

# Dane County Youth Assessment 2012

Middle School Countywide Report

Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

# The 2012 Dane County Youth Assessment

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### **Dane County Youth Assessment 2012**

Since 1980, Dane County youth in grades 7-12 have been surveyed regarding their opinions, concerns, attitudes, behaviors and experiences. Survey results to 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, fifteen 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 parent representatives participated in development of the survey. The DCYA includes questions about both positive and risk behaviors across contexts of school, peer relations, family and community. The 2012 DCYA includes new questions on emerging youth issues while retaining questions from past surveys to measure trends. The survey includes items from the national Centers for Disease Control Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey. This allows for comparison of Dane county data to state and national data. Extensive efforts are made to ensure that survey questions are clear and understandable. A Spanish version is available.

In January and February 2012, fifteen of 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. This report presents student responses to survey questions 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 consistency of DCYA results with national trends, and consistency in findings from year to year supports the validity of the DCYA.

This report provides data tables for every survey question and countywide youth responses. The 2012 DCYA Overview Report summarizes and highlights key findings. Both reports are available on the Youth Commission web site at www.co.dane.wi.us/humanservices/youth/youthhome.htm

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. Reports generated using DCYA data will be posted on the Youth Commission website at as they become available. All published reports may be printed without permission. Citation for any reporting of this data is "2012 Dane County Youth Assessment, Dane County Youth Commission, Madison, Wisconsin."

### Conclusion

The 2012 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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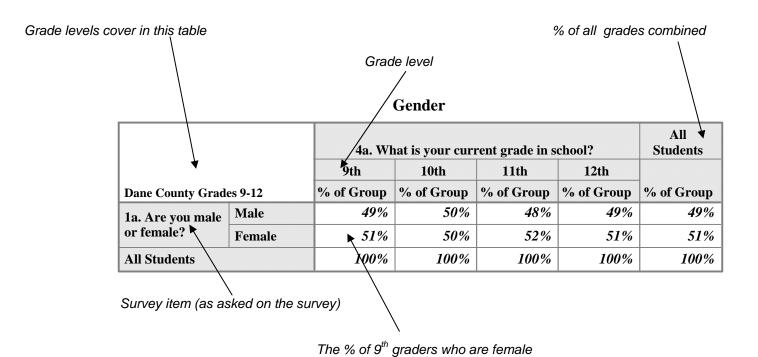
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### **Using Report Tables**

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 summarize countywide survey responses in an easy-to-understand format. Below is a description of each element in the table.



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

# Survey Population 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders Weighted N= 8,304

# **Section 1: About Yourself**

Population size by grade and gender

_ of					
		What grade are you in?		All Students	
		7th 8th			
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
What is your	Female	50%	48%	49%	
gender?	Male	50%	52%	51%	

Population size by gender and grade

		What is yo	All Students	
		Female Male		
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
What grade are you	7th	54%	52%	53%
in?	8th	46%	48%	47%

**Race or Ethnic Group** 

		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	White	64%	62%	63%
	Black	11%	13%	12%
	Hispanic	8%	9%	8%
	Hmong	1%	2%	2%
	Asian, not Hmong	4%	3%	4%
	Native	1%	1%	1%
	Middle Eastern	1%	1%	1%
	Mixed	7%	7%	7%
	Other	3%	2%	3%

**Age of Student** 

9				
		What grade	All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	12 years old or younger	48%	0%	26%
How old are you?	13 years old	51%	50%	51%
	14 years old	1%	48%	23%
	15 years old	0%	1%	1%
	16 years old or older	0%	0%	0%

Straight, Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual or Questioning

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	What grade are you in?		All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Straight/Heterosexual	94%	94%	94%
	Gay or Lesbian	1%	0%	1%
Which of the following	Bi-sexual	2%	3%	2%
best describes you?	Questioning my sexual	3%	3%	3%
	orientation			

# **Section 2: Your Living Situation**

### Who do you live with?

who do you nve with:					
		What grade are you in?		All Students	
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
	Two parents in one home	67%	64%	65%	
	Two parents in separate homes	14%	12%	13%	
	One parent only	10%	14%	12%	
	One parent & another adult	5%	6%	6%	
Who do you live with most of the time? (Choose only	Group home or foster home	0%	0%	0%	
one)	A relative (aunt, uncle, grandparents, older siblings, etc.)	1%	1%	1%	
	I live with friends	0%	0%	0%	
	I live alone	0%	1%	1%	
	Other	1%	2%	1%	

