56
	11	118	150	268	248	211	459	163	139	302	24	34	58
	12	114	111	225	251	194	445	168	123	291	22	45	67
	Σ	445	580	1025	875	835	1710	546	561	1107	656	151	807
If another student brought a gun to school, I would tell one of the teachers or staff at school.	9	61	102	163	63	76	139	130	125	255	330	270	600
	10	30	84	114	45	69	114	159	135	294	316	257	573
	11	43	100	143	49	66	115	138	109	247	323	260	583
	12	42	477	519	43	61	104	108	63	171	362	130	492
	Σ	176	763	939	200	272	472	535	432	967	1,331	917	2,248
If you fight a lot, everyone will look up to you.	9	339	206	545	164	218	382	45	92	137	38	56	94
	10	306	209	515	184	204	388	46	81	127	16	50	66
	11	356	219	575	145	189	334	38	68	106	14	60	74
	12	359	194	553	134	171	305	36	44	80	28	64	92
	Σ	1,360	828	2188	627	782	1409	165	285	450	96	230	326
Students here often get put down because of their race or ethnicity.	9	158	181	339	249	205	454	129	120	249	47	64	111
	10	133	150	283	261	221	482	112	116	228	45	60	105
	11	176	171	347	226	188	414	109	117	226	43	56	99
	12	163	174	337	235	181	416	120	67	187	36	52	88
	Σ	630	676	1306	971	795	1766	470	420	890	171	232	403
Teachers here make it clear to students that bullying is not tolerated.	9	65	117	182	131	108	239	254	224	478	132	123	255
	10	54	87	141	120	121	241	262	207	469	112	129	241
	11	67	93	160	115	96	211	242	218	460	129	125	254
	12	64	71	135	97	89	186	268	184	452	555	131	686
	Σ	250	368	618	463	414	877	1,026	833	1859	928	508	1436
If another student talked about killing someone, I would tell one of the teachers or staff at school.	9	56	90	146	74	101	175	182	165	347	268	213	481
	10	33	72	105	72	103	175	197	190	387	244	181	425
	11	39	87	126	72	98	170	194	161	355	250	188	438
	12	43	73	116	63	66	129	183	147	330	265	190	455
	Σ	171	322	493	281	368	649	756	663	1419	1,027	772	1799
Sometimes you only have two choices – get punched or punch the other person first.	9	200	104	304	197	152	349	111	132	243	78	179	257
	10	175	111	286	202	142	344	105	160	265	71	131	202
	11	188	112	300	195	130	325	108	151	259	62	145	207
	12	213	105	318	167	101	268	110	115	225	64	152	216
	Σ	776	432	1208	761	525	1286	434	558	992	275	607	882
I am telling the truth on this survey.	9	26	41	67	15	22	37	108	125	233	437	384	821
	10	10	23	33	7	17	24	124	114	238	411	394	805
	11	16	37	53	10	12	22	122	107	229	406	382	788
	12	23	29	52	9	16	25	93	92	185	429	339	768
	Σ	75	130	205	41	67	108	447	438	885	1,683	1,499	3182

Breakdowns by Gender and Grade: School Climate Items (continued)

