



Dane County Youth Assessment 2015

Summary Report

Grades 7th – 8th

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The 2015 Dane County Youth Assessment

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DCYA 2015

Since 1980, Dane County youth in grades 7-12 have been surveyed regarding their opinions, concerns, attitudes, behaviors and experiences. Survey results provide essential data to educators, service providers, parents, policy-makers and funding bodies to inform grant writing, program development and public policy.

The Youth Assessment is a collaborative effort led by the Dane County Youth Commission in partnership with the United Way of Dane County, Public Health Madison & Dane County, the City of Madison, sixteen public school districts and one private school in Dane County.

Survey Development and Administration

Project vendor K12 Associates and a committee of educators, public health professionals, project funders, and citizen and parent representatives led the survey development. The survey includes questions about positive and risk behaviors across contexts of school, peers, family and community. The 2015 DCYA includes new questions on emerging youth issues while retaining questions from past surveys to measure trends. The 2015 DCYA includes items from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Survey to allow for comparisons of DCYA data to state and national trends. The survey development group made extensive efforts to ensure that questions are clear and understandable. A Spanish version is available.

From January 15 through March 15, 2015, sixteen public school districts and one private high school participated in the Dane County Youth Assessment. The survey was administered electronically at middle and high schools to students in regular and alternative school programs. Students with special needs or reading challenges were offered assistance in reading the survey. Student participation in the DCYA was voluntary and anonymous. Parents were notified four weeks in advance of survey administration, invited to review the survey at their school district office, and given the option to select their child out of the process. While the survey is available at school district offices for public review prior to its administration, distribution is restricted until after it is administered in order to preserve the integrity of student responses.

Data Analysis and Reports

School districts attempt to survey all 7th-12th graders, with most districts capturing over 90%. Due to its size, the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) uses sampling methods to survey approximately 50% of its 7th-12th graders. The data for the sample of MMSD students that participated in the survey is weighted to ensure representation of the entire MMSD student body of 7th-12th graders. Results of student responses to survey questions are presented as percentages of the weighted number for each item. Behavioral risk surveys using self-report methodology are widely used and have been proven to be valid and reliable. The large number of participants in the DCYA, the fact that results are in line with national trends, and consistency in findings from year to year supports the validity of the DCYA.

This report provides a complete set of data tables with all survey questions and countywide responses. The 2015 Overview Report summarizing key findings is available on the Youth Commission web site. Subsequent analysis will be conducted by funding partners and researchers yielding additional information about Dane County youth including comparisons, trends and factors influencing youth behavior. These reports will also be posted on the Youth Commission website at www.co.dane.wi.us/humanservices/youth/youthhome.htm as they become available. All published reports may be printed without permission. Citation for any reporting of this data is “2015 Dane County Youth Assessment, Dane County Youth Commission, Madison, Wisconsin.”

Conclusion

The 2015 Youth Assessment marks the sixth time the Youth Commission has coordinated an opportunity for 7th-12th grade youth in Dane County to voice their opinions, needs, concerns and interests. This effort provides the community with information and insight on youth trends. Although not the only source of information on what is impacting youth in our community, the Youth Assessment provides one very valuable resource to inform program and policy decisions. The data reflected in this report is encouraging in some areas and concerning in others. The Youth Commission and its partners hope that youth-serving agencies, community stakeholders, parents, policy makers, school districts and youth will use this and subsequent reports to appreciate where we have been, to recognize the successes and challenges of today and to create an even brighter future for Dane County.

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Using Report Tables

All tables in the following report are constructed in the same manner. Each table summarizes the responses for **one particular survey item** for either all high school students (grades 9-12) or all middle school students surveyed (Grades 7-8).

These tables are intended to provide as much information as possible in an easy-to-understand format. Below is a description of each element in the table.

Grade levels cover in this table *% of all HS grades combined*

Dane County Grades 9-12		4a. What is your current grade in school?				All Students
If you are male	If you are female	9th	10th	11th	12th	
		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
Male	Female	49%	50%	48%	49%	49%
		51%	50%	52%	51%	51%
All Students		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Survey item (as asked on the survey)

The % of 9th graders who are female

(Note: Some column percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding)

Weighted Survey Population 7th – 8th Graders

N= 9,527

Section 1: About Yourself

Population size by Grade and gender

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?				All Students	
		7th		8th		% of Group	# of Students
		% of Group	# of Students	% of Group	# of Students		
What is your biological sex?	Female	50%	2206	51%	2489	50%	4695
	Male	50%	2228	49%	2406	50%	4634