### Who is home after school?

		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Always a parent/guardian	32%	29%	30%
	at home			
TOTAL 1	Usually a parent/guardian	51%	54%	52%
If I'm home after school,	at home			
from 3:00-6:00, there is	Seldom a parent/guardian	12%	12%	12%
•	at home			
	Never a parent/guardian	5%	5%	5%
	at home			

# Have you ever been homeless?

		What grade	All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Yes	4%	4%	4%
Have you ever been	No	92%	92%	92%
homeless?	Don't Know	5%	3%	4%

# **Section 3: Volunteering and Activities**

Have you volunteered?

,		What grade	All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
Have you done any	Yes	59%	63%	61%
volunteer work in the last 12 months?	No	41%	37%	39%

Days per week in extracurricular activities

Days per week in extraculticular activities					
		What grade	All Students		
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
	0 days	31%	36%	34%	
	1 day	13%	12%	12%	
How many days per week	2 days	14%	12%	13%	
are you involved in	3 days	13%	13%	13%	
activities like dance,	4 days	9%	9%	9%	
drama, music or other clubs?	5 days	10%	10%	10%	
Clubs:	6 days	4%	3%	3%	
	7 days	5%	5%	5%	

Days per week at a youth center

		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	0 days	76%	77%	77%
	1 day	11%	10%	10%
	2 days	5%	5%	5%
How many days a week do	3 days	3%	3%	3%
you spend time at a youth or community center?	4 days	1%	2%	1%
	5 days	2%	2%	2%
	6 days	0%	1%	1%
	7 days	1%	1%	1%

Days per week in team sports

		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	0 days	30%	33%	31%
How many days a week do	1 day	8%	6%	7%
	2 days	12%	10%	11%
you play team sports?	3 days	14%	12%	13%
(Include practice, lessons and games)	4 days	10%	13%	11%
	5 days	13%	13%	13%
	6 days	5%	5%	5%
	7 days	8%	8%	8%

Days per week exercising on your own

		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
How many days a week do	0 days	8%	11%	10%
you exercise on your own,	1 day	10%	11%	10%
not in an organized	2 days	15%	16%	15%
program? (For example:	3 days	16%	17%	17%
biking, skating, running,	4 days	9%	11%	10%
playground basketball,	5 days	13%	11%	12%
dancing, tennis with a friend, snowboarding,	6 days	6%	5%	5%
skateboarding, etc.)	7 days	23%	19%	21%

Things that stop you from exercising

	Timigs that stop you in		are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	I don't have time (because	32%	33%	32%
	of school work, job, chores, etc.			
	My skills aren't good enough	9%	9%	9%
	It costs too much (fees or equipment)	10%	8%	9%
	Transportation is a problem	8%	10%	9%
What things stop you or limit you from being	I don't like or don't think it's important	7%	9%	8%
physically active - either sports teams and in other programs, or exercising on	I have physical or health problems	6%	6%	6%
your own? (Check all that apply)	There aren't enough programs or places to exercise	3%	5%	4%
	I don't know what is offered or how to sign up	4%	5%	5%
	There are safety concerns in my neighborhood (such as traffic)	2%	1%	1%
	My parents don't want me	2%	2%	2%
	Other reasons	13%	14%	13%

# **Section 4: Parenting and Family**

Screen time on school nights

			are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
On an average school	None	1%	2%	2%
day/night, how many total	Less than 1 hour	15%	13%	14%
hours do you sit and watch	1 hour per day	19%	17%	18%
TV, play video or	2 hours per day	26%	26%	26%
computer games, use	3 hours per day	18%	20%	19%
Facebook or the internet, or spend time using hand	4 hours per day	9%	9%	9%
held computer devices?		12%	13%	12%
(Don't count time spent on	5 or more hours per day			
school work.)				

