

In-School Core Survey

Middle School Questionnaire

2021-2022

This survey asks about your behavior, experiences, and attitudes related to your school, health, and well-being. The survey also includes questions about use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, and bullying and violence.

You do not have to answer these questions, but your answers will be very helpful in improving school and health programs. **You will be able to answer** whether or not you have done or experienced any of these things.

Please do not write your name on this form or the answer sheet. Do not identify yourself in any other way.

Please mark all of your answers on the answer sheet. Fill in the bubbles neatly with a **#2 pencil**. Do not write on the questionnaire. Mark only one answer unless told to ***“Mark All That Apply.”***

This survey asks about things you may have done during different periods of time, such as during your **lifetime** (you ever did something), or the past **12 months**, or **30 days**. Each provides different information. Please pay careful attention to these time periods.

Thank you for taking this survey!

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Your School Schedule

This year, some students have returned to their school buildings to attend school. Some students are working from home and not going to the school buildings at all. And some students are doing a combination of both.

1. Which of the following best describes your school schedule during the past 30 days?
 - A) I went to school in person at my school building for the entire day, Monday through Friday. [**In-School Model**]
 - B) I participated in school from home for the entire day on most or all weekdays and did not go to school in person. [**Remote Learning Model**]
 - C) I went to school in person at my school building for the entire day on some weekdays and participated in school from home on other weekdays. [**Hybrid Model**]
 - D) I went to school in person at my school building for half of the day and participated in classes from home during the other half of the day on most or all weekdays. [**Hybrid Model**]

Next, we would like some background information about you.

2. What grade are you in?
 - A) 6th grade
 - B) 7th grade
 - C) 8th grade
 - D) 9th grade
 - E) 10th grade
 - F) 11th grade
 - G) 12th grade
 - H) Other grade
 - I) Ungraded
3. What is your gender?
 - A) Male
 - B) Female
 - C) Nonbinary
 - D) Something else
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?
 - A) No, I am not transgender
 - B) Yes, I am transgender
 - C) I am not sure if I am transgender
 - D) Decline to respond

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5. Which of the following best describes you?
- A) Straight (not gay)
 - B) Lesbian or Gay
 - C) Bisexual
 - D) Something else
 - E) Not sure
 - F) Decline to respond
6. What is your race or ethnicity? *(Mark All That Apply.)*
- A) American Indian or Alaska Native
 - B) Asian or Asian American
 - C) Black or African American
 - D) Hispanic or Latinx
 - E) Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 - F) White
 - G) Something else
7. If you are Asian or Pacific Islander, which groups best describe you? *(Mark All That Apply.)*
If you are **not** of Asian or Pacific Islander background, mark "A) Does not apply."
- A) Does not apply; I am not Asian or Pacific Islander
 - B) Asian Indian
 - C) Cambodian
 - D) Chinese
 - E) Filipino
 - F) Hmong
 - G) Japanese
 - H) Korean
 - I) Laotian
 - J) Vietnamese
 - K) Native Hawaiian, Guamanian, Samoan, Tahitian, or other Pacific Islander
 - L) Other Asian
8. If you are Hispanic or Latinx, which groups best describe you? *(Mark All That Apply.)*
If you are **not** of Hispanic or Latinx background, mark "A) Does not apply."
- A) Does not apply; I am not Hispanic or Latinx
 - B) Colombian
 - C) Cuban
 - D) Dominican
 - E) Guatemalan
 - F) Honduran
 - G) Mexican
 - H) Puerto Rican
 - I) Salvadoran
 - J) Other Hispanic or Latinx

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9. What best describes where you live? A home includes a house, apartment, trailer, or mobile home.
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| A) A home with one or more parent or guardian | E) Foster home, group care, or waiting placement |
| B) Other relative's home | F) Hotel or motel |
| C) A home with more than one family | G) Shelter, car, campground, or other transitional or temporary housing |
| D) Friend's home | H) Other living arrangement |
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.**)
- A) Did not finish high school
 - B) Graduated from high school
 - C) Attended college but did not complete four-year degree
 - D) Graduated from college
 - E) Don't know
11. Is your father, mother, or guardian currently in the military (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, National Guard, or Reserves)?
- A) No
 - B) Yes
 - C) Don't know
12. Do you receive free or reduced-price lunches at school? (**Receiving free or reduced-price lunches means that lunch at school is provided to you for free or you pay less for it.**)
- A) No
 - B) Yes
 - C) Don't know
13. What language is spoken most of the time in your home?
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| A) English | F) Tagalog |
| B) Spanish | G) Vietnamese |
| C) Mandarin | H) Korean |
| D) Cantonese | I) Arabic |
| E) Taiwanese | J) Other |

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APPLICABLE FOR NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT HOME. [IF Q13 = B-J]

How well do you understand, speak, read, and write English?