	GRADE	Strongly Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Strongly Agree		
If I tell a teacher that someone is bullying me, the teacher will do something to help.	9	58	106	164	79	98	177	313	259	572	134	106	240
	10	30	90	120	101	90	191	317	274	591	104	89	193
	11	45	83	128	94	94	188	326	269	595	90	91	181
	12	52	61	113	91	70	161	287	235	522	126	108	234
	Σ	185	340	525	365	352	717	1,243	1,037	2,280	454	394	848
There are adults at this school I could go to if I had a personal problem.	9	63	103	166	107	95	202	279	266	545	133	108	241
	10	35	91	126	95	96	191	279	246	525	142	110	252
	11	40	77	117	81	73	154	283	261	544	151	125	276
	12	47	64	111	54	56	110	258	215	473	196	142	338
	Σ	185	335	520	337	320	657	1,099	988	2,087	622	485	1,107
If you are afraid to fight, you won't have many friends.	9	308	179	487	206	265	471	36	74	110	33	45	78
	10	262	192	454	219	240	459	53	73	126	17	38	55
	11	312	218	530	202	214	416	30	60	90	10	44	54
	12	311	200	511	189	176	365	32	53	85	25	47	72
	Σ	1,193	789	1,982	816	895	1,711	151	260	411	85	174	259
Students tell teachers when other students are being bullied.	9	103	157	260	289	244	533	157	128	285	32	38	70
	10	114	135	249	293	241	534	124	135	259	17	33	50
	11	110	137	247	287	232	519	132	137	269	21	32	53
	12	103	110	213	296	198	494	121	127	248	31	40	71
	Σ	430	539	969	1,165	915	2,080	534	527	1,061	101	143	244
The teachers at this school genuinely care about me doing well.	9	53	94	147	78	80	158	320	268	588	127	127	254
	10	40	72	112	72	87	159	335	269	604	105	119	224
	11	41	76	117	88	69	157	311	280	591	113	111	224
	12	56	60	116	55	53	108	295	238	533	150	122	272
	Σ	190	302	492	293	289	582	1,261	1,055	2,316	495	479	974
I am not paying attention to how I answer this survey.	9	414	378	792	122	115	237	25	33	58	22	41	63
	10	390	381	771	133	118	251	16	21	37	13	25	38
	11	381	383	764	149	104	253	10	20	30	15	28	43
	12	405	348	753	119	85	204	13	17	30	20	27	47
	Σ	1,590	1,490	3,080	523	422	945	64	91	155	70	121	191
If someone threatens you, it is okay to hit that person.	9	215	120	335	253	241	494	73	108	181	41	90	131
	10	192	126	318	259	231	490	71	121	192	29	69	98
	11	209	125	334	236	221	457	70	109	179	32	73	105
	12	233	98	331	237	204	441	56	108	164	28	65	93
	Σ	849	469	1,318	985	897	1,882	270	446	716	130	297	427
There is a lot of teasing about sexual topics at this school.	9	76	107	183	191	186	377	185	148	333	128	126	254
	10	50	86	136	169	166	335	205	183	388	128	111	239
	11	77	101	178	188	153	341	187	181	368	104	99	203
	12	90	89	179	191	162	353	189	145	334	84	79	163
	Σ	293	383	676	739	667	1,406	766	657	1,423	444	415	859
Students who are bullied or teased mostly deserve it.	9	288	226	514	216	231	447	46	63	109	33	42	75
	10	255	213	468	241	237	478	41	63	104	11	34	45
	11	300	197	497	213	222	435	28	76	104	11	39	50
	12	327	200	527	187	184	371	25	47	72	15	44	59
	Σ	1,170	836	2,006	857	874	1,731	140	249	389	70	159	229
Bullying is sometimes fun to do.	9	326	236	562	166	195	361	59	94	153	32	39	71
	10	289	228	517	186	182	368	64	105	169	11	31	42
	11	317	214	531	160	184	344	63	95	158	14	42	56
	12	344	180	524	139	166	305	52	88	140	18	41	59
	Σ	1,276	858	2,134	651	727	1,378	238	382	620	75	153	228
Students in this school belong to groups that don't get along with one another.	9	120	146	266	235	189	424	164	146	310	62	88	150
	10	92	114	206	185	209	394	212	155	367	63	69	132
	11	116	115	231	198	190	388	181	156	337	59	75	134
	12	105	108	213	172	163	335	211	129	340	67	76	143
	Σ	433	483	916	790	751	1,541	768	586	1,354	251	308	559

Breakdowns by Grade and Gender: Risky Behaviors

	GRADE	0			1-2 Days			3-9 Days			10-19 Days			20-30 Days		
		Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?	9	526	503	1029	22	21	43	8	9	17	1	8	9	30	32	62
	10	498	477	975	12	15	27	10	13	23	12	9	21	20	29	49
	11	497	442	939	15	25	40	15	11	26	7	8	15	20	51	71
	12	460	371	831	30	18	48	10	9	19	16	14	30	39	64	103
	Σ	1981	1,793	3774	79	79	158	43	42	85	36	39	75	109	176	285
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?	9	482	456	938	50	45	95	21	20	41	7	12	19	26	34	60
	10	430	417	847	67	58	125	32	34	66	12	8	20	9	26	35
	11	394	368	762	87	75	162	44	47	91	15	15	30	11	32	43
	12	351	281	632	110	60	170	63	71	134	13	16	29	20	45	65
	Σ	1,657	1,522	3179	314	238	552	160	172	332	47	51	98	66	137	203

