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2. Percentage of schools that ever used the School Health Index or other self-assessment tool to assess school policies, activities, and programs in the following areas.

	N	Percent
a. Physical activity		
High Schools	35	39
Middle Schools	36	42
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	74	40
b. Nutrition		
High Schools	36	44
Middle Schools	36	36
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	74
All Schools	75	42
c. Tobacco-use prevention		
High Schools	35	40
Middle Schools	36	42
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	74	41
d. Asthma		
High Schools	35	23
Middle Schools	37	24
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	75	24

NA=Not available

N=Unweighted number of observations

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3. Percentage of schools that have a copy of district's wellness policy.

	N	Percent
Yes		
High Schools	40	96
Middle Schools	39	87
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	82	92
No		
High Schools	40	0
Middle Schools	39	13
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	82	6
District does not have wellness policy		
High Schools	40	4
Middle Schools	39	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	82	2

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4. Percentage of schools that currently have someone who oversees or coordinates school health and safety programs and activities.

	N	Percent
High Schools	40	82
Middle Schools	39	72
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	82	78

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5. Percentage of schools that have one or more than one group (e.g., a school health council, committee, or team) that offers guidance on the development of policies or coordinates activities on health topics.

	N	Percent
High Schools	40	63
Middle Schools	39	46
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	82	55

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6. Percentage of schools that have the following groups represented on any school health council, committee, or team.*

	N	Percent
a. School administration		
High Schools	25	95
Middle Schools	18	94
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	100
All Schools	45	95
b. Health education teachers		
High Schools	24	100
Middle Schools	18	94
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	100
All Schools	44	98
c. Physical education teachers		
High Schools	21	96
Middle Schools	18	83
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	100
All Schools	41	91
d. Mental health or social services staff		
High Schools	23	78
Middle Schools	17	59
Junior/Senior High Schools	1	100
All Schools	41	71
e. Nutrition or food service staff		
High Schools	24	88
Middle Schools	16	81
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	100
All Schools	42	86
f. Health services staff (e.g., school nurse)		
High Schools	24	86
Middle Schools	16	88
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	100
All Schools	42	87

*Among those schools that have one or more than one group that offers guidance on the development of policies or coordinates activities on health topics.

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6. Percentage of schools that have the following groups represented on any school health council, committee, or team.*

	N	Percent
g. Maintenance and transportation staff		
High Schools	19	27
Middle Schools	15	13
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	59
All Schools	36	23
h. Student body		
High Schools	23	71
Middle Schools	14	43
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	100
All Schools	39	63
i. Parents or families of students		
High Schools	25	75
Middle Schools	16	63
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	100
All Schools	43	72
j. Community		
High Schools	24	71
Middle Schools	16	63
Junior/Senior High Schools	1	100
All Schools	41	68
k. Local health departments, agencies, or organizations		
High Schools	23	64
Middle Schools	14	29
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	59
All Schools	39	51
l. Faith-based organizations		
High Schools	19	5
Middle Schools	14	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	0
All Schools	35	3

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6. Percentage of schools that have the following groups represented on any school health council, committee, or team.*

	N	Percent
m. Businesses		
High Schools	23	37
Middle Schools	15	20
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	59
All Schools	40	32
n. Local government		
High Schools	24	43
Middle Schools	15	27
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	100
All Schools	41	40

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7. Percentage of schools that require school staff to receive professional development on HIV, STD, or pregnancy prevention issues and resources for the following groups.

	N	Percent
a. Ethnic/racial minority youth at high risk		
High Schools	39	19
Middle Schools	39	5
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	50
All Schools	80	13
b. Youth who participate in drop-out prevention, alternative education, or GED programs		
High Schools	39	21
Middle Schools	39	3
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	0
All Schools	80	12

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8. Percentage of schools that have a student-led club that aims to create a safe, welcoming, and accepting school environment for all youth, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

	N	Percent
High Schools	40	65
Middle Schools	39	10
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	82	38

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9. Percentage of schools that have adopted a policy that addresses each of the following issues for students or staff with HIV infection or AIDS.

	N	Percent
a. Attendance of students with HIV infection		
High Schools	40	72
Middle Schools	38	66
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	81	69
b. Procedures to protect HIV-infected students and staff from discrimination		
High Schools	40	90
Middle Schools	39	74
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	82	81
c. Maintaining confidentiality of HIV-infected students and staff		
High Schools	40	89
Middle Schools	39	79
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	82	83
d. Worksite safety		
High Schools	39	100
Middle Schools	39	85
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	81	91
e. Confidential counseling for HIV-infected students		
High Schools	40	82
Middle Schools	37	43
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	80	64
f. Communication of the policy to students, school staff, and parents		
High Schools	40	82
Middle Schools	38	58
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	81	70

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9. Percentage of schools that have adopted a policy that addresses each of the following issues for students or staff with HIV infection or AIDS.