Race or Ethnic Group

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
What is your race? (Choose the best response.)	Middle Eastern/Arab American	1%	1%	1%
	Native American	1%	1%	1%
	Black or African American	9%	10%	9%
	Hispanic or Latino	10%	10%	10%
	Hmong	2%	2%	2%
	Asian (not Hmong)	4%	3%	4%
	White (not Hispanic)	64%	64%	64%
	Multi-racial (more than one race)	7%	8%	8%
Other	2%	1%	2%	

GLBQ items

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Which of the following best describes you?	Straight/Heterosexual	90%	89%	89%
	Gay or Lesbian	1%	1%	1%
	Bi-sexual	3%	5%	4%
	Questioning my sexual orientation	2%	3%	3%
	Other	4%	2%	3%

Section 2: Your Living Situation

Who do you live with?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Who do you live with most of the time? (Choose only one.)	Two parents in one home	69%	67%	68%
	Two parents in separate homes	14%	14%	14%
	One parent only	9%	10%	10%
	One parent & another adult	4%	5%	4%
	Group home or foster home	0%	0%	0%
	A relative (aunt, uncle, grandparents, older siblings, etc.)	1%	1%	1%
	Live with friends	0%	0%	0%
	Live alone	0%	0%	0%
	Other	2%	2%	2%

Who is home after school?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
If I'm home after school, from 3:00-6:00, there is . . .	Always a parent/guardian at home	32%	28%	30%
	Usually a parent/guardian at home	53%	54%	54%
	Seldom a parent/guardian at home	11%	13%	12%
	Never a parent/guardian at home	5%	5%	5%

Have you ever been homeless?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Have you ever been homeless?	Yes	4%	4%	4%
	No	92%	93%	92%
	Don't Know	5%	4%	4%

Section 3: After School & Volunteering

Do you participate in afterschool?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Do you currently participate in an after-school program?	Yes	55%	55%	55%
	No	45%	45%	45%

Reasons you don't participate in afterschool?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Which reason below best describes why you don't participate in an after-school program?	Transportation	6%	7%	6%
	Family Responsibility	4%	4%	4%
	Don't know what programs are available	5%	5%	5%
	Parents won't let me	1%	1%	1%
	Too busy already	28%	28%	28%
	Not interested	40%	41%	40%
	Other reasons	15%	14%	15%

Days a week participating in after school/weekend activities

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Sports (school or club) and group exercise, including practice, competition or private lessons	Never involved in this activity	25%	26%	26%
	Less than 1 day per week	6%	7%	7%
	1-2 days	22%	19%	20%
	3-4 days	26%	28%	27%
	5 or more days	21%	20%	20%
Tutoring, homework club or other academic support	Never involved in this activity	68%	66%	67%
	Less than 1 day per week	10%	12%	11%
	1-2 days	11%	13%	12%
	3-4 days	6%	6%	6%
	5 or more days	4%	4%	4%

Music, art, dance or drama	Never involved in this activity	53%	56%	55%
	Less than 1 day per week	9%	9%	9%
	1-2 days	20%	18%	19%
	3-4 days	11%	9%	10%
	5 or more days	7%	8%	8%
Leadership group	Never involved in this activity	83%	81%	82%
	Less than 1 day per week	8%	9%	8%
	1-2 days	6%	8%	7%
	3-4 days	1%	1%	1%
	5 or more days	2%	1%	1%
Religious or spiritual activities	Never involved in this activity	59%	58%	58%
	Less than 1 day per week	15%	14%	15%
	1-2 days	22%	24%	23%
	3-4 days	2%	2%	2%
	5 or more days	2%	1%	2%
Other afterschool programs, clubs or activities at a school, neighborhood center or organization	Never involved in this activity	55%	58%	57%
	Less than 1 day per week	14%	15%	15%
	1-2 days	18%	17%	18%
	3-4 days	7%	6%	6%
	5 or more days	6%	4%	5%

Have you volunteered?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Have you done any volunteer work or community service in the last 12 months?	Yes	53%	59%	56%
	No	47%	41%	44%

Section 4: Socio-economic

Family having to miss meals because of \$\$

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
In the past 30 days, how often did you have to skip meals or eat less because your family didn't have enough money for food?	Never	88%	87%	88%
	Once	7%	7%	7%
	More than once	5%	6%	5%

Are you eligible for free or reduced hot lunch?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Do you get free or reduced lunch at school?	Yes	20%	24%	22%
	No	67%	68%	68%
	Don't Know	13%	9%	11%