	GRADE	0			1-2 Times			3-9 Times			10-19 Times			20 or more times		
		Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ
During the past 30 days, how many times did you smoke marijuana?	9	524	459	983	21	30	51	14	21	35	3	16	19	25	48	73
	10	477	434	911	26	29	55	17	24	41	11	17	28	18	41	59
	11	473	384	857	30	33	63	15	35	50	9	18	27	28	68	96
	12	454	327	781	46	27	73	13	22	35	7	16	23	37	84	121
	Σ	1928	1,604	3532	123	119	242	59	102	161	30	67	97	108	241	349
During the past 30 days, how many times did you use the drug known as "Panda B"?	9	542	512	1054	5	14	19	4	4	8	2	3	5	31	41	72
	10	531	491	1022	4	9	13	2	1	3	1	2	3	15	40	55
	11	531	466	997	3	7	10	2	4	6	-	2	2	15	59	74
	12	526	432	958	1	2	3	2	2	4	1	2	3	26	35	61
	Σ	2,130	1,901	4031	13	32	45	10	11	21	4	9	13	87	175	262

	GRADE	0			1-2 Times			3-9 Times			10-19 Times			20 or more times		
		Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ
During the past 30 days, how many times did you ride in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?	9	500	467	967	35	31	66	16	22	38	5	6	11	31	40	71
	10	455	452	907	42	38	80	33	21	54	6	7	13	15	25	40
	11	460	444	904	48	31	79	26	21	47	7	6	13	10	31	41
	12	456	380	836	47	37	84	30	19	49	3	9	12	20	28	48
	Σ	1871	1,743	3614	172	137	309	105	83	188	21	28	49	76	124	200
During the past 30 days, how many times did you drive a car or other vehicle when you had been drinking alcohol?	9	540	516	1056	12	12	24	4	5	9	4	8	12	23	29	52
	10	531	506	1037	6	11	17	5	9	14	4	4	8	7	15	22
	11	516	480	996	19	23	42	7	7	14	2	1	3	5	21	26
	12	508	407	915	17	24	41	7	9	16	3	6	9	17	29	46
	Σ	2,095	1,909	4004	54	70	124	23	30	53	13	19	32	52	94	146

	GRADE	0			1-2 Times			3-9 Times			10-19 Times			20 or more times		
		Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?	9	480	462	942	43	35	78	23	25	48	10	12	22	28	36	64
	10	428	423	851	53	45	98	35	29	64	15	15	30	16	29	45
	11	400	381	781	59	47	106	43	51	94	24	14	38	24	38	62
	12	351	290	641	67	38	105	77	48	125	29	26	55	32	73	105
	Σ	1,659	1,556	3215	222	165	387	178	153	331	78	67	145	100	176	276
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?	9	527	500	1027	19	21	40	6	11	17	9	6	15	24	32	56
	10	486	476	962	24	21	45	12	14	26	12	11	23	15	21	36
	11	477	432	909	30	36	66	21	29	50	10	6	16	11	30	41
	12	429	328	757	57	28	85	32	39	71	12	28	40	24	50	74
	Σ	1,919	1,736	3655	130	106	236	71	93	164	43	51	94	74	133	207

	GRADE	0			1-2 Times			3-9 Times			10-19 Times			20 or more times		
		Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ
During the past 30 days, how many times do you think a typical student in your school rode in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol?	9	261	321	582	124	100	224	128	85	213	21	26	47	49	40	89
	10	157	250	407	135	101	236	167	120	287	49	30	79	42	40	82
	11	186	242	428	119	98	217	157	106	263	55	28	83	35	61	96
	12	157	220	377	130	89	219	169	85	254	49	28	77	52	50	102
	Σ	761	1,033	1794	508	388	896	621	396	1017	174	112	286	178	191	369
During the past 30 days, how many times do you think a typical student at your school drove a car or other vehicle when they have been drinking alcohol?	9	294	348	642	115	104	219	107	65	172	23	16	39	45	38	83
	10	186	280	466	153	118	271	148	78	226	31	25	56	32	41	73
	11	203	266	469	133	115	248	146	77	223	36	20	56	35	55	90
	12	176	231	407	138	92	230	145	78	223	47	23	70	49	50	99
	Σ	859	1,125	1984	539	429	968	546	298	844	137	84	221	161	184	345