	N	Percent
g. Adequate training about HIV infection for school staff		
High Schools	40	74
Middle Schools	39	59
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	82	67
h. Procedures for implementing the policy		
High Schools	40	77
Middle Schools	37	59
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	80	69

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10. Percentage of schools that require all staff who teach health education topics to be certified, licensed, or endorsed by the state in health education.

	N	Percent
a. Yes		
High Schools	40	100
Middle Schools	39	92
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	82	96
b. No		
High Schools	40	0
Middle Schools	39	8
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	82	4
c. Not applicable		
High Schools	40	0
Middle Schools	39	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	82	0

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11. Percentage of schools that require physical education for students in any of grades 6 through 12.

	N	Percent
High Schools	40	100
Middle Schools	39	100
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	82	100

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12. Percentage of all schools that taught a required physical education course in each of the following grades.*

	N	Percent
a. Sixth grade		
High Schools	NA	NA
Middle Schools	31	100
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	100
All Schools	33	100
b. Seventh grade		
High Schools	NA	NA
Middle Schools	39	100
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	42	100
c. Eighth grade		
High Schools	NA	NA
Middle Schools	39	100
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	42	100
d. Ninth grade		
High Schools	39	100
Middle Schools	1	100
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	43	100
e. Tenth grade		
High Schools	40	97
Middle Schools	NA	NA
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	43	97
f. Eleventh grade		
High Schools	40	100
Middle Schools	NA	NA
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	43	100
g. Twelfth grade		
High Schools	40	97
Middle Schools	NA	NA
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	43	97

*Among schools with students in that grade.

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13. Percentage of schools in which students can be exempted from taking a required physical education course for one grading period or longer for any of the following reasons.*

	N	Percent
a. Enrollment in other courses		
High Schools	40	2
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	1
b. Participation in school sports		
High Schools	40	0
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	0
c. Participation in other school activities		
High Schools	40	0
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	0
d. Participation in community sports activities		
High Schools	40	0
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	0
e. Religious reasons		
High Schools	40	28
Middle Schools	36	31
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	59
All Schools	78	30
f. Long-term physical or medical disability		
High Schools	40	88
Middle Schools	39	90
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	82	89
g. Cognitive disability		
High Schools	40	16
Middle Schools	37	16
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	80	16

*Among those schools that require physical education for students in any of grades 6 through 12.

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13. Percentage of schools in which students can be exempted from taking a required physical education course for one grading period or longer for any of the following reasons.*

	N	Percent
h. High physical fitness competency test score		
High Schools	40	2
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	1
i. Participation in vocational training		
High Schools	40	4
Middle Schools	38	3
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	3
j. Participation in community service activities		
High Schools	39	0
Middle Schools	38	3
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	80	1

*Among those schools that require physical education for students in any of grades 6 through 12.

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14. Percentage of schools in which all staff who teach physical education are certified, licensed, or endorsed by the state in physical education.

	N	Percent
a. Yes		
High Schools	40	100
Middle Schools	39	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	82	99
b. No		
High Schools	40	0
Middle Schools	39	3
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	82	1
c. Not Applicable		
High Schools	40	0
Middle Schools	39	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	82	0

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15. Percentage of schools in which physical education teachers or specialists received professional development on physical education during the past two years.

	N	Percent
High Schools	39	96
Middle Schools	38	82
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	80	88

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16. Percentage of schools that provide those who teach physical education with the following materials.

	N	Percent
a. Goals, objectives, and expected outcomes for physical education		
High Schools	39	98
Middle Schools	39	92
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	81	95
b. A chart describing the annual scope and sequence of instruction for physical education		
High Schools	39	78
Middle Schools	39	74
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	81	77
c. Plans for how to assess student performance in physical education		
High Schools	39	88
Middle Schools	39	79
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	81	85
d. A written physical education curriculum		
High Schools	39	86
Middle Schools	38	76
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	80	82

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17. Percentage of schools that offer opportunities for all students to participate in intramural activities or physical activity clubs.

	N	Percent
High Schools	39	71
Middle Schools	39	77
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	81	75

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18. Percentage of schools that have adopted a policy prohibiting tobacco use.