Section 5: Technology Use and Sleep

Screen time on school nights

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
On an average school day/night, how many total hours do you sit and watch TV, play video or computer games or use a computer, phone or tablet for something that is not homework? (Do not count time on your phone if you are active.)	0 hours per day	2%	2%	2%
	Less than 1 hour	14%	10%	12%
	1 hour	19%	17%	18%
	2 hours	26%	26%	26%
	3 hours	18%	20%	19%
	4 hours	8%	10%	9%
	5 or more hours	14%	15%	14%

School nights per week up past 11pm

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
On average, how many school nights (Sunday-Thurs) a week are you awake past 11pm?	0 nights	39%	29%	34%
	1 night	19%	19%	19%
	2 nights	17%	18%	18%
	3 nights	10%	13%	12%
	4 nights	5%	6%	6%
	Every school night	10%	14%	12%

Cell phone on at night?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Do you keep a cell phone or tablet turned on in your bedroom at night?	I don't have a phone or tablet	7%	7%	7%
	Yes	57%	65%	61%
	No	36%	28%	32%

Section 6: Parenting and Family

Evening meals per week with family

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
In an average week, how many days do you eat evening meals with your family?	0 days	6%	7%	6%
	1 day	4%	4%	4%
	2 days	6%	7%	6%
	3 days	7%	9%	8%
	4 days	9%	9%	9%
	5 days	13%	14%	14%
	6 days	13%	15%	14%
	7 days	43%	36%	39%

Parents know where I am when I go out

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Know where I am when I go out.	Always	76%	73%	75%
	Often	18%	21%	20%
	Sometimes	4%	5%	4%
	Never	1%	1%	1%

Parents set clear rules

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Set clear rules about what I can and cannot do.	Always	65%	64%	64%
	Often	25%	26%	26%
	Sometimes	8%	9%	8%
	Never	1%	2%	2%

Parents have talked about my future plans

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Have talked with me about my future plans.	Always	36%	42%	39%
	Often	27%	27%	27%
	Sometimes	29%	26%	27%
	Never	8%	5%	6%

Parents have consequences

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Have consequences if I break rules.	Always	63%	64%	64%
	Often	24%	24%	24%
	Sometimes	11%	10%	11%
	Never	2%	2%	2%

Parents encourage me

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Encourage me to do well.	Always	85%	81%	83%
	Often	10%	12%	11%
	Sometimes	4%	5%	5%
	Never	1%	2%	1%

Parents monitor my school progress

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Monitor my school progress.	Always	63%	57%	60%
	Often	24%	26%	25%
	Sometimes	10%	14%	12%
	Never	3%	3%	3%

Parents talk with me about things that bother me

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Talk with me about things that bother me.	Always	39%	32%	35%
	Often	23%	26%	25%
	Sometimes	26%	30%	28%
	Never	12%	12%	12%

Section 7: Health

Last time seeing a doctor

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
When was the last time you went to a doctor or clinic for a check-up or because you were sick or injured?	Within the past 12 months	68%	72%	70%
	Between 12 and 24 months ago (1-2 years ago)	8%	8%	8%
	More than 24 months ago (more than 2 years ago)	3%	3%	3%
	Not sure	22%	17%	19%

Have you taken medication for asthma?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
In the past 12 months, have you taken medication for asthma, seen a doctor for asthma, or had asthma symptoms?	Yes	16%	17%	17%
	No	84%	83%	83%

Last time seen by a dentist

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
When was the last time you saw a dentist for a check-up, exam, teeth cleaning or other dental work?	Within the past 12 months	79%	82%	80%
	Between 12 and 24 months ago (1-2 years ago)	5%	6%	6%
	More than 24 months ago (more than 2 years ago)	2%	2%	2%
	Never	1%	1%	1%
	Not sure	13%	9%	11%

Past 12 months missed school with dental pain

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
In the past 12 months, have you ever missed school because of pain in your teeth or gums? (not because of braces)	Yes	5%	5%	5%
	No	95%	95%	95%

Section 8: Exercise and Nutrition

Number of days physically active

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
During the past 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day? (Add up all the time you spent in any kind of physical activity that increased your heart rate and made you breathe hard some of the time.)	0 days	4%	5%	5%
	1 day	6%	6%	6%
	2 days	9%	9%	9%
	3 days	15%	16%	15%
	4 days	14%	16%	15%
	5 days	19%	20%	19%
	6 days	11%	10%	11%
	7 days	22%	18%	20%

Things that stop you from being active

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
What things stop you or limit you from being physically active - either sports teams and in other programs, or exercising on your own? (Choose all that apply.)	Nothing stops or limits me	45.0%	42.7%	43.7%
What things stop you or limit you from being physically active - either sports teams and in other programs, or exercising on your own? (Choose all that apply.)	Don't have time (because of school work, job, chores, etc.)	27.5%	33.8%	30.8%