Breakdowns by Grade and Gender: Risky Behaviors (continued)

	GRADE	0			1-2 Times			3-9 Times			10-19 Times			20 or more times		
		Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ
During the past 30 days, on how many days do you think the typical student at your school had at least one drink of alcohol?	9	212	270	482	111	95	206	138	101	239	42	37	79	78	67	145
	10	125	205	330	95	96	191	176	131	307	77	54	131	78	59	137
	11	133	186	319	79	92	171	152	118	270	104	59	163	84	81	165
	12	105	150	255	64	76	140	165	115	280	106	53	159	114	79	193
	Σ	575	811	1386	349	359	708	631	465	1096	329	203	532	354	286	640
During the past 30 days, on how many days do you think the typical student at your school had 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?	9	293	346	639	134	83	217	84	70	154	18	23	41	56	51	107
	10	211	261	472	134	122	256	114	95	209	35	28	63	57	39	96
	11	188	234	422	127	115	242	123	96	219	66	25	91	49	567	616
	12	149	174	323	112	83	195	154	102	256	62	46	108	77	65	142
	Σ	841	1,015	1856	507	403	910	475	363	838	181	122	303	239	722	961

	GRADE	0			1 Day			2-3 Days			4-5 Days			6 or more days		
		Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property?	9	543	501	1,044	9	17	26	5	10	15	1	8	9	26	29	55
	10	529	495	1,024	9	17	26	7	10	17	1	5	6	6	17	23
	11	536	475	1,011	6	13	19	3	8	11	0	4	4	5	33	38
	12	513	412	925	10	14	24	3	12	15	4	4	8	25	34	59
	Σ	2,121	1,883	4,004	34	61	95	18	40	58	6	21	27	62	113	175
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to school?	9	533	514	1,047	17	14	31	7	9	16	3	5	8	23	22	45
	10	528	505	1,033	9	16	25	5	5	10	3	5	8	5	11	16
	11	518	492	1,010	20	14	34	6	7	13	2	2	4	3	22	25
	12	514	437	951	15	6	21	6	-	6	1	-	1	15	28	43
	Σ	2,093	1,948	4,041	61	50	111	24	21	45	9	12	21	46	83	129

	GRADE	0			1 Time			2-3 Times			4-5 Times			6 or more times		
		Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ	Girls	Boys	Σ
During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight on school property?	9	514	470	984	29	32	61	10	25	35	2	11	13	27	32	59
	10	517	468	985	19	38	57	4	17	21	2	6	8	6	15	21
	11	549	462	1,010	19	25	44	3	18	21	2	5	7	3	28	31
	12	511	419	930	13	16	29	11	9	20	7	4	11	16	24	40
	Σ	2,090	1,819	3,909	80	111	191	28	69	97	13	26	39	52	99	151
During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?	9	419	457	876	70	36	106	40	30	70	10	10	20	45	33	78
	10	417	450	867	57	32	89	39	25	64	13	4	17	25	35	60
	11	394	432	826	47	25	72	52	21	73	23	12	35	37	48	85
	12	398	376	774	63	29	92	41	18	59	15	13	28	41	38	79
	Σ	1,628	1,715	3,343	237	122	359	172	94	266	61	39	100	148	154	302
During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?	9	489	489	978	40	31	71	15	8	23	7	11	18	35	29	64
	10	477	477	954	34	24	58	20	17	37	7	2	9	12	25	37
	11	468	460	928	39	20	59	26	12	38	7	7	14	13	39	52
	12	477	414	891	36	21	57	17	12	29	6	6	12	22	24	46
	Σ	1,911	1,840	3,751	149	96	245	78	49	127	27	26	53	82	117	199

The precise numbers of students engaged in risky behaviors (e.g., marijuana use, weapon-carrying) must be interpreted with caution because in any survey a few students will give exaggerated reports.

These results show that relatively few middle school students are engaged in high frequencies of substance use. However, studies of young adults with substance abuse problems do confirm that use can begin in middle school.

The somewhat higher numbers of students reporting symptoms of depression and suicidal thoughts suggests that there is a small group of students who could benefit from intervention.