School nights per week up past 11pm

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	0 nights	41%	30%	35%
On average, how many school nights a week are you awake past 11pm?	1 night	19%	19%	19%
	2 nights	15%	17%	16%
	3 nights	11%	12%	11%
	4 nights	4%	7%	5%
	Every school night	10%	16%	13%

Evening meals per week with family

Evening means per week with running				
		What grade	What grade are you in?	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	0 days	6%	8%	7%
In an average week, how	1 day	5%	5%	5%
	2 days	7%	7%	7%
many days do you eat	3 days	6%	8%	7%
evening meals with your family?	4 days	7%	10%	8%
	5 days	13%	13%	13%
	6 days	14%	14%	14%
	7 days	42%	35%	39%

Parents know where I am when I go out

		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Always	72%	65%	69%
My parents know where I	Often	22%	25%	23%
am when I go out.	Sometimes	6%	9%	7%
	Never	1%	1%	1%

### Parents set clear rules

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Always	64%	61%	63%
My parents set clear rules about what I can and cannot do.	Often	24%	25%	25%
	Sometimes	9%	12%	10%
	Never	2%	2%	2%

Parents have talked about my future plans

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Always	34%	44%	38%
My parents have talked with me about my future plans.	Often	27%	25%	26%
	Sometimes	30%	25%	27%
	Never	9%	7%	8%

**Parents have consequences** 

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
My parents have consequences if I break rules.	Always	60%	59%	59%
	Often	25%	24%	24%
	Sometimes	12%	14%	13%
	Never	3%	3%	3%

Parents encourage me

		What grade	All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Always	85%	83%	84%
My parents encourage	Often	10%	11%	11%
me to do well.	Sometimes	3%	4%	4%
	Never	2%	2%	2%

Parents monitor my school progress

		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Always	63%	58%	61%
My parents monitor my	Often	25%	26%	25%
school progress.	Sometimes	10%	13%	11%
	Never	2%	4%	3%

Parents talk with me about things that bother me

		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Always	39%	33%	36%
My parents talk with me about things that bother me.	Often	25%	24%	25%
	Sometimes	26%	29%	27%
	Never	11%	14%	12%

Parents have been in prison or jail

		What grade	What grade are you in?		
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
	Yes	12%	13%	13%	
My parent has been in	No	81%	79%	80%	
prison or jail.	Don't know	7%	7%	7%	

Parents have hit, injured me

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		What grade	All Students		
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
My parent has hit me,	Yes	9%	9%	9%	
leaving bruises, marks or	No	87%	87%	87%	
any kind of injury.	Don't know	4%	4%	4%	

Parents get drunk weekly

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Yes	6%	8%	7%
My parent gets drunk at	No	88%	87%	88%
least once a week.	Don't know	6%	5%	6%

Parents abuse drugs weekly

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		What grade	All Students		
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
	Yes	2%	2%	2%	
My parent abuses drugs at	No	94%	94%	94%	
least once a week.	Don't know	3%	3%	3%	

Parents physically fight

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_		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Yes	3%	2%	2%
My parents physically fight with each other.	No	93%	94%	93%
	Don't know	4%	4%	4%

# Section 5: Physical Health, Nutrition and Safety

**Body Mass Index** 

		What grade	What grade are you in?		
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
	Healthy Weight	77%	78%	77%	
Body Mass Index (CDC	Underweight	3%	4%	4%	
cutoffs)	Overweight	12%	12%	12%	
	Obese	8%	7%	7%	

How many days were you active in the last week?

now many days were you active in the last week:					
		What grade	are you in?	All Students	
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
During the past 7 days, on	0 days	5%	7%	6%	
how many days were you	1 day	7%	7%	7%	
physically active for a	2 days	11%	12%	11%	
total of at least 60 minutes	3 days	15%	15%	15%	
per day?	4 days	14%	15%	14%	
(Add up all the time you	5 days	17%	18%	17%	
spent in any kind of	6 days	12%	10%	11%	
physical activity that		20%	17%	18%	
increased your heart rate	7 40				
and made you breathe	7 days				
hard some of the time. )					

Servings of veggies and fruit each day

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
How many total servings	0 servings	3%	4%	3%
of fruit and/or vegetables do you eat most days?	1 serving	18%	20%	19%
One serving = either 1/2	2 servings	31%	32%	32%
cup canned or cooked, one	3 servings	26%	23%	25%
cup raw, or one medium sized piece of fresh fruit.	4 servings	11%	10%	10%
Do not include juice, French fries or chips.	5 or more servings	12%	11%	11%

Number of days eating breakfast

	What grade are you in?		All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	0 days	6%	8%	7%
	1 day	5%	6%	5%
	2 days	6%	8%	7%
During the past 7 days,	3 days	7%	8%	7%
how many days did you eat breakfast?	4 days	5%	6%	6%
eat breakfast:	5 days	8%	8%	8%
	6 days	10%	9%	10%
	7 days	53%	47%	50%

Family having to miss meals

		What grade	All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
In the past 30 days, how	Never	88%	89%	88%
often did you have to skip	Once	7%	6%	7%
meals or eat less because		5%	5%	5%
your family didn't have	More than once			
enough money for food?				