What things stop you or limit you from being physically active - either sports teams and in other programs, or exercising on your own? (Choose all that apply.)	Don't like or don't think it's important	8.3%	11.5%	9.9%
What things stop you or limit you from being physically active - either sports teams and in other programs, or exercising on your own? (Choose all that apply.)	Have a physical or health problems	7.0%	8.0%	7.6%
What things stop you or limit you from being physically active - either sports teams and in other programs, or exercising on your own? (Choose all that apply.)	My skills aren't good enough	9.5%	12.3%	10.9%
What things stop you or limit you from being physically active - either sports teams and in other programs, or exercising on your own? (Choose all that apply.)	There aren't enough programs or places to exercise	4.4%	5.2%	4.8%
What things stop you or limit you from being physically active - either sports teams and in other programs, or exercising on your own? (Choose all that apply.)	Don't know what is offered or how to sign up	3.8%	4.9%	4.3%
What things stop you or limit you from being physically active - either sports teams and in other programs, or exercising on your own? (Choose all that apply.)	It costs too much (fees or equipment)	6.2%	7.9%	7.1%
What things stop you or limit you from being physically active - either sports teams and in other programs, or exercising on your own? (Choose all that apply.)	Transportation is a problem	6.8%	9.7%	8.3%
What things stop you or limit you from being physically active - either sports teams and in other programs, or exercising on your own? (Choose all that apply.)	Safety concerns in my neighborhood (such as traffic or crime)	1.6%	1.4%	1.5%

What things stop you or limit you from being physically active - either sports teams and in other programs, or exercising on your own? (Choose all that apply.)	My parents don't want me to	1.5%	1.9%	1.7%
What things stop you or limit you from being physically active - either sports teams and in other programs, or exercising on your own? (Choose all that apply.)	Feel uncomfortable in the locker room	4.7%	5.9%	5.3%
What things stop you or limit you from being physically active - either sports teams and in other programs, or exercising on your own? (Choose all that apply.)	Other reasons	14.7%	14.3%	14.4%

Servings of veggies and fruit each day

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat fruits or vegetables? (Do not count fruit juice, French Fries, fried potatoes or potato chips.)	0 times the past 7 days	2%	2%	2%
	1 to 3 times the past 7 days	12%	15%	14%
	4 to 6 times the past 7 days	20%	19%	19%
	1 time per day	13%	13%	13%
	2 times per day	24%	25%	24%
	3 times per day	16%	14%	15%
	4 or more times per day	14%	12%	13%

Number of days eating breakfast

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
During the past 7 days, how many days did you eat breakfast?	0 days	5%	6%	6%
	1 day	4%	5%	4%
	2 days	6%	8%	7%
	3 days	6%	7%	7%
	4 days	6%	8%	7%
	5 days	8%	9%	9%
	6 days	9%	10%	10%
	7 days	55%	48%	51%

Frequency of certain drinks

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
During the past 7 days, how many times did you drink a can, bottle or glass of a sports drink such as Gatorade or PowerAde? (Do not count low calorie sports drinks such as Propel or G2.)	0 times the past 7 days	52%	54%	53%
	1 to 3 times the past 7 days	32%	32%	32%
	4 to 6 times the past 7 days	7%	6%	6%
	1 time per day	4%	3%	3%
	2 times per day	2%	2%	2%
	3 times per day	1%	1%	1%
	4 or more times per day	2%	2%	2%
	During the past 7 days, how many times did you drink a can, bottle or glass of soda or pop such as Coke, Pepsi, Dr. Pepper or Mountain Dew? (Do not count diet soda or diet pop.)	0 times the past 7 days	35%	35%
1 to 3 times the past 7 days		48%	46%	47%
4 to 6 times the past 7 days		7%	9%	8%
1 time per day		4%	4%	4%
2 times per day		2%	3%	2%
3 times per day		1%	1%	1%
4 or more times per day		2%	2%	2%
During the past 7 days, how many times did you drink OTHER sweet drinks such as lemonade, Snapple, Sunny D, Kool-Aid, sweetened coffee drinks (like lattes) or milk shakes?		0 times the past 7 days	28%	26%
	1 to 3 times the past 7 days	45%	48%	47%
	4 to 6 times the past 7 days	13%	12%	13%
	1 time per day	5%	5%	5%
	2 times per day	3%	4%	3%
	3 times per day	2%	2%	2%
	4 or more times per day	3%	3%	3%

Section 9: Emotional Health

Depression: Feeling sad and hopeless

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for at least two weeks in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?	Yes	19%	23%	21%
	No	81%	77%	79%