	N	Percent
High Schools	39	92
Middle Schools	39	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	81	95

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19 (Students). Percentage of all schools that have a tobacco-use prevention policy that specifically prohibits the use of each type of tobacco for students during any school-related activity.

	N	Percent
a. Cigarettes		
High Schools	39	90
Middle Schools	38	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	80	94
b. Smokeless tobacco		
High Schools	39	87
Middle Schools	37	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	79	92
c. Cigars		
High Schools	39	87
Middle Schools	37	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	79	92
d. Pipes		
High Schools	39	87
Middle Schools	37	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	79	92

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19 (Faculty/Staff). Percentage of all schools that have a tobacco-use prevention policy that specifically prohibits the use of each type of tobacco for faculty/staff during any school-related activity.

	N	Percent
a. Cigarettes		
High Schools	39	90
Middle Schools	38	95
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	80	93
b. Smokeless tobacco		
High Schools	39	83
Middle Schools	37	95
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	79	89
c. Cigars		
High Schools	39	87
Middle Schools	37	95
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	79	91
d. Pipes		
High Schools	39	87
Middle Schools	37	95
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	79	91

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19 (Visitors). Percentage of all schools that have a tobacco-use prevention policy that specifically prohibits the use of each type of tobacco for visitors during any school-related activity.

	N	Percent
a. Cigarettes		
High Schools	39	90
Middle Schools	38	89
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	80	90
b. Smokeless tobacco		
High Schools	39	83
Middle Schools	37	84
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	79	84
c. Cigars		
High Schools	39	87
Middle Schools	37	89
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	79	89
d. Pipes		
High Schools	39	87
Middle Schools	37	89
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	79	89

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20 (Students). Percentage of all schools that have a tobacco-use prevention policy that specifically prohibits tobacco use during each of the following times for students.

	N	Percent
a. During school hours		
High Schools	38	92
Middle Schools	39	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	80	95
b. During non-school hours		
High Schools	38	78
Middle Schools	39	87
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	80	82

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20 (Faculty/Staff). Percentage of all schools that have a tobacco-use prevention policy that specifically prohibits tobacco use during each of the following times for faculty/staff.

	N	Percent
a. During school hours		
High Schools	37	90
Middle Schools	39	95
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	79	93
b. During non-school hours		
High Schools	37	74
Middle Schools	39	77
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	79	75

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20 (Visitors). Percentage of all schools that have a tobacco-use prevention policy that specifically prohibits tobacco use during each of the following times for visitors.

	N	Percent
a. During school hours		
High Schools	37	90
Middle Schools	39	95
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	79	93
b. During non-school hours		
High Schools	37	72
Middle Schools	39	77
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	79	74

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21 (Students). Percentage of all schools that have a tobacco-use prevention policy that specifically prohibits tobacco use in each of the following locations for students.

	N	Percent
a. In school buildings		
High Schools	39	92
Middle Schools	39	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	81	95
b. Outside on school grounds, including parking lots and playing fields		
High Schools	39	92
Middle Schools	39	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	81	95
c. On school buses or other vehicles used to transport students		
High Schools	39	92
Middle Schools	39	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	81	95
d. At off-campus, school-sponsored events		
High Schools	39	86
Middle Schools	39	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	81	92

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21 (Faculty/Staff). Percentage of all schools that have a tobacco-use prevention policy that specifically prohibits tobacco use in each of the following locations for faculty/staff.

	N	Percent
a. In school buildings		
High Schools	38	92
Middle Schools	39	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	80	95
b. Outside on school grounds, including parking lots and playing fields		
High Schools	38	88
Middle Schools	39	90
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	80	89
c. On school buses or other vehicles used to transport students		
High Schools	38	90
Middle Schools	39	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	80	94
d. At off-campus, school-sponsored events		
High Schools	38	81
Middle Schools	39	85
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	80	84

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21 (Visitors). Percentage of all schools that have a tobacco-use prevention policy that specifically prohibits tobacco use in each of the following locations for visitors.

