# California Healthy Kids Survey

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### PREFACE

This report provides the detailed results for each question from this school/district's 2010–11 *California Healthy Kids Survey* (CHKS), presented in tables organized by topic. In addition to this Main Report, the *CHKS Key Findings* provides a summary of selected results with graphic presentations and short discussions. To help in understanding and interpreting these results, the *CHKS Guidebook* to survey content discusses the significance of each question. Several other tools to help in data use are also available, as described below.<sup>1</sup>

The CHKS, along with the *California School Climate Survey* (CSCS) for staff and the *California School Parent Survey* (CSPS), is a service of the California Department of Education (CDE). These three surveys form the California School Climate, Healthy, and Learning Survey (Cal-SCHLS) System, the largest, most comprehensive effort in the nation to assess students, staff, and parents at the *local* level on a regular basis to provide key data on learning barriers, engagement, and supports. For additional information and resources, visit the survey website: www.chks.wested.org.

The results of this student survey should be compared to those obtained from school staff and parent surveys. It is important to determine whether staff and parent perceptions accurately reflect student behaviors and experiences. The *CHKS Guidebook* to survey content provides a crosswalk between student and staff survey questions to facilitate this comparison. Combined, the CHKS and CSCS provide a comprehensive assessment of the school climate and the needs of students and staff, to guide school improvement efforts.

### SURVEY PURPOSE

The California Department of Education (CDE) funded the CHKS in 1997 to provide data that would assist schools in (1) preventing youth health-risk behaviors and other barriers to academic achievement; (2) promoting positive youth development, resilience, and well-being; and (3) fostering positive school climates and engagement in learning. A thorough understanding of the scope and nature of youth behaviors, attitudes, and learning conditions is essential to guide school improvement efforts and to develop effective prevention, health, and youth development programs. These surveys grew out of CDE's commitment to helping schools promote the successful cognitive, social, and emotional development of all students and create more positive, engaging school environments for both students and staff.

### SURVEY CONTENT OVERVIEW

The CHKS consists of a required general Core Module and a series of optional, supplementary topic-focused modules that districts can elect to administer. Districts may also add their own questions of local interest in a custom module. Table A1.1 indicates the modules administered by the district. The Core Module consists of a broad range of key questions, identified by an expert advisory committee, that are considered most important for schools to administer to guide improvement of academic, health, and prevention programs and the promotion of student achievement, positive development, and well-being.<sup>2</sup> The primary focus of the Core Module is assessing student perceptions and experiences related to school climate and engagement, learning

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Guidebook for the California Healthy Kids Survey, Part II: Survey Content (www.chks.wested.org/training\_support)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Guidebook for the California Healthy Kids Survey, Part I: Administration (<u>www.chks.wested.org/training\_support</u>) provides detailed information about the content of all of the survey modules. The modules themselves can be downloaded from <u>www.chks.wested.org/administer/download</u>.

supports, and health-related, non-academic learning barriers (e.g., substance use, bullying and violence, and poor physical and mental health).

### School-Related Content

To support school improvement efforts, the majority of questions on the CHKS assess school performance, engagement, climate, performance, and experiences. The survey provides self-reported data on:

- grades, truancy, and school connectedness, as indicators of engagement;
- the levels of students' experiences of caring adult relationships, high expectations, and opportunities for meaningful participation at school, three fundamental developmental supports (protective factors) that promote positive academic outcomes;
- perceived safety and perceived frequency of, and reasons for, harassment and bullying at school; and
- levels of substance use, violence, and crime-related behavior (e.g., weapons possession) at school.

### **Closing the Achievement Gap**

Several tables are particularly useful for helping districts identify and address student needs related to closing the state's persistent racial/ethnic achievement gap, which former Superintendent O'Connell declared CDE's top priority. On the CHKS, students are asked to indicate their racial/ethnic identity and to report whether they have experienced harassment because of their race/ethnicity. Summary tables also provide key findings (e.g., harassment, developmental supports, school connectedness) disaggregated by race/ethnic categories. A supplementary module is available that assesses student attitudes and experiences related to equity, diversity, cultural sensitivity, and respect. CDE urges schools that are experiencing achievement gaps among their students to administer the Closing the Achievement Gap module and request supplementary reports disaggregating all their CHKS results by the race/ethnicity of students.