Feeling anxious and worrying

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Felt nervous, anxious or on edge.	Always	8%	11%	10%
	Often	20%	25%	23%
	A little	47%	44%	46%
	Not at all	25%	19%	22%
Not been able to stop or control worrying.	Always	8%	11%	9%
	Often	14%	17%	16%
	A little	27%	28%	27%
	Not at all	51%	44%	47%
Felt problems were piling up so high that you could not handle them.	Always	8%	12%	10%
	Often	13%	17%	15%
	A little	27%	26%	26%
	Not at all	51%	45%	48%

Suicide ideation

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
During the past 12 months, have you thought seriously about killing yourself?	No	85%	79%	82%
	Yes, but rarely	9%	12%	11%
	Yes, some of the time	5%	6%	5%
	Yes, almost all the time	1%	2%	2%

Suicide attempts last 12 months

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
During the past 12 months, have you attempted to kill yourself?	No	96%	94%	95%
	Yes, 1 time	3%	4%	4%
	Yes, more than 1 time	2%	2%	2%

Self harm in the last 12 months

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
During the past 12 months, how many times did you do something to hurt yourself on purpose, without wanting to die, such as cutting or burning yourself?	0 times	88%	84%	86%
	1 to 2 times	7%	9%	8%
	3 or more times	5%	7%	6%

Section 10: Safety

How often do you wear a seatbelt?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
How often do you wear a seatbelt when riding in a car?	Never	1%	1%	1%
	Rarely	2%	3%	2%
	Sometimes	4%	5%	5%
	Most of the time	20%	23%	22%
	Always	73%	68%	70%

How often do you wear a protective helmet

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
When you rode a bicycle during the past 12 months, how often did you wear a protective helmet?	I did not ride a bike in the last 12 months.	11%	15%	13%
	Never	21%	27%	24%
	Rarely	10%	12%	11%
	Sometimes	11%	9%	10%
	Most of the time	20%	17%	18%
	Always	28%	21%	24%

Section 11: Sexual Behavior

Voluntarily engaged in sexual contact

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Have you ever voluntarily engaged in any sexual contact with another person?	Yes	4%	8%	6%
	No	96%	92%	94%

Have you ever had a good talk with your parents about . . . ?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Waiting to have sex.	Yes	42%	49%	46%
	No	58%	51%	54%
Healthy dating relationships.	Yes	58%	64%	61%
	No	42%	36%	39%
Birth control and sexually transmitted infections.	Yes	38%	45%	42%
	No	62%	55%	58%

Section 12: Tobacco Use

During the past 30 days, how many days did you smoke cigarettes?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?	0 days	98%	97%	98%
	1 or 2 days	1%	1%	1%
	3 to 5 days	0%	0%	0%
	6 to 9 days	0%	0%	0%
	10 to 19 days	0%	0%	0%
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	0%
	All 30 days	1%	1%	1%

Where do you usually get your cigarettes?

% of youth who have smoked

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		% of Youth Smoking Last 30 days
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
If you smoked during the past 30 days, how did you usually get your cigarettes? (Check only one response.)	I did not smoke cigarettes in the last 30 days.	23%	22%	22%
	Bought them from a store - convenience store, supermarket,	8%	5%	6%
	On the internet	2%		1%
	Gave someone else money to buy them for me	9%	6%	7%
	Borrowed (or bummed) them from someone else	11%	18%	15%
	A person 18 years old or older gave them to me	5%	8%	7%
	Took them from a store or family member	22%	17%	19%
	Got them some other way	22%	24%	23%

Days using an electronic vapor product?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
During the past 30 days, did you use an electronic vapor product? (Electronic vapor products include e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pipes, vaping pens, e-hookahs and hookah pens.)	Yes	4%	6%	5%
	No	96%	94%	95%

Section 13: Alcohol Use

Past 12 months how many times have you drunk alcohol?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
In the past 12 months how many times have you had alcohol to drink? (more than a few sips)	Never, not at all	94%	90%	92%
	Less than 1 timer per month	5%	7%	6%
	1 time per month or more	2%	3%	2%

In the past 30 days how many days did you . . . ?