Frequency of certain drinks

		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	0 per week	31%	29%	30%
	1-3 per week	50%	48%	49%
	4-6 per week	7%	8%	7%
Soda or pop (don't count	1 per day	5%	5%	5%
diet soda)	2 per day	4%	4%	4%
	3 per day	1%	2%	2%
	4 or more per day	3%	4%	3%
	0 per week	34%	35%	35%
	1-3 per week	40%	36%	38%
Other sugar sweetened	4-6 per week	12%	12%	12%
drinks like Snapple, Sobe, Sunny D, Kool-Aid or Hi-	1 per day	6%	6%	6%
C (not 100% juice)	2 per day	3%	4%	3%
C (not 100 / v juice)	3 per day	2%	2%	2%
	4 or more per day	3%	5%	4%
	0 per week	7%	9%	8%
	1-3 per week	14%	15%	15%
Milk (any kind but not	4-6 per week	13%	11%	12%
	1 per day	15%	14%	14%
shakes)	2 per day	18%	19%	19%
	3 per day	15%	14%	15%
	4 or more per day	31%	29%	30%

Have you taken medication for asthma?

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		What grade are you in?		All Students	
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
In the past 12 months, have you taken medication	Yes	17%	18%	17%	
for asthma, seen a doctor		920/	920/	920/	
for asthma, or had asthma	No	83%	82%	83%	
symptoms?					

Last time seen by a dentist

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Less than 1 year	83%	81%	82%
When was the last time	1 year	10%	10%	10%
you were seen by a dentist?	2 years	3%	4%	4%
denust?	3 years or more	4%	5%	4%

How often do you wear a seatbelt?

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Never	2%	2%	2%
How often do you wear a	Rarely	3%	4%	3%
seatbelt when riding in an	Sometimes	7%	8%	7%
car?	Most of the time	22%	25%	24%
	Always	67%	60%	64%

How often do you wear a protective helmet

	What grade are you in?		All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	I never ride a bike	7%	11%	9%
	Never	26%	33%	29%
How often do you wear a	Rarely	13%	14%	14%
protective helmet when	Sometimes	11%	12%	11%
you are biking?	Most of the time	20%	14%	17%
	Always	23%	16%	20%

# **Section 6: Emotional Health**

Feeling anxious and worrying

reening anxious and worrying					
		What grade	What grade are you in?		
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8	Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	
	Always	6%	6%	6%	
Felt nervous, anxious or	Often	17%	19%	18%	
on edge	A little	47%	47%	47%	
	Not at all	30%	27%	28%	
	Always	6%	7%	7%	
Not been able to stop or	Often	11%	13%	12%	
control worrying	A little	26%	27%	26%	
	Not at all	57%	53%	55%	
	Always	7%	8%	7%	
Felt problems were piling up so high that you could not handle them	Often	12%	14%	13%	
	A little	26%	27%	26%	
not nanule them	Not at all	56%	52%	54%	

**Depression: Feeling sad and hopeless** 

		What grade	All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost	Yes	14%	19%	16%
every day for at least two weeks in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?	No	86%	81%	84%

### **Suicide ideation**

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	No	87%	87%	87%
During the past 30 days,	Yes, but rarely	9%	9%	9%
have you thought seriously	Yes, some of the time	3%	4%	3%
about killing yourself?	Yes, almost all the time	1%	1%	1%

Suicide attempts last 12 months

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

Have you choked yourself?

		What grade	All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
Have you ever choked	Yes	3%	3%	3%
yourself intentionally to make yourself pass out?	No	97%	97%	97%

### Self harm in the last 12 months

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
During the past 12	0 times	90%	88%	89%
months, how many times	1 to 2 times	7%	8%	7%
did you do something to		4%	4%	4%
hurt yourself on purpose,				
without wanting to die,	3 or more times			
such as cutting or burning	3 of more times			
yourself?				