### SURVEY ADMINISTRATION AND SAMPLING

School staff administered the survey<sub>a</sub> following detailed instructions provided by CDE that were designed to assure the protection of all student and parental rights to privacy and to maintain confidentiality. Students were surveyed only with the consent of parents or guardians. Each student's participation was voluntary, anonymous, and confidential. Table A1.2 gives the target sample of students and the final number and percent of students who completed the survey (the participation response rate).

### THE REPORT

The tables in this Main Report, organized by topic, provide the percentages responding to each question response option by grade level. Because it is just as important to identify the positive behaviors of youth as it is to identify the risks they face, the tables reporting risk-behavior data include the percentages of youth who responded negatively (did not engage in the behavior).

### AIDS TO UNDERSTANDING AND USING THE DATA

Several guides, workshops, and other aids are available to help you understand and use survey results. These are described and made available on the survey website. Three are particularly important.

- To help in understanding and interpreting these results, *Guidebook for the California Healthy Kids Survey, Part II: Survey Content* (<u>www.chks.wested.org/training\_support</u>) provides a detailed explanation of each question and its significance (why it was asked) and the potential implications of the results for programs.
- The Guidebook for the California Healthy Kids Survey, Part III: Data Use and Dissemination (www.chks.wested.org/training\_support) a step-by-step process for reviewing, analyzing, and disseminating survey results as part of a data-driven decision-making process for program improvement. Free call-in data use workshops are offered as well.
- A *Workbook on Improving School Climate and Closing the Achievement Gap* provides a practical guide to using the data in the framework of improving academic achievement and well-being among all students and closing the achievement gap. It provides examples of how to use the data to improve practice and policy.<sup>3</sup>

### Assessing the Data

Care must be taken to fully understand the survey; the context within which the data were collected; the factors that can impact the quality, validity, and generalizability of the results; the changes that occurred between administrations. The following are a few of the key issues that should be kept in mind. A more detailed discussion of these topics can be found in the *CHKS Data Use and Dissemination Guidebook*.

### Representativeness

Among the most important factors affecting the quality of survey results is the level of student participation. The validity and representativeness of the results will be adversely affected if the student response rate is lower than 60%. One indication of the survey's representativeness is how accurately the sample reflects the gender and ethnic composition of the district's student enrollment. Even if the response rate is low, the results provide an indication of what those students who did respond felt about the school and their experiences and behavior.

### **Changes Between Surveys**

Many factors besides real changes in behavior, attitudes, or experiences among students may account for changes in results from administration to administration. Changes may be due to differences over time in the characteristics or size of the sample of students who completed the survey, changes in the questions themselves, or differences between time periods in which the survey was administered (e.g., some risk behaviors tend to increase as students age, or may increase after holidays or social events).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Guidebooks may be downloaded from <u>www.chks.wested.org/training\_support</u>, and the Workbook from <u>www.chks.wested.org/about/ctag</u>.

### **Comparison Data**

Tables 9.1 and 9.2 provide comparisons of selected results to state and national data. Comparing district results to local, regional, state, and national benchmarks provides a broader context with which to evaluate the local situation. They can help determine whether changes in results are locally unique or may be part of a larger trend, possibly affected by broad social forces. Ultimately, however, the most fundamental concern should be what the survey results say about the students and schools and what improvements need to be made.

### NEXT STEPS

Receiving this report is just a beginning step in a data-driven decision-making process. The following actions can be taken to analyze and use the results and provide additional information to support school and program improvement efforts.

### **Compare with Other Data Sources**

CHKS results will be enriched if analyzed in the context of data from the CSCS and other sources, particularly in the context of identifying consistent patterns. Other data typically collected in effectiveness studies of school climate include numbers and kinds of discipline referrals, school demographic information, school vandalism costs, and behavioral observations in classrooms.

### **Discuss with Students and Staff**

Discuss the results with both students and staff to explore the meaning of the results in more depth and to obtain their input into how the school might better meet the needs identified. This is especially important because it communicates to students that you value their input into how to improve the school and gives them an opportunity for meaningful participation. As such, it helps improve their perceptions of the developmental supports and opportunities that the school offers and their school connectedness. Cal-SCHLS staff can provide information on conducting structured group *Listening to Students* fishbowls designed to explore with students, with staff observers, the meaning of survey results and obtain their input on how to address the needs identified by the survey.