% of youth who drank last 12 months

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		% of Youth Drinking Last 12 mos.
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Have at least 1 drink of alcohol (more than a few sips).	0 days	51%	50%	50%
	1 to 2 days	41%	42%	42%
	3 to 6 days	1%	4%	3%
	6 or more days	7%	4%	5%
Have 5 or more alcoholic drinks at one time, in a row, within a couple of hours.	0 days	88%	87%	88%
	1 to 2 days	7%	8%	8%
	3 to 6 days	0%	1%	1%
	6 or more days	5%	3%	4%
Get drunk from drinking.	0 days	87%	86%	86%
	1 to 2 days	9%	9%	9%
	3 to 6 days	0%	2%	1%
	6 or more days	4%	4%	4%

Where do you most frequently get your alcohol?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Where do you most frequently get alcohol?	Sneak it from home	0.8%	1.7%	1.3%
Where do you most frequently get alcohol?	My parents	1.8%	3.1%	2.5%
Where do you most frequently get alcohol?	At parties	1.1%	2.4%	1.8%
Where do you most frequently get alcohol?	From friends	0.9%	2.0%	1.5%
Where do you most frequently get alcohol?	From older brother or sister	0.6%	1.1%	0.9%
Where do you most frequently get alcohol?	Buy it myself	0.2%	0.9%	0.5%
Where do you most frequently get alcohol?	Steal it from a store	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Where do you most frequently get alcohol?	Get it some other way	1.0%	1.6%	1.3%

Section 14: Marijuana Use

Past 12 months how many times using marijuana?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
In the past 12 months, how many times did you use marijuana?	Never, not at all	98%	95%	96%
	Less than 1 time per month	1%	3%	2%
	1 time per month or more	1%	2%	2%

In the past 30 days how many days using marijuana?

% of youth who used marijuana last 12 months

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		% of Youth Using Marijuana
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
In the past 30 days, how many days did you use marijuana?	0 days	54%	42%	46%
	1 to 2 days	24%	30%	28%
	3 to 6 days	6%	12%	10%
	6 or more days	15%	16%	16%

Section 15: Drug Use

Drug use in the past 12 months

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Over-the-counter drugs to get high.	Not at all	98%	98%	98%
	Less than 1 time per month	1%	1%	1%
	1 time per month or more	1%	1%	1%
Prescription drugs, not prescribed for you, to get high.	Not at all	98%	98%	98%
	Less than 1 time per month	1%	1%	1%
	1 time per month or more	1%	1%	1%
Inhalant (like glue, paint, spray cans, markers).	Not at all	97%	97%	97%
	Less than 1 time per month	2%	2%	2%
	1 time per month or more	2%	1%	1%

Section 16: Parents and AOD

Parents drink-drive

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
How often have you ridden in vehicle with one of your parents when you thought their driving was impaired due to alcohol or drugs?	Very often	1%	1%	1%
	Often	0%	1%	1%
	Sometimes	2%	2%	2%
	Rarely	8%	11%	10%
	Never	88%	86%	87%

How wrong do your parents feel it is for you to . . . ?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Smoke marijuana	Not Wrong	2%	2%	2%
	A Little Wrong	2%	4%	3%
	Wrong	6%	9%	8%
	Very Wrong	87%	82%	84%
	Not Sure	3%	3%	3%
Smoke cigarettes	Not Wrong	2%	1%	2%
	A Little Wrong	1%	2%	2%
	Wrong	9%	10%	10%
	Very Wrong	85%	84%	85%
	Not Sure	3%	2%	3%
Drink alcohol	Not Wrong	4%	4%	4%
	A Little Wrong	7%	8%	8%
	Wrong	15%	19%	17%
	Very Wrong	70%	65%	68%
	Not Sure	4%	4%	4%

Section 16: Perception of Peers

How many people your age do you think. . . ?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Drink alcohol	0-25%	64%	53%	58%
	26-50%	25%	32%	29%
	51-75%	8%	12%	10%
	76-100%	3%	2%	2%
Get drunk once a month or more	0-25%	75%	67%	71%
	26-50%	17%	22%	20%
	51-75%	5%	8%	7%
	76-100%	3%	2%	3%
Use marijuana	0-25%	65%	48%	56%
	26-50%	21%	28%	25%
	51-75%	10%	17%	14%
	76-100%	4%	6%	5%
Smoke cigarettes	0-25%	57%	53%	55%
	26-50%	28%	29%	29%
	51-75%	11%	14%	13%
	76-100%	4%	4%	4%

Section 17: School Topics

What grades do you usually get in school?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
What grades do you usually get on your report card?	Mostly A's	36%	37%	36%
	Half A's & half B's	32%	31%	31%
	Mostly B's	10%	10%	10%
	Half B's & half C's	14%	14%	14%
	Mostly C's	3%	4%	3%
	Half C's & half D's	3%	3%	3%
	Mostly D's	1%	1%	1%
	Mostly below D	1%	1%	1%

