

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTS & INVOLVEMENT: ISLAND COUNTY 2008



Findings from the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey

INVOLVEMENT IN ACTIVITIES	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Involvement in supervised after-school activities at least one day per week	~	65.5	68.8	63.7
Never participate in clubs, organizations, activities at school	25.8	34.5	31.3	36.3
SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT				
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Lots of chances for students to get involved in sports, clubs, activities	~	93.5	91.9	88.1
Enjoy being in school	49.9	44.4	43.4	34.6
Skipped school 1 time in the past 4 weeks	15.3	17.8	15.3	26.8
Feel safe at school	87.3	83.2	83.1	84.6
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & VOLUNTEERING				
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Community has opportunities for prosocial involvement	~	70.9	75.3	75.7
Community rewards prosocial involvement	~	52.7	65.4	66.0
Sports team and recreation are available	~	82.5	88.1	89.7
Scouts, Camp Fire, 4-H, and other service clubs are available	~	76.7	80.7	82.7
Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, or other activity clubs are available	~	78.8	75.3	79.4
Has volunteered for community service in past year	47.6	~	~	~
People in my neighborhood encourage me to do my best	36.6	56.9	60.7	59.3
People in my community are proud of me	37.9	62.3	62.3	65.5
WEAPON CARRYING				
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Carried a weapon to school on 6 or more days	2.3	2.9	4.5	4.1
Carry a weapon for self protection in case of a fight, 1+ times in 30 days	~	9.5	5.2	4.5
Carry a gun (not for hunting) in past 30 days	~	2.3	4.8	3.0
Perceive the availability of handguns to be sort of easy or very easy	~	13.2	18.9	19.3
CONFLICT RESOLUTION				
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Try to work out conflicts/disagreements by talking (sometimes-almost always)	72.8	79.6	80.5	82.0

~ Not available for students in this grade.

We are extremely appreciative of the participation of all four Island County school districts in the Healthy Youth Survey. Their participation allows us to report on the current health status of our youth and track trends over time.

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