# **Section 7: Sexual Behavior and Knowledge**

Sexual activity screener

		What grade	All Students		
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
Have you ever voluntarily	Yes	7%	13%	10%	
had sexual contact with	No	93%	87%	90%	
another person?	110				

Have you ever . . .

			are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Had vaginal sexual intercourse (penis/vagina)	2%	5%	4%
Have you ever voluntarily : (Check all that apply)	Had oral sexual contact (mouth/penis or mouth/vagina)	3%	5%	4%
	Had anal sexual intercourse (penis/anal)	1%	2%	2%
	No, I have never done any of the above	4%	6%	5%

How often do you use birth control?

_		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
When you have vaginal	I have never had vaginal sexual intercourse	23%	19%	21%
sexual intercourse, how	Never	20%	16%	17%
often do you use a method to prevent pregnancy?	Sometimes	23%	15%	18%
to provent pregnancy.	Always	35%	50%	44%

Forced to take part in sexual act

Torcea to take part in sexual act					
		What grade	All Students		
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
Have you ever been forced, either verbally or	Yes	3%	4%	4%	
physically, to take part in a sexual activity?	No	97%	96%	96%	

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

		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
***	Yes	45%	55%	49%
Waiting to have sex	No	55%	45%	51%
Healthy dating	Yes	60%	63%	61%
relationships	No	40%	37%	39%
D:4b41 1 C/TI	Yes	31%	42%	36%
Birth control and STIs	No	69%	58%	64%

# Section 8: Using Tobacco, Alcohol & Drugs

On average, how many cigarettes per day?

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	I did not smoke cigarettes	97%	97%	97%
During the past 30 days,	during the past 30 days			
on the days you smoked	Less than 1 a day	1%	1%	1%
cigarettes, on average how	1 a day	0%	1%	0%
many did you smoke per	2-5 a day	0%	1%	0%
day?	11-20 a day	0%	0%	0%
	More than 20 per day	0%	0%	0%

On average, how many times using chewing tobacco?

on average, now many times using the wing tobacco.					
		What grade are you in?		All Students	
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
	0 days	99%	98%	98%	
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, SNUS or dip?	1 or 2 days	0%	1%	1%	
	3 to 5 days	0%	0%	0%	
	10 to 19 days	0%	0%	0%	
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	0%	
	All 30 days	0%		0%	

Were you exposed to smoke in the last 7 days?

		What grade	What grade are you in?		
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
During the past 7 days, were you exposed to	Yes	16%	17%	16%	
cigarette smoke at home?	No	84%	83%	84%	

Past 12 months how many times have you drank alcohol?

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8*		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
In the past 12 months how	Never, not at all	91%	84%	88%
many times have you drank alcohol? (More	Less than 1 timer per	7%	10%	9%
than a few sips)	1 time per month or more	2%	5%	4%

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

in the past 30 days now many days aid you:					
		What grade	are you in?	All Students	
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8*		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
	0 days	5%	7%	6%	
Have at least one drink of	1 to 2 days	3%	6%	5%	
alcohol (more than a few sips)	3 to 6 days	0%	1%	1%	
	6 or more days	1%	1%	1%	
Having 5 or more alcoholic	0 days	8%	12%	10%	
drinks at one time, in a row,	1 to 2 days	1%	2%	1%	
that is within a couple of hours.	3 to 6 days	0%	0%	0%	
nours.	6 or more days	0%	1%	1%	
	0 days	8%	12%	10%	
Getting drunk from drinking	1 to 2 days	1%	2%	1%	
	3 to 6 days	0%	0%	0%	
	6 or more days	0%	1%	0%	

Where do you usually get alcohol?

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8*		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	I sneak it from home	1%	3%	2%
	My parents give it to me	2%	3%	3%
	At parties	2%	5%	3%
	From friends	2%	5%	3%
Where	From older brother or	1%	2%	1%
do you most frequently get	sister			
alcohol?	Someone else buys it for me	1%	1%	1%
	I buy it myself	0%	1%	0%
	I steal it from a store	0%	1%	1%
	I get it some other way	2%	2%	2%

Past 12 months how many times using marijuana?