- | | Very Well | Well | Not Well | Not At All |
|-------------------------|-----------|------|----------|------------|
| 13.A Understand English | A | B | C | D |
| 13.B Speak English | A | B | C | D |
| 13.C Read English | A | B | C | D |
| 13.D Write English | A | B | C | D |
14. What time did you go to bed last night?
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|-------------------|-------------------|
| A) Before 7:00 pm | E) 10:00–10:59 pm |
| B) 7:00–7:59 pm | F) 11:00–11:59 pm |
| C) 8:00–8:59 pm | G) 12:00–12:59 am |
| D) 9:00–9:59 pm | H) After 1:00 am |
15. Did you eat breakfast today?
- A) No
B) Yes
16. In the past **30 days**, how often did you miss an entire day of school for any reason?
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| A) I did not miss any days of school in the past 30 days | C) 2 days |
| B) 1 day | D) 3 or more days |
17. How many days a week do you usually go to your school's afterschool program?
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| A) I do not attend my school's afterschool program | D) 3 days |
| B) 1 day | E) 4 days |
| C) 2 days | F) 5 days |
18. During the past **12 months**, how would you describe the grades you mostly received in school?
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| A) Mostly A's | E) Mostly C's |
| B) A's and B's | F) C's and D's |
| C) Mostly B's | G) Mostly D's |
| D) B's and C's | H) Mostly F's |

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19. In the past **30 days**, did you miss a day of school for any of the following reasons? (*Mark All That Apply.*)

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| A) Does not apply; I didn't miss any school | G) Had to take care of or help a family member or friend |
| B) Illness (feeling physically sick), including problems with breathing or your teeth | H) Wanted to spend time with friends |
| C) Were being bullied or mistreated at school | I) Used alcohol or drugs |
| D) Felt very sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed, or angry | J) Were behind in schoolwork or weren't prepared for a test or class assignment |
| E) Didn't get enough sleep | K) Were bored or uninterested in school |
| F) Didn't feel safe at school or going to and from school | L) Had no transportation to school |
| | M) Other reason |

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree Nor Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
20. I feel close to people at this school.	A	B	C	D	E
21. I am happy to be at this school.	A	B	C	D	E
22. I feel like I am part of this school.	A	B	C	D	E
23. The teachers at this school treat students fairly.	A	B	C	D	E
24. I feel safe in my school.	A	B	C	D	E
25. My school is usually clean and tidy.	A	B	C	D	E
26. Teachers at this school communicate with parents about what students are expected to learn in class.	A	B	C	D	E
27. Parents feel welcome to participate at this school.	A	B	C	D	E
28. School staff take parent concerns seriously.	A	B	C	D	E
29. It is hard for me to stay focused when doing my schoolwork.	A	B	C	D	E
30. I try hard to make sure that I am good at my schoolwork.	A	B	C	D	E

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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree Nor Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
31. I try hard on my schoolwork because I am interested in it.	A	B	C	D	E
32. I work hard to try to understand new things when doing my schoolwork.	A	B	C	D	E
33. I am always trying to do better in my schoolwork.	A	B	C	D	E

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree										Strongly Agree
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
34. School is really boring.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
35. School is worthless and a waste of time.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K

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Please mark on your answer sheet how **TRUE** you feel each of the following statements is about your **SCHOOL**.

There is a teacher or some other adult from my school...

	Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much True	Very Much True
36. who really cares about me.	A	B	C	D
37. who tells me when I do a good job.	A	B	C	D
38. who notices when I'm not there.	A	B	C	D
39. who always wants me to do my best.	A	B	C	D
40. who checks on how I am feeling.	A	B	C	D
41. who listens to me when I have something to say.	A	B	C	D
42. who believes that I will be a success.	A	B	C	D

At school,...

	Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much True	Very Much True
43. I do interesting activities.	A	B	C	D
44. I help decide things like class activities or rules.	A	B	C	D
45. I do things that make a difference.	A	B	C	D
46. I have a say in how things work.	A	B	C	D
47. I help decide school activities or rules.	A	B	C	D

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The next questions ask about the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs, including pills or medications, to get “high” or for reasons other than medical, as ordered or prescribed by a doctor.