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### Sample Characteristics

Note: Tables 3.1 through 5.3 include results by gender.

### Table 1.1

Student Sample Characteristics

	Grade 5
Student Sample Size	
Target Sample	340
Final Sample (Number of Respondents)	240
Average Response Rate	71%

### Table 2.1

### Age of Sample

	Grade 5 Total %
7 years old, or younger than 7	0
8 years old	0
9 years old	2
10 years old	90
11 years old	8
12 years old	0
13 years old or older than 13	0

Question ES 2, 4: How old are you? What grade are you in?

### Table 2.2

### Gender of Sample

	Grade 5 Total %
Female	42
Male	58

Question ES 3: Are you female or male?

## Table 2.3Number of Times Moved, Past Year

	Grade 5 Total %
0 times	56
1 time	28
2 times or more times	16

Question ES 5: During the past year, how many times have you moved (changed where you live)?

### Table 2.4

### **Perceived Ability With School Work**

Grade 5 Total %
15
25
50
10

Question ES 16: How well do you do in your school work?

### Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Use

### Table 3.1

### Ever Used Alcohol or Other Drugs, Lifetime

	Grade 5		
	Female %	Male %	Total %
Alcohol, one or two sips	7	15	12
Alcohol, a full glass	3	1	2
Inhalants (to get high)	3	10	8
Marijuana *	3	2	3
None of the above	87	79	81
Any of the above	13	21	19

Questions ES 33-35: Have you ever drunk beer, wine, or other alcohol? Have you ever sniffed something through your nose to get "high?" Have you ever smoked any marijuana (pot, grass, weed)?

### Table 3.2

#### Any Alcohol Use, Past Month

	Grade 5		
	Female %	Male %	Total %
No	96	95	96
Yes, I drank one or two sips	2	3	3
Yes, I drank a full glass	2	2	2

Question ES 40: In the past month, did you drink any beer, wine or other alcohol?

### \* = CDE-Recommended SDFSC/TUPE Performance Indicator

### Table 3.3

### Any AOD Use Before/During School, Lifetime

		Grade 5		
	Female %	Male %	Total %	
No	98	99	98	
Yes	2	1	2	

Question ES 36: Have you ever used alcohol or an illegal drug like marijuana before school or at school?

### Table 3.4

### Perception of Health Risk of Alcohol and Marijuana Use

		Grade 5		
	Female %	Male %	Total %	
Alcohol				
No, not bad	3	5	4	
Yes, a little bad	14	21	19	
Yes, very bad	83	75	77	
Marijuana				
No, not bad	5	3	4	
Yes, a little bad	5	11	9	
Yes, very bad	76	67	70	
I don't know what marijuana is	14	19	17	

*Question ES 38-39: Do you think drinking alcohol (beer, wine, liquor) is bad for a person's health? Do you think using marijuana (pot, grass, weed) is bad for a person's health?* 

### Table 4.1

### Lifetime and Current Use of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco

	Grade 5		
	Female %	Male %	Total %
Ever smoked a cigarette *	3	3	4
Part of a cigarette, like one or two puffs	2	3	3
A whole cigarette	1	0	1
Smoked a cigarette in the past month	1	0	1
Ever chewed tobacco or snuff	2	2	2

Questions ES 31, 41, 32. Have you ever... In the past month, did you...

### Table 4.2

### Perception of Health Risk of Cigarette Smoking

		Grade 5		
	Female %	Male %	Total %	
No, not bad	2	4	4	
Yes, a little bad	4	12	10	
Yes, very bad	94	84	86	

Question ES 37: Do you think smoking cigarettes is bad for a person's health?

\* = CDE-Recommended SDFSC/TUPE Performance Indicator

### Violence and Safety

### Table 5.1

### Perceived Feeling Safe At or Outside of School

		Grade 5		
	Female %	Male %	Total %	
Do you feel safe at school?				
No, never	7	8	8	
Yes, some of the time	3	19	12	
Yes, most of the time	24	13	17	
Yes, all of the time *	65	60	63	
Do you feel safe outside of school?				
No, never	13	17	15	
Yes, some of the time	21	16	19	
Yes, most of the time	18	22	19	
Yes, all of the time	49	45	47	

Question ES 29, 30: Do you feel safe at school? Do you feel safe outside of school?