Statements about your school

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
The rules and expectations are clearly explained.	Strongly Agree	39%	33%	36%
	Agree	50%	54%	52%
	Disagree	8%	10%	9%
	Strongly Disagree	2%	2%	2%
I feel close to people in my school.	Strongly Agree	37%	31%	34%
	Agree	48%	48%	48%
	Disagree	12%	15%	14%
	Strongly Disagree	3%	5%	4%
I feel safe at my school.	Strongly Agree	40%	31%	35%
	Agree	46%	51%	48%
	Disagree	11%	13%	12%
	Strongly Disagree	3%	5%	4%
Teachers and other adults treat students fairly.	Strongly Agree	28%	21%	24%
	Agree	43%	45%	44%
	Disagree	20%	24%	22%
	Strongly Disagree	9%	10%	9%
There are adults I can talk to at school if I have a problem.	Strongly Agree	38%	28%	33%
	Agree	44%	48%	46%
	Disagree	13%	17%	15%
	Strongly Disagree	6%	7%	6%

I feel like I belong at this school.	Strongly Agree	39%	30%	34%
	Agree	45%	49%	47%
	Disagree	11%	13%	12%
	Strongly Disagree	5%	8%	7%

Are you in special education or have an IEP?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Do you currently receive special education support or have an IEP?	Yes	7%	7%	7%
	No	76%	84%	80%
	Don't Know	16%	10%	13%

Skipped or cut classes

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
In the past 30 days, how often have you skipped or cut classes (absent without permission)?	Never	94%	92%	93%
	1 or 2 times per month	4%	6%	5%
	More than 1 or 2 times per month	2%	2%	2%

How many times have you been suspended

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
During this school year, how many times have you received an in-school or out-of-school suspension?	0 times	91%	92%	91%
	1 time	5%	5%	5%
	2 times	2%	2%	2%
	3 or more times	2%	2%	2%

Section 18: Gang Membership

Are you the member of an organized gang?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Are you a member of an organized gang?	No, and I have never been asked or pressured to join	94%	94%	94%
	No, but I have been asked or pressured to join	3%	4%	4%
	I was in a gang, but am no longer	1%	1%	1%
	Yes, I am currently in a gang	1%	1%	1%
	Yes, I'm currently in a gang and want to get out	0%	0%	0%

Are any of your friends members of a gang?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Are any of your close friends members of a gang?	Yes	5%	8%	7%
	No	74%	72%	73%
	Not Sure	21%	19%	20%

Section 19: Bullying

Bullying and victim items

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Someone made unwanted sexual comments to me.	Never	89%	83%	86%
	1 or 2 times	8%	13%	11%
	3 to 4 times	2%	2%	2%
	5 or more times	1%	2%	2%
I got hit and pushed by other students.	Never	72%	73%	73%
	1 or 2 times	22%	20%	21%
	3 to 4 times	3%	4%	4%
	5 or more times	3%	3%	3%
I upset other students for the fun of it.	Never	90%	87%	88%
	1 or 2 times	8%	11%	9%
	3 to 4 times	1%	1%	1%
	5 or more times	2%	1%	1%
Other students picked on me.	Never	66%	66%	66%
	1 or 2 times	24%	24%	24%
	3 to 4 times	6%	6%	6%
	5 or more times	4%	4%	4%
I helped harass other students.	Never	94%	92%	93%
	1 or 2 times	5%	7%	6%
	3 to 4 times	1%	1%	1%
	5 or more times	1%	1%	1%
I told someone to stop harassing another student.	Never	53%	53%	53%
	1 or 2 times	36%	37%	36%
	3 to 4 times	7%	7%	7%
	5 or more times	3%	3%	3%
I spread rumors about other people	Never	91%	89%	90%
	1 or 2 times	8%	9%	8%
	3 to 4 times	1%	1%	1%
	5 or more times	1%	1%	1%
I started arguments or conflicts.	Never	80%	78%	79%
	1 or 2 times	16%	19%	18%
	3 to 4 times	2%	2%	2%
	5 or more times	1%	1%	1%

Other students made fun of me.	Never	64%	63%	63%
	1 or 2 times	24%	26%	25%
	3 to 4 times	6%	6%	6%
	5 or more times	5%	5%	5%
In a group I made fun of other students.	Never	88%	83%	86%
	1 or 2 times	9%	14%	11%
	3 to 4 times	1%	2%	2%
	5 or more times	1%	1%	1%
Other students called me names.	Never	70%	70%	70%
	1 or 2 times	20%	21%	21%
	3 to 4 times	5%	4%	4%
	5 or more times	5%	5%	5%
I excluded other students from my group of friends.	Never	86%	86%	86%
	1 or 2 times	11%	12%	12%
	3 to 4 times	1%	1%	1%
	5 or more times	1%	1%	1%
I got into a physical fight.	Never	88%	90%	89%
	1 or 2 times	9%	7%	8%
	3 to 4 times	1%	1%	1%
	5 or more times	2%	1%	2%