Keep the following definitions in mind:

- **One drink of ALCOHOL**, or alcoholic drink (beverage), means one regular size can/bottle of beer or wine cooler, one glass of wine, one mixed drink, or one shot glass of liquor.
- Questions about alcohol do **not** include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.
- **DRUG** means any substance other than alcohol or tobacco, including pills and medications, used to get “high” (“loaded,” “stoned,” or “wasted”) or for purposes other than prescribed by a doctor.
- **VAPES or VAPE PRODUCTS**: Electronic devices like vape pens, e-cigarettes, e-hookah, hookah pens, e-vaporizers, tanks, pods, or mods used to inhale a vapor. Can be used to vape many things, including nicotine or just flavoring. Popular brands are JUUL, Suorin, SMOK, Zodiac Constellation, and Stiiizy.

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During your **life**, how many times have you used the following?

		Number of Times					7 or More Times
		0 Times	1 Time	2 Times	3 Times	4-6 Times	
48.	A cigarette, even one or two puffs	A	B	C	D	E	F
49.	A whole cigarette	A	B	C	D	E	F
50.	Smokeless tobacco (dip, chew, or snuff)	A	B	C	D	E	F
51.	Vape products	A	B	C	D	E	F
[ASKED IF Q51 = B, C, D, E, or F]							
51.A	Vaped tobacco or nicotine	A	B	C	D	E	F
51.B	Vaped marijuana or THC	A	B	C	D	E	F
51.C	Vaped other product	A	B	C	D	E	F
52.	One full drink of alcohol (such as a can of beer, glass of wine, wine cooler, or shot of liquor)	A	B	C	D	E	F
53.	Marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)	A	B	C	D	E	F
54.	Inhalants (things you sniff, huff, or breathe to get “high” such as glue, paint, aerosol sprays, gasoline, poppers, gases)	A	B	C	D	E	F
55.	Relevan	A	B	C	D	E	F
56.	Any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical	A	B	C	D	E	F

During your **life**, how many times have you been...

		Number of Times					7 or More Times
		0 Times	1 Time	2 Times	3 Times	4-6 Times	
57.	very drunk or sick after drinking alcohol ?	A	B	C	D	E	F
58.	“high” (loaded, stoned, or wasted) from using drugs ?	A	B	C	D	E	F
59.	drunk on alcohol or “high” on drugs on school property ?	A	B	C	D	E	F

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[APPLICABLE FOR LIFETIME MARIJUANA USERS ONLY – Ask of students who reported ever using marijuana [IF Q53 = B, C, D, E, or F]

During your **life**, how many times have you used marijuana in any of the following ways:

	Number of Times					
	0 Times	1 Time	2 Times	3 Times	4-6 Times	7 or More Times
60. Smoke it?	A	B	C	D	E	F
61. In a vaping device (vape pens, mods, or portable vaporizers)?	A	B	C	D	E	F
62. Eat or drink it in products made with marijuana ?	A	B	C	D	E	F

During the past **30 days**, on how many **days** did you use...

	0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3-9 Days	10-19 Days	20-30 Days
	63. cigarettes?	A	B	C	D	E
64. smokeless tobacco (dip, chew, or snuff)?	A	B	C	D	E	F
65. vape products?	A	B	C	D	E	F
[ASKED IF Q65 = B, C, D, E, or F]						
65.A Vaped tobacco or nicotine	A	B	C	D	E	F
65.B Vaped marijuana or THC	A	B	C	D	E	F
65.C Vaped other product	A	B	C	D	E	F
66. one or more drinks of alcohol?	A	B	C	D	E	F
67. five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?	A	B	C	D	E	F
68. marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)?	A	B	C	D	E	F
69. inhalants (things you sniff, huff, or breathe to get “high”)?	A	B	C	D	E	F

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During the past **30 days**, on how many **days** did you use...

	0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3-9 Days	10-19 Days	20-30 Days
70. any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical?	A	B	C	D	E	F

During the past **30 days**, on how many days **on school property** did you...

	0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3-9 Days	10-19 Days	20-30 Days
71. smoke cigarettes?	A	B	C	D	E	F
72. use smokeless tobacco (dip, chew, or snuff)?	A	B	C	D	E	F
73. vape?	A	B	C	D	E	F
74. have at least one drink of alcohol?	A	B	C	D	E	F
75. use marijuana (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)?	A	B	C	D	E	F
76. use any other drug, pill, or medicine to get “high” or for reasons other than medical?	A	B	C	D	E	F
77. breathe the smoke or vapor from someone who was using cigarettes or e-cigarettes?	A	B	C	D	E	F

How much do people risk harming themselves physically and in other ways when they do the following?

	How Much Risk or Harm			
	Great	Moderate	Slight	None
78. Smoke cigarettes occasionally	A	B	C	D
79. Smoke 1 or more packs of cigarettes each day	A	B	C	D
80. Vape tobacco or nicotine occasionally	A	B	C	D
81. Vape tobacco or nicotine several times a day (100 puffs or more)	A	B	C	D
82. Drink alcohol (beer, wine, liquor) occasionally	A	B	C	D

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	How Much Risk or Harm			
	Great	Moderate	Slight	None
83. Have five or more drinks of alcohol once or twice a week	A	B	C	D
84. Use marijuana occasionally (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)	A	B	C	D
85. Use marijuana daily	A	B	C	D

How difficult is it for students in your grade to get any of the following if they really want them?

	Very Difficult	Fairly Difficult	Fairly Easy	Very Easy	Don't Know
	86. Cigarettes	A	B	C	D
87. Vape products	A	B	C	D	E
88. Alcohol	A	B	C	D	E
89. Marijuana	A	B	C	D	E
90. Prescription drugs to get "high" or for reasons other than prescribed	A	B	C	D	E
91. Does your school ban tobacco use and vaping on school property and at school sponsored events?					
A) No					
B) Yes					
C) Don't know					
92. In a normal week, how many days are you home after school for at least one hour without an adult there?					
A) Never					
B) 1 day					
C) 2 days					
D) 3 days					
E) 4 days					
F) 5 days					

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Next are questions about violence, safety, harassment, & bullying on school property.

93. How safe do you feel when you are at school?
- A) Very safe
 - B) Safe
 - C) Neither safe nor unsafe
 - D) Unsafe
 - E) Very unsafe

During the past **12 months**, how many times **on school property** have you...

	Happened on School Property			
	0 Times	1 Time	2 to 3 Times	4 or More Times
94. been pushed, shoved, slapped, hit, or kicked by someone who wasn't just kidding around?	A	B	C	D
95. been afraid of being beaten up?	A	B	C	D
96. been in a physical fight?	A	B	C	D
97. had mean rumors or lies spread about you?	A	B	C	D
98. had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made to you?	A	B	C	D
99. been made fun of because of your looks or the way you talk?	A	B	C	D
100. had your property stolen or deliberately damaged, such as your car, clothing, or books?	A	B	C	D
101. been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug?	A	B	C	D
102. damaged school property on purpose?	A	B	C	D
103. carried a gun?	A	B	C	D
104. carried any other weapon (such as a knife or club)?	A	B	C	D
105. been threatened or injured with a weapon (gun, knife, club, etc.)?	A	B	C	D
106. seen someone carrying a gun, knife, or other weapon?	A	B	C	D
107. been threatened with harm or injury?	A	B	C	D
108. been made fun of, insulted, or called names?	A	B	C	D

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During the past **12 months**, how many times **on school property** were you harassed or bullied for any of the following reasons? [You were **bullied** if you were shoved, hit, threatened, called mean names, teased, or had other unpleasant physical or verbal things done to you repeatedly or in a severe way. It is **not bullying** when two students of about the same strength or power quarrel or fight.]

	Happened on School Property			
	0 Times	1 Time	2 to 3 Times	4 or More Times
109. Your race, ethnicity, or national origin	A	B	C	D
110. Your religion	A	B	C	D
111. Your gender	A	B	C	D
112. Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were	A	B	C	D
113. A physical or mental disability	A	B	C	D
114. You are an immigrant or someone thought you were	A	B	C	D
115. Any other reason	A	B	C	D
116. 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?				
	A) 0 times (never)	B) 1 time	C) 2–3 times	D) 4 or more times
117. Do you consider yourself a member of a gang?				
	A) No	B) Yes		
118. 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?				
	A) No	B) Yes		
119. During the past 12 months , did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?				
	A) No	B) Yes		

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Over the past **30 days**, how true do you feel these statements are about you?

	Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much True	Very Much True
120. I had a hard time relaxing.	A	B	C	D
121. I felt sad and down.	A	B	C	D
122. I was easily irritated.	A	B	C	D
123. It was hard for me to cope and I thought I would panic.	A	B	C	D
124. It was hard for me to get excited about anything.	A	B	C	D

Please tell us how true each statement is of you.

	Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much True	Very Much True
125. Each day I look forward to having a lot of fun.	A	B	C	D
126. I usually expect to have a good day.	A	B	C	D
127. Overall, I expect more good things to happen to me than bad things.	A	B	C	D

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Please describe your level of satisfaction below

I would describe my satisfaction with...

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	A Little Dissatisfied	A Little Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
128. my family life as...	A	B	C	D	E	F
129. my friendships as...	A	B	C	D	E	F
130. my school experience as...	A	B	C	D	E	F
131. myself as...	A	B	C	D	E	F
132. where I live as...	A	B	C	D	E	F
133. How many questions in this survey did you answer honestly?						
	A) All of them	B) Most of them	C) Only some of them	D) Hardly any		