	N	Percent
a. In school buildings		
High Schools	38	92
Middle Schools	39	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	80	95
b. Outside on school grounds, including parking lots and playing fields		
High Schools	38	86
Middle Schools	39	82
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	80	84
c. On school buses or other vehicles used to transport students		
High Schools	38	90
Middle Schools	38	95
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	79	93
d. At off-campus, school-sponsored events		
High Schools	38	71
Middle Schools	37	68
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	78	69

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21N. Percentage of all schools that have a tobacco-use prevention policy that specifically prohibits use of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigars, and pipes by students, faculty/staff, and visitors; during school hours and during non-school hours; in school buildings, outside on school grounds, on school buses or other vehicles used to transport students, and at off-campus, school-sponsored events.*

	N	Percent
High Schools	36	41
Middle Schools	35	46
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	74	42

*Responses to question 19 (a, b, c, and d), question 20 (a and b), and question 21 (a, b, c, and d) are all "yes."
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22. Percentage of schools that have procedures to inform each of the following groups about the tobacco-use prevention policy that prohibits their use of tobacco.*

	N	Percent
a. Students		
High Schools	36	94
Middle Schools	37	100
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	76	97
b. Faculty and staff		
High Schools	36	92
Middle Schools	37	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	76	95
c. Visitors		
High Schools	34	83
Middle Schools	36	81
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	73	83

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23. Percentage of schools that have a tobacco-use prevention policy that includes guidelines on what actions the school should take when students are caught smoking cigarettes.*

	N	Percent
High Schools	36	97
Middle Schools	37	86
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	76	92

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N=Unweighted number of observations

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24. Percentage of schools in which the following person is responsible for enforcing the tobacco-use prevention policy.*

	N	Percent
a. No single individual is responsible		
High Schools	28	42
Middle Schools	32	50
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	63	45
b. Principal		
High Schools	28	24
Middle Schools	32	28
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	63	27
c. Assistant principal		
High Schools	28	26
Middle Schools	32	19
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	63	23
d. Other school administrator		
High Schools	28	3
Middle Schools	32	3
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	63	3
e. Other school faculty or staff member		
High Schools	28	4
Middle Schools	32	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	63	2

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25. Percentage of schools in which the following help determine what actions are taken when students are caught smoking cigarettes.

	N	Percent
a. Zero tolerance		
High Schools	40	70
Middle Schools	39	74
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	82	73
b. Effect or severity of the violation		
High Schools	40	39
Middle Schools	39	36
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	74
All Schools	82	39
c. Grade level of student		
High Schools	40	3
Middle Schools	39	15
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	82	10
d. Repeat offender status		
High Schools	40	37
Middle Schools	39	41
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	74
All Schools	82	40
e. None of these		
High Schools	40	5
Middle Schools	39	5
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	82	5

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26 (Never). Percentage of schools that NEVER take the following actions when students are caught smoking cigarettes.

	N	Percent
a. Parents or guardians are notified		
High Schools	40	2
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	1
b. Referred to a school counselor		
High Schools	40	3
Middle Schools	38	3
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	3
c. Referred to a school administrator		
High Schools	38	0
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	79	0
d. Encouraged, but not required, to participate in an assistance, education, or cessation program		
High Schools	40	8
Middle Schools	37	11
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	0
All Schools	79	9
e. Required to participate in an assistance, education, or cessation program		
High Schools	39	15
Middle Schools	37	30
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	50
All Schools	78	23
f. Referred to legal authorities		
High Schools	39	36
Middle Schools	38	34
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	80	34

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26 (Never). Percentage of schools that NEVER take the following actions when students are caught smoking cigarettes.

	N	Percent
g. Placed in detention		
High Schools	40	14
Middle Schools	38	16
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	14
h. Not allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities or interscholastic sports		
High Schools	40	30
Middle Schools	36	11
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	79	20
i. Given in-school suspension		
High Schools	40	33
Middle Schools	38	11
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	81	23
j. Suspended from school		
High Schools	40	20
Middle Schools	38	8
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	81	15
k. Expelled from school		
High Schools	40	89
Middle Schools	38	82
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	81	86
l. Reassigned to an alternative school		
High Schools	40	85
Middle Schools	38	82
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	81	84

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26 (Rarely). Percentage of schools that RARELY take the following actions when students are caught smoking cigarettes.

	N	Percent
a. Parents or guardians are notified		
High Schools	40	3
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	2
b. Referred to a school counselor		
High Schools	40	13
Middle Schools	38	3
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	7
c. Referred to a school administrator		
High Schools	38	2
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	79	1
d. Encouraged, but not required, to participate in an assistance, education, or cessation program		
High Schools	40	9
Middle Schools	37	14
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	0
All Schools	79	11
e. Required to participate in an assistance, education, or cessation program		
High Schools	39	24
Middle Schools	37	22
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	50
All Schools	78	24
f. Referred to legal authorities		
High Schools	39	31
Middle Schools	38	29
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	80	30

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26 (Rarely). Percentage of schools that RARELY take the following actions when students are caught smoking cigarettes.