Have you been bullied, threaten or harassed by . . . ?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Through the internet or text messaging.	Never	80%	79%	80%
	Rarely	12%	13%	13%
	Sometimes	6%	6%	6%
	Often	2%	2%	2%
By others thinking you're gay, lesbian or bisexual.	Never	88%	88%	88%
	Rarely	7%	7%	7%
	Sometimes	3%	3%	3%
	Often	2%	2%	2%
About your race or ethnic background.	Never	89%	88%	88%
	Rarely	6%	7%	6%
	Sometimes	3%	3%	3%
	Often	2%	2%	2%
About how you look.	Never	70%	65%	67%
	Rarely	17%	19%	18%
	Sometimes	9%	10%	9%
	Often	5%	6%	5%

Section 20: Social Media

Using social networking have you ever . . . ?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Thinking about the way you use social networking sites, like Facebook and Instagram, have you ever . . . (Choose all that apply.)	Limited who can see your profile and postings.	50.3%	57.3%	53.9%
Thinking about the way you use social networking sites, like Facebook and Instagram, have you ever . . . (Choose all that apply.)	Deleted someone from your friends list because they were bullied	21.5%	22.4%	21.9%
Thinking about the way you use social networking sites, like Facebook and Instagram, have you ever . . . (Choose all that apply.)	Removed your name from tagged photos.	13.0%	19.3%	16.3%
Thinking about the way you use social networking sites, like Facebook and Instagram, have you ever . . . (Choose all that apply.)	Posted updates, comments, photos or videos that you later re	11.0%	13.7%	12.4%
Thinking about the way you use social networking sites, like Facebook and Instagram, have you ever . . . (Choose all that apply.)	Accepted a friend request from someone you don't know.	30.8%	39.3%	35.3%
Thinking about the way you use social networking sites, like Facebook and Instagram, have you ever . . . (Choose all that apply.)	None of the above.	28.2%	22.0%	24.9%

Section 21: Community Topics

What best describes your community?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
I can ask my neighbors for help.	Strongly Agree	41%	34%	38%
	Agree	39%	41%	40%
	Disagree	13%	17%	15%
	Strongly Disagree	7%	8%	7%
If I had to move, I would miss my neighborhood.	Strongly Agree	48%	37%	43%
	Agree	30%	33%	32%
	Disagree	15%	20%	18%
	Strongly Disagree	7%	10%	8%
I feel safe walking in my neighborhood.	Strongly Agree	55%	48%	51%
	Agree	36%	42%	39%
	Disagree	6%	7%	7%
	Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	3%
My neighbors are friendly to me.	Strongly Agree	55%	45%	50%
	Agree	38%	46%	42%
	Disagree	5%	6%	6%
	Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	3%
I can count on the police if I need them.	Strongly Agree	55%	43%	49%
	Agree	35%	42%	39%
	Disagree	6%	8%	7%
	Strongly Disagree	4%	6%	5%
I help my neighbors.	Strongly Agree	40%	32%	36%
	Agree	43%	46%	45%
	Disagree	13%	17%	15%
	Strongly Disagree	4%	5%	4%

Number of adults you can rely on

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
Not counting your parents, how many adults can you rely on if you have a problem and need help?	No other adults available	5%	6%	5%
	At least one other adult	12%	15%	14%
	At least two	18%	19%	18%
	At least three	13%	14%	14%
	Four or more adults	53%	45%	49%

How spiritual would you say you are?

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
How spiritual or religious would you say you are?	Very	15%	14%	15%
	Somewhat	31%	30%	31%
	A little bit	27%	27%	27%
	Not at all	27%	28%	27%

Section 22: Parent Risk Factors

Parents have been in prison or jail

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
My parent has been in prison or jail.	Yes	10%	12%	11%
	No	81%	80%	80%
	Don't know	9%	8%	8%

Parents have hit, injured me

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
My parent has hit me, leaving bruises, marks or any kind of injury.	Yes	7%	8%	8%
	No	89%	89%	89%
	Don't know	4%	3%	3%

Parents get drunk weekly

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
My parent gets drunk at least once a week.	Yes	7%	8%	7%
	No	87%	88%	87%
	Don't know	7%	4%	5%

Parents abuse drugs weekly

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
My parent uses marijuana at least once a week.	Yes	2%	3%	3%
	No	94%	94%	94%
	Don't know	4%	3%	4%

Parents physically fight

Dane Co Grades 7-8		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	% of Group
		% of Group	% of Group	
My parents physically fight with each other.	Yes	2%	2%	2%
	No	94%	95%	94%
	Don't know	4%	3%	4%