# Student Health Risk Behavior, Resilience, and Academic Performance: <br> <br> An Update 

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## Year 1 Analyses

- How health risk and resilience were related to school API scores at a single point in time
- School-level analyses
- All analyses adjusted for socioeconomic differences across schools


## Year 1 Analyses: Main Findings

- API scores were related to
- Physical Exercise
- Nutrition
- Substance Use
- Violence
- School Safety
- Resilience Assets
- 75\% of health risk/resilience measures examined were related to API scores in expected ways


## Breakfast by API Quintile



## Safety by API Quintile



## Year 2 Analyses

- How health risk and resilience are related to academic progress at the school level
- Longitudinal changes in SAT/9 test scores, 1998-2002
- How annual changes related to average CHKS risk and resilience indicators
- Analyses adjust for socioeconomic differences across schools


## Year 2 Analyses: Main Findings

- Subsequent test score gains were larger in schools when:
- physical activity was more frequent
- healthy eating was prevalent
- substance use, particularly substance use at school, was infrequent
- drug availability at school was low
- theft and vandalism, insecurity, and weapon possession were low
- there were high levels of caring relationships at school, exposure to high expectations at school, and participation in meaningful activities in the community
- Results held for $40 \%$ health risk/resilience outcomes examined

Breakfast Consumption and Changes in SAT-9 Scores


Lifetime Intoxication and Changes in SAT-9 Scores


[^0]30-day Substance Use and Changes in SAT-9 Scores


Offered Illegal Drugs and Changes in SAT-9 Scores


Safety at School and Changes in SAT-9 Scores


School Caring Relationships and Changes in SAT-9 Scores


School High Expectations and Changes in SAT-9 Scores


Community Meaningful Participation and Changes in SAT-9 Scores


Sadness/hopelessness and Changes in SAT-9 Scores


## For more details, see:

- Health Risks, Resilience, and the Academic Performance Index. (California Healthy Kids Factsheet 1).
- Student Health Risks, Resilience, and Academic Performance: Year 1 Report. Los Alamitos, CA: WestEd.
- Are Student Health Risks and Low Resilience Assets an Impediment to the Academic Progress of schools? (California Healthy Kids Factsheet 3).
- Student Health Risks, Resilience, and Academic Performance in California: Year 2 Report, Longitudinal Analyses. Los Alamitos, CA: WestEd.


## Available: www.WestEd.org/hks.


[^0]:    Source: California Healthy Kids Survey