	N	Percent
g. Placed in detention		
High Schools	40	7
Middle Schools	38	18
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	12
h. Not allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities or interscholastic sports		
High Schools	40	17
Middle Schools	36	11
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	79	15
i. Given in-school suspension		
High Schools	40	5
Middle Schools	38	18
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	11
j. Suspended from school		
High Schools	40	18
Middle Schools	38	16
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	16
k. Expelled from school		
High Schools	40	11
Middle Schools	38	18
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	14
l. Reassigned to an alternative school		
High Schools	40	13
Middle Schools	38	13
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	12

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26 (Sometimes). Percentage of schools that SOMETIMES take the following actions when students are caught smoking cigarettes.

	N	Percent
a. Parents or guardians are notified		
High Schools	40	16
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	81	9
b. Referred to a school counselor		
High Schools	40	44
Middle Schools	38	34
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	81	42
c. Referred to a school administrator		
High Schools	38	7
Middle Schools	38	5
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	79	6
d. Encouraged, but not required, to participate in an assistance, education, or cessation program		
High Schools	40	53
Middle Schools	37	32
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	59
All Schools	79	44
e. Required to participate in an assistance, education, or cessation program		
High Schools	39	45
Middle Schools	37	22
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	0
All Schools	78	33
f. Referred to legal authorities		
High Schools	39	23
Middle Schools	38	26
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	80	25

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26 (Sometimes). Percentage of schools that SOMETIMES take the following actions when students are caught smoking cigarettes.

	N	Percent
g. Placed in detention		
High Schools	40	33
Middle Schools	38	37
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	81	35
h. Not allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities or interscholastic sports		
High Schools	40	36
Middle Schools	36	50
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	79	44
i. Given in-school suspension		
High Schools	40	47
Middle Schools	38	45
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	74
All Schools	81	47
j. Suspended from school		
High Schools	40	49
Middle Schools	38	37
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	81	44
k. Expelled from school		
High Schools	40	0
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	0
l. Reassigned to an alternative school		
High Schools	40	2
Middle Schools	38	5
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	3

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26 (Always). Percentage of schools that ALWAYS or ALMOST ALWAYS take the following actions when students are caught smoking cigarettes.

	N	Percent
a. Parents or guardians are notified		
High Schools	40	79
Middle Schools	38	100
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	81	88
b. Referred to a school counselor		
High Schools	40	41
Middle Schools	38	61
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	48
c. Referred to a school administrator		
High Schools	38	91
Middle Schools	38	95
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	79	93
d. Encouraged, but not required, to participate in an assistance, education, or cessation program		
High Schools	40	29
Middle Schools	37	43
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	41
All Schools	79	36
e. Required to participate in an assistance, education, or cessation program		
High Schools	39	16
Middle Schools	37	27
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	0
All Schools	78	21
f. Referred to legal authorities		
High Schools	39	10
Middle Schools	38	11
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	80	11

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26 (Always). Percentage of schools that ALWAYS or ALMOST ALWAYS take the following actions when students are caught smoking cigarettes.

	N	Percent
g. Placed in detention		
High Schools	40	45
Middle Schools	38	29
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	81	38
h. Not allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities or interscholastic sports		
High Schools	40	17
Middle Schools	36	28
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	79	21
i. Given in-school suspension		
High Schools	40	15
Middle Schools	38	26
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	19
j. Suspended from school		
High Schools	40	14
Middle Schools	38	39
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	25
k. Expelled from school		
High Schools	40	0
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	0
l. Reassigned to an alternative school		
High Schools	40	0
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	0

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27. Percentage of schools that post signs marking a tobacco-free school zone, that is, a specified distance from school grounds where tobacco use is not allowed.

	N	Percent
High Schools	40	81
Middle Schools	39	69
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	82	75

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28. Percentage of schools that did the following activities during the past two years.

	N	Percent
a. Gathered and shared information with students and families about mass-media messages or community-based tobacco-use prevention efforts		
High Schools	40	39
Middle Schools	39	41
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	82	40
b. Worked with local agencies or organizations to plan and implement events or programs intended to reduce tobacco use		
High Schools	40	43
Middle Schools	38	47
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	81	46

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29. Percentage of schools that provide tobacco cessation services for each of the following groups.