1 ust 12 months now many times using man judici.				
		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8*		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
T 41 410 41	Never, not at all	97%	92%	94%
In the past 12 months, how many times did you	Less than 1 time per	2%	3%	2%
use marijuana?	month			
	1 time per month or more	2%	5%	3%

In the past 30 days how many days using marijuana?

in the public days now many days asing margania				
		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	0 days	2%	3%	3%
	1 to 2 days	1%	2%	2%
	3 to 6 days	0%	1%	1%
	6 or more days	1%	2%	1%

Drug use in the past 12 months

	Drug use in the pust		are you in?	All Students
		7th	Ť	An Students
		/tn	8th	
<b>Dane County Grades 7-8</b>		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Not at all	98%	97%	98%
Over-the-counter drugs to	Less than 1 time per	1%	1%	1%
get high	month			
	1 time per month or more	1%	2%	1%
	Not at all	98%	97%	97%
Prescription drugs not	Less than 1 time per	1%	2%	1%
prescribed for you	month			
	1 time per month or more	1%	2%	1%
	Not at all	94%	95%	95%
Inhalant (like glue, paint,	Less than 1 time per	4%	3%	3%
spray cans, markers)	month			
	1 time per month or more	2%	2%	2%

**Drinking and driving** 

		What grade	All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
Have you ever ridden in a	Yes	19%	25%	22%
car driven by someone		81%	75%	78%
who had been drinking	No			
alcohol?				

### If yes to drinking and driving who was driving?

(This table is a percent of the students who said "yes" they had ridden with driver who had been drinking)

			are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
If "yes" who was driving?	My parent, another adult	18%	22%	20%
(Check all that apply)	Another teen	3%	4%	3%

# **Section 9: Parent Perceptions and Perceived Use**

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

110w wrong do your parents leer it is for you to:				
		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grade	es 7-8	% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Not Wrong	2%	3%	2%
	A Little Wrong	2%	3%	2%
Smoke marijuana	Wrong	6%	9%	7%
	Very Wrong	86%	82%	84%
	Not Sure	5%	4%	4%
	Not Wrong	2%	2%	2%
	A Little Wrong	1%	2%	2%
Smoke cigarettes	Wrong	10%	11%	10%
	Very Wrong	83%	81%	82%
	Not Sure	4%	4%	4%
	Not Wrong	4%	4%	4%
	A Little Wrong	7%	9%	8%
Drink alcohol	Wrong	16%	19%	17%
	Very Wrong	67%	62%	65%
	Not Sure	7%	6%	6%

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

	-y propie y	What aredo	are you in?	All Students
				All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	0-25%	62%	44%	54%
D. 1 1 1 1	26-50%	26%	34%	30%
Drink alcohol	51-75%	9%	16%	12%
	76-100%	3%	5%	4%
	0-25%	72%	60%	67%
Get drunk once a month	26-50%	19%	24%	21%
or more	51-75%	6%	12%	9%
	76-100%	3%	4%	4%
	0-25%	64%	50%	57%
Uga mariiyana	26-50%	21%	23%	22%
Use marijuana	51-75%	10%	18%	13%
	76-100%	6%	9%	7%
Smoke cigarettes	0-25%	53%	49%	51%
	26-50%	29%	30%	30%
	51-75%	12%	15%	14%
	76-100%	5%	6%	6%

# **Section 10: School Topics**

What grades do you usually get in school?

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Most A's	36%	33%	35%
	Half A's & half B's	32%	31%	32%
	Mostly B's	10%	11%	11%
What grades do you usually get on your report card?	Half B's & half C's	14%	16%	15%
	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

	Statements abou	What grade		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Strongly Agree	44%	37%	41%
The rules and expectations	Agree	48%	50%	49%
are clearly explained	Disagree	6%	9%	8%
	Strongly Disagree	2%	3%	3%
	Strongly Agree	25%	20%	23%
I usually enjoy going to	Agree	49%	49%	49%
school	Disagree	18%	21%	20%
	Strongly Disagree	9%	9%	9%
	Strongly Agree	84%	82%	83%
It is important to me that I	Agree	15%	15%	15%
graduate	Disagree	1%	2%	1%
	Strongly Disagree	1%	1%	1%
	Strongly Agree	40%	34%	37%
Teachers and other adults	Agree	44%	46%	45%
treat me fairly	Disagree	12%	15%	13%
	Strongly Disagree	5%	6%	5%
751 1 14 T 4 H	Strongly Agree	47%	36%	42%
There are adults I can talk to at school if I have a	Agree	38%	42%	40%
problem	Disagree	10%	15%	12%
pi obiem	Strongly Disagree	5%	7%	6%
	Strongly Agree	43%	34%	39%
I feel like I belong at this	Agree	43%	47%	45%
school	Disagree	8%	13%	10%
	Strongly Disagree	6%	6%	6%

Are you in special ed or have an IEP?