\* = To be used for the CDE-Recommended SDFSC/TUPE Performance Indicator "The percentage of students that feel very safe at school"

		Grade 5		
	Female %	Male %	Total %	
Been hit or pushed				
No, never	66	48	54	
Yes, some of the time	23	39	33	
Yes, most of the time	8	10	9	
Yes, all of the time	2	4	3	
Mean rumors spread about you				
No, never	52	52	51	
Yes, some of the time	31	42	37	
Yes, most of the time	12	4	8	
Yes, all of the time	5	3	4	

### Table 5.2

Frequency of Being Harassed on School Property

*Question ES 23, 24: Do other kids hit or push you at school when they are not just playing around? Do other kids at school spread mean rumors or lies about you?* 

#### Table 5.3

### Frequency of Harassing on School Property, Past Year

		Grade 5	
	Female %	Male %	Total %
Have hit or pushed other kids			
0 times	71	62	66
1 time	13	20	17
2 times	5	12	9
3 or more times	10	6	8
Have spread mean rumors about other kids			
0 times	62	73	68
1 time	22	13	17
2 times	9	9	9
3 or more times	7	4	6

*Question ES 21, 22: During the past year, how many times have you...hit or pushed other kids at school when you were not playing around? ...spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school?* 

### Table 5.4

### Cyber Bullying

	Grade 5 Total %
No, never	92
Yes, some of the time	5
Yes, most of the time	2
Yes, all of the time	1

Question ES 25: Do other kids at school spread mean rumors or lies about you on the internet (i.e. Facebook<sup>TM</sup>, MySpace<sup>TM</sup>, email, instant message)?

### Table 5.5

### Weapons (Gun or Knife) on School Property, Past Year

	Grade 5
Brought weapon to school	Total %
No	92
Yes	8
Saw another kid with a weapon at school	
No	77
Yes	23

Question ES 26-27: During the past year... did you ever bring a gun or knife to school? ... have you ever seen another kid with a gun or knife at school?

### Table 5.6

### Frequency of Being Home Without Adult Supervision

	Grade 5 Total %
No, never	74
Yes, some of the time	18
Yes, most of the time	3
Yes, all of the time	4

Question ES 28: Are you home alone after school?

### Table 5.7

### Frequency of Seat Belt and Helmet Use

	Grade 5 Total %
When you ride in a car do you wear a seat belt?	
No, never	1
Yes, some of the time	9
Yes, most of the time	18
Yes, all of the time	72
When you ride a bicycle do you wear a helmet?	
I do not ride a bicycle	11
No, never	37
Yes, some of the time	20
Yes, most of the time	6
Yes, all of the time	26

*Question ES 7, 8:* When you ride in a car do you wear a seat belt? When you ride a bicycle do you wear a helmet?

### **Physical Health**

### Table 6.1

### **Breakfast Consumption**

	Grade 5 Total %
No	23
Yes	77

Question ES 6: Did you eat breakfast this morning?

### Table 6.2

### Exercise During Week

	Grade 5 Total %
0 days	6
1 day	5
2 days	9
3 days	10
4 days	10
5 days	16
6 or 7 days	44

Question ES 51: How many days each week do you exercise, dance, or play sports?

# Table 6.3Frequency of Daily Television Watching and Video Game Playing

	Grade 5 Total %
None, I didn't watch TV yesterday	13
Less than 1 hour	28
About 1 hour	16
About 2 hours	14
3 or more hours	29

Question ES 54: Yesterday, how much time did you spend watching TV or playing video games?

### Table 6.4

**Body Image** 

	Grade 5
	Total %
Do you think you are	
Too skinny	11
About right	77
Too fat	11
Are you doing anything to try to lose weight?	
No	44
Yes	56
Ever been teased about your body at school?	
No	69
Yes	31

Question ES 48-50: Do you think you are too skinny, about right, or too fat? Are you doing anything to try to lose weight? Have other kids at school ever teased you about what your body looks like?

### Table 6.5

### Students with Asthma

80
20

### Table 6.6