	N	Percent
a. Faculty and staff		
High Schools	40	34
Middle Schools	39	10
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	82	24
b. Students		
High Schools	40	65
Middle Schools	39	26
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	82	46

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30. Percentage of schools that have arrangements with any organization or health care professionals not on school property to provide tobacco cessation services for each of the following groups.

	N	Percent
a. Faculty and staff		
High Schools	40	41
Middle Schools	39	18
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	82	31
b. Students		
High Schools	39	52
Middle Schools	39	26
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	81	40

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31. Percentage of schools that never, rarely, sometimes, or always or almost always offer fruit or non-fried vegetables at school celebrations when foods or beverages are offered.

	N	Percent
a. Foods or beverages are not offered at school celebrations		
High Schools	39	0
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	80	0
b. Never		
High Schools	39	2
Middle Schools	38	3
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	80	2
c. Rarely		
High Schools	39	5
Middle Schools	38	13
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	80	9
d. Sometimes		
High Schools	39	57
Middle Schools	38	39
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	80	49
e. Always or almost always		
High Schools	39	36
Middle Schools	38	45
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	80	40

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N=Unweighted number of observations

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32. Percentage of schools in which students can purchase snack foods or beverages from one or more vending machines at the school or at a school store, canteen, or snack bar.

	N	Percent
High Schools	39	84
Middle Schools	38	76
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	80	78

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33. Percentage of all schools in which students can purchase the following snack foods or beverages from vending machines or at the school store, canteen, or snack bar.

	N	Percent
a. Chocolate candy		
High Schools	38	12
Middle Schools	38	3
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	79	7
b. Other kinds of candy		
High Schools	38	17
Middle Schools	38	8
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	79	12
c. Salty snacks that are not low in fat, such as regular potato chips		
High Schools	37	20
Middle Schools	38	18
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	78	18
d. Cookies, crackers, cakes, pastries, or other baked goods that are not low in fat		
High Schools	38	23
Middle Schools	38	21
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	79	21
e. Ice cream or frozen yogurt that is not low in fat		
High Schools	36	25
Middle Schools	38	26
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	77	25
f. 2% or whole milk (plain or flavored)		
High Schools	38	42
Middle Schools	38	37
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	79	38

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N=Unweighted number of observations

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33. Percentage of all schools in which students can purchase the following snack foods or beverages from vending machines or at the school store, canteen, or snack bar.

	N	Percent
g. Water ices or frozen slushes that do not contain juice		
High Schools	38	12
Middle Schools	38	5
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	79	8
h. Soda pop or fruit drinks that are not 100% juice		
High Schools	38	18
Middle Schools	38	18
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	79	18
i. Sports drinks, such as Gatorade		
High Schools	39	56
Middle Schools	36	33
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	78	45
j. Foods or beverages containing caffeine		
High Schools	38	9
Middle Schools	38	3
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	79	5
k. Fruits (not fruit juice)		
High Schools	39	50
Middle Schools	38	34
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	80	41
l. Non-fried vegetables (not vegetable juice)		
High Schools	39	40
Middle Schools	38	26
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	80	32

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34. Percentage of all schools that limit the package or serving size of any individual food and beverage items sold in vending machines or at the school store, canteen, or snack bar.

	N	Percent
High Schools	37	39
Middle Schools	38	50
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	78	44

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35. Percentage of schools that have done any of the following activities during this school year.

	N	Percent
a. Priced nutritious foods and beverages at a lower cost while increasing the price of less nutritious foods and beverages		
High Schools	40	22
Middle Schools	38	8
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	15
b. Collected suggestions from students, families, and school staff on nutritious food preferences and strategies to promote healthy eating		
High Schools	40	66
Middle Schools	37	57
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	80	63
c. Provided information to students or families on the nutrition and caloric content of foods available		
High Schools	40	63
Middle Schools	38	42
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	81	53
d. Conducted taste tests to determine food preferences for nutritious items		
High Schools	40	44
Middle Schools	38	18
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	30
e. Provided opportunities for students to visit the cafeteria to learn about food safety, food preparation, or other nutrition-related topics		
High Schools	40	26
Middle Schools	39	23
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	82	25

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N=Unweighted number of observations

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36. Percentage of schools that promote candy, meals from fast food restaurants, or soft drinks to students through the distribution of products, such as t-shirts, hats, and book covers.

	N	Percent
High Schools	40	3
Middle Schools	39	8
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	82	5

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37. Percentage of schools that prohibit advertisements for candy, fast food restaurants, or soft drinks in the following locations.