The you in special or may can in the				
_		What grade	All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
Do you currently receive	Yes	7%	9%	8%
special education support	No	79%	79%	79%
or have an IEP?	Don't Know	14%	12%	13%

Are you eligible for free or reduced hot lunch?

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Yes	26%	30%	28%
Are you eligible for free or reduced lunch at school?	No	54%	52%	53%
	Don't Know	20%	18%	19%

This school year how many times have you seen this happen at school?

This school year no	V	What grade	All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Never	89%	80%	85%
Students using drugs or	1 or 2 times	9%	15%	12%
alcohol	3 to 4 times	1%	2%	2%
	5 or more times	1%	3%	2%
	Never	82%	83%	82%
Ct., Jourta mith moon on a	1 or 2 times	16%	14%	15%
Students with weapons	3 to 4 times	1%	1%	1%
	5 or more times	1%	2%	1%
	Never	79%	81%	80%
C	1 or 2 times	15%	12%	14%
Gang activity	3 to 4 times	3%	3%	3%
	5 or more times	4%	4%	4%
	Never	22%	19%	20%
Students bullying other	1 or 2 times	36%	35%	36%
students	3 to 4 times	17%	20%	19%
	5 or more times	24%	27%	25%
	Never	94%	90%	92%
Students selling or	1 or 2 times	4%	7%	5%
distributing drugs	3 to 4 times	1%	1%	1%
	5 or more times	1%	2%	2%

I do not like going to school where there are gay and lesbian students

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	8%	7%	8%
I don't like going to a	Agree	12%	12%	12%
school where there are gay and lesbian students.	Disagree	34%	34%	34%
	Strongly Disagree	46%	48%	47%

I have at least one good friend I can trust

Thave at least one good friend I can trust				
	What grade are you in? A		All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Strongly Agree	78%	72%	75%
	Agree	17%	23%	20%
I have at least one good	Disagree	2%	3%	3%
friend I can trust	Strongly	2%	2%	2%
	Disagree			

Past 30 days how many days skipping or cutting class?

		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
In the past 30 days, how	Never	93%	89%	91%
often have you skipped or	1 or 2 times per month	6%	9%	7%
cut classes (absent without	More than 1 or 2 times per	2%	2%	2%
permission)?	month			

How many times suspended from school?

		What grade	All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
During this school year,	0 times	93%	90%	92%
how many times have you	1 time	4%	5%	5%
been suspended from	2 times	1%	2%	2%
school?	3 or more times	2%	2%	2%

# **Section 11: Delinquent Behavior**

Are you the member of a gang?

		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	No, and I have never been	92%	90%	91%
	asked or pressured to join			
	No, but I have been asked	5%	5%	5%
Are you a member of an	or pressured to join			
organized gang?	I was in a gang, but am no	2%	2%	2%
	longer			
	Yes, I am currently in a	2%	3%	2%
	gang			

Have you tagged or vandalized public property?

		What grade	All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
Have you tagged or	No, never	93%	90%	92%
vandalized private or	1-3 times	6%	7%	7%
public property in the past	4-5 times	0%	1%	1%
12 months?	6+ times	1%	1%	1%

# Section 12: Bullying, Dating Violence and Social Media

**Bullying and Victim items** 

Bullying and Victim items					
		What grade	are you in?	All Students	
		7th	8th		
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
	Never	67%	70%	69%	
I got hit and pushed by	1 or 2 times	26%	23%	24%	
other students	3 to 4 times	3%	3%	3%	
	5 or more times	4%	3%	4%	
	Never	84%	79%	82%	
I upset other students for	1 or 2 times	13%	16%	14%	
the fun of it	3 to 4 times	2%	2%	2%	
	5 or more times	2%	2%	2%	
	Never	61%	65%	63%	
Other students picked on	1 or 2 times	27%	23%	26%	
me	3 to 4 times	6%	6%	6%	
	5 or more times	6%	6%	6%	
	Never	91%	86%	89%	
I helped harass other	1 or 2 times	7%	11%	9%	
students	3 to 4 times	1%	1%	1%	
	5 or more times	1%	1%	1%	
	Never	47%	49%	48%	
I told someone to stop	1 or 2 times	39%	39%	39%	
harassing another student	3 to 4 times	10%	8%	9%	
	5 or more times	4%	3%	4%	
	Never	86%	87%	87%	
I spread rumors about	1 or 2 times	11%	11%	11%	
other people	3 to 4 times	1%	1%	1%	
	5 or more times	2%	1%	1%	
	Never	78%	76%	77%	
I started arguments or	1 or 2 times	18%	19%	18%	
conflicts	3 to 4 times	2%	3%	3%	
	5 or more times	2%	2%	2%	
	Never	59%	62%	61%	
Other students made fun	1 or 2 times	28%	26%	27%	
of me	3 to 4 times	6%	6%	6%	
	5 or more times	7%	6%	6%	