	N	Percent
a. In the school building		
High Schools	40	88
Middle Schools	39	87
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	82	88
b. On school grounds including on the outside of the school building, on playing fields, or other areas of the campus		
High Schools	40	85
Middle Schools	39	82
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	82	83
c. On school buses or other vehicles used to transport students		
High Schools	40	81
Middle Schools	39	87
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	82	82
d. In school publications (e.g., newsletters, newspapers, web sites, or other school publications)		
High Schools	40	77
Middle Schools	39	87
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	82	81

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N=Unweighted number of observations

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38. Percentage of schools that have a full-time registered nurse who provides health services to students.

	N	Percent
High Schools	40	92
Middle Schools	39	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	82	93

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39. Percentage of schools in which each of the following sources of school health information are used to identify students diagnosed with chronic health conditions such as asthma.

	N	Percent
a. This school does not identify students diagnosed with chronic health conditions such as asthma		
High Schools	40	0
Middle Schools	37	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	80	0
b. Student emergency cards		
High Schools	40	85
Middle Schools	37	86
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	80	84
c. Medication records		
High Schools	40	84
Middle Schools	37	95
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	80	88
d. Health room visit information		
High Schools	40	58
Middle Schools	38	45
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	81	52
e. Emergency care plans		
High Schools	40	60
Middle Schools	37	68
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	80	62
f. Physical exam records		
High Schools	40	68
Middle Schools	37	78
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	80	72

NA=Not available

N=Unweighted number of observations

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39. Percentage of schools in which each of the following sources of school health information are used to identify students diagnosed with chronic health conditions such as asthma.

	N	Percent
g. Notes from parents		
High Schools	40	88
Middle Schools	37	86
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	80	88
h. Other		
High Schools	40	24
Middle Schools	39	21
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	82	21

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40. Percentage of schools that have an asthma action plan on file for all, most, some, or no students with known asthma.

	N	Percent
a. School has no students with known asthma		
High Schools	37	0
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	78	0
b. All students with known asthma have an asthma action plan on file		
High Schools	37	43
Middle Schools	38	53
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	78	46
c. Most students with known asthma have an asthma action plan on file		
High Schools	37	28
Middle Schools	38	26
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	78	29
d. Some students with known asthma have an asthma action plan on file		
High Schools	37	21
Middle Schools	38	21
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	78	20
e. No students with known asthma have an asthma action plan on file		
High Schools	37	7
Middle Schools	38	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	78	5

NA=Not available

N=Unweighted number of observations

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41. Percentage of schools that use each of the following types of information to identify students with poorly controlled asthma.

	N	Percent
a. School does not identify students with poorly controlled asthma		
High Schools	39	12
Middle Schools	39	13
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	74
All Schools	81	15
b. Frequent absences from school		
High Schools	40	35
Middle Schools	39	36
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	82	34
c. Frequent visits to the school health office due to asthma		
High Schools	39	73
Middle Schools	39	77
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	81	73
d. Frequent asthma symptoms at school		
High Schools	40	60
Middle Schools	39	62
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	82	60
e. Frequent non-participation in physical education class due to asthma		
High Schools	40	50
Middle Schools	39	49
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	82	48
f. Students sent home early due to asthma		
High Schools	40	47
Middle Schools	39	46
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	82	46

NA=Not available

N=Unweighted number of observations

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41. Percentage of schools that use each of the following types of information to identify students with poorly controlled asthma.

	N	Percent
g. Calls from school to 911, or other local emergency numbers, due to asthma		
High Schools	40	39
Middle Schools	39	26
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	82	31

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42. Percentage of schools that provide each of the following services for students with poorly controlled asthma.

	N	Percent
a. Providing referrals to primary healthcare clinicians or child health insurance programs		
High Schools	35	88
Middle Schools	38	74
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	76	78
b. Ensuring an appropriate written asthma action plan is obtained		
High Schools	36	83
Middle Schools	36	78
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	75	80
c. Ensuring access to and appropriate use of asthma medications, spacers, and peak flow meters at school		
High Schools	35	95
Middle Schools	37	92
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	75	90
d. Offering asthma education for the student with asthma and his/her family		
High Schools	32	61
Middle Schools	36	61
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	71	61
e. Minimizing asthma triggers in the school environment		
High Schools	32	77
Middle Schools	37	78
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	72	75
f. Addressing social and emotional issues related to asthma		
High Schools	33	71
Middle Schools	37	68
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	73	67

NA=Not available

N=Unweighted number of observations

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42. Percentage of schools that provide each of the following services for students with poorly controlled asthma.