	Never	84%	78%	81%
In a group I made fun of	1 or 2 times	13%	17%	15%
other students	3 to 4 times	1%	3%	2%
	5 or more times	2%	2%	2%
	Never	66%	68%	67%
Other students called me	1 or 2 times	22%	21%	22%
names	3 to 4 times	5%	5%	5%
	5 or more times	7%	6%	6%
	Never	83%	82%	83%
I excluded other students	1 or 2 times	13%	14%	14%
from my group of friends	3 to 4 times	2%	2%	2%
	5 or more times	2%	2%	2%
	Never	85%	85%	85%
	1 or 2 times	11%	10%	11%
I got into a physical fight	3 to 4 times	2%	2%	2%
	5 or more times	3%	2%	2%

Past 12 months have you been bullied or harassed . . .?

		What grade are you in?		All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Never	82%	81%	82%
Through the internet or	Rarely	12%	13%	12%
text messaging	Sometimes	3%	5%	4%
	Often	2%	2%	2%
	Never	87%	88%	87%
By others thinking you're	Rarely	8%	6%	7%
gay, lesbian or bisexual	Sometimes	3%	3%	3%
	Often	3%	2%	2%
	Never	88%	87%	88%
About your race or ethnic	Rarely	7%	7%	7%
background	Sometimes	3%	4%	3%
	Often	2%	2%	2%
	Never	67%	67%	67%
About how you look	Rarely	19%	19%	19%
About now you look	Sometimes	82%	81%	82%
	Often	12%	13%	12%

Using social media have you ever . . .?

		What grade	are you in?	All Students
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Changed your privacy settings	42%	51%	46%
Thinking about the way you	Deleted someone from your friends list because they were bullied	21%	21%	21%
use social networking sites, like Facebook, have you	Removed your name from tagged photos	20%	28%	23%
ever (Check all that apply)	Posted updates, comments, photos or videos that you later re	14%	18%	16%
	Accepted a friend request from someone you don't know	27%	37%	32%

# **Section 13: Neighborhood Topics**

What best describes your community?

,,,	What grade are you in? All Students				
		7th	8th	1111 0 000001100	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group	
	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	37%	29%	33%	
I can ask my neighbors for	Agree	40%	38%	39%	
help	Disagree	16%	22%	19%	
	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	8%	11%	10%	
	Strongly Agree	44%	31%	38%	
If I had to move, I would	Agree	31%	36%	34%	
miss my neighborhood	Disagree	16%	21%	18%	
	Strongly Disagree	9%	12%	11%	
	Strongly Agree	51%	40%	46%	
I feel safe walking in my	Agree	38%	45%	41%	
neighborhood	Disagree	7%	10%	9%	
	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	5%	5%	5%	
	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	51%	38%	45%	
My neighbors are friendly	Agree	41%	50%	45%	
to me	Disagree	5%	8%	7%	
	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	3%	4%	3%	
	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	53%	37%	45%	
I can count on the police if	Agree	34%	42%	38%	
I need them	Disagree	8%	13%	10%	
	Strongly Disagree	5%	8%	6%	

# **Section 14: Spirituality**

How spiritual would you say you are?

		What grade	All Students	
[		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	Very	17%	16%	17%
How spiritual or religious	Somewhat	33%	31%	32%
would you say you are?	A little bit	28%	28%	28%
	Not at all	22%	25%	23%

# Section 15: Adults You Can Rely On

How many adults can you rely on?

		What grade	All Students	
		7th	8th	
Dane County Grades 7-8		% of Group	% of Group	% of Group
	No other adults available	5%	7%	6%
Not counting your	At least one other adult	14%	18%	16%
parents, how many adults	At least two	16%	19%	17%
can you rely on if you have	At least three	12%	13%	12%
a problem and need help?	Four or more adults	54%	43%	49%