	N	Percent
g. Providing additional psychosocial counseling or support services as needed		
High Schools	32	78
Middle Schools	36	58
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	26
All Schools	71	66
h. Ensuring access to safe, enjoyable physical education and activity opportunities		
High Schools	36	98
Middle Schools	37	97
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	76	98
i. Ensuring access to preventive medications before physical activity		
High Schools	36	88
Middle Schools	37	95
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	76	90

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43. Percentage of schools that have a designated and secure storage location for medications, including quick-relief asthma medications.

	N	Percent
High Schools	39	100
Middle Schools	39	100
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	81	100

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44. Percentage of schools with a designated and secure storage location for medications that is accessible at all times by the school nurse or her designee.

	N	Percent
High Schools	38	100
Middle Schools	39	100
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	100
All Schools	79	100

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45. Percentage of schools in which school staff members are required to receive training on recognizing and responding to severe asthma symptoms more than once per year, once per year, or less than once per year.

	N	Percent
a. More than once per year		
High Schools	39	0
Middle Schools	39	5
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	2
b. Once per year		
High Schools	39	30
Middle Schools	39	33
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	63
All Schools	81	33
c. Less than once per year		
High Schools	39	12
Middle Schools	39	8
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	9
d. No such requirement		
High Schools	39	58
Middle Schools	39	54
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	81	55

NA=Not available

N=Unweighted number of observations

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46. Percentage of schools that have adopted a policy stating that students are permitted to carry and self-administer asthma medications.

	N	Percent
High Schools	39	82
Middle Schools	39	87
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	81	85

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47. Percentage of schools that have procedures to inform each of the following groups about the policy permitting students to carry and self-administer asthma medications.*

	N	Percent
a. Students		
High Schools	32	95
Middle Schools	34	88
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	69	92
b. Parents/families		
High Schools	32	95
Middle Schools	33	91
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	100
All Schools	68	93

*Among schools that have adopted a policy stating that students are permitted to carry and self-administer asthma medications.
 NA=Not available
 N=Unweighted number of observations

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48. Percentage of schools that have the following person responsible for implementing the policy permitting students to carry and self-administer asthma medication.*

	N	Percent
a. No single individual is responsible		
High Schools	31	18
Middle Schools	31	6
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	0
All Schools	64	12
b. Principal		
High Schools	31	3
Middle Schools	31	3
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	100
All Schools	64	7
c. Assistant principal		
High Schools	31	0
Middle Schools	31	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	0
All Schools	64	0
d. School nurse		
High Schools	31	80
Middle Schools	31	90
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	0
All Schools	64	82
e. Other school faculty or staff member		
High Schools	31	0
Middle Schools	31	0
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	0
All Schools	64	0

*Among schools that have adopted a policy stating that students are permitted to carry and self-administer asthma medications.

NA=Not available

N=Unweighted number of observations

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49. Percentage of schools in which students' families helped develop or implement policies and programs related to the following topics during the past two years.

	N	Percent
a. HIV, STD, or teen pregnancy prevention		
High Schools	39	19
Middle Schools	39	13
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	37
All Schools	81	17
b. Tobacco-use prevention		
High Schools	39	19
Middle Schools	39	23
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	20
c. Physical activity		
High Schools	39	41
Middle Schools	39	36
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	74
All Schools	81	40
d. Nutrition and healthy eating		
High Schools	39	54
Middle Schools	39	64
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	74
All Schools	81	59
e. Asthma		
High Schools	39	14
Middle Schools	39	15
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	0
All Schools	81	14

NA=Not available

N=Unweighted number of observations

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50. Percentage of schools in which community members helped develop or implement policies and programs related to the following topics during the past two years.

	N	Percent
a. HIV, STD, or teen pregnancy prevention		
High Schools	39	26
Middle Schools	39	15
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	0
All Schools	80	20
b. Tobacco-use prevention		
High Schools	39	33
Middle Schools	39	36
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	59
All Schools	80	35
c. Physical activity		
High Schools	39	44
Middle Schools	39	31
Junior/Senior High Schools	3	74
All Schools	81	39
d. Nutrition and healthy eating		
High Schools	40	72
Middle Schools	39	69
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	59
All Schools	81	70
e. Asthma		
High Schools	39	17
Middle Schools	39	10
Junior/Senior High Schools	2	0
All Schools	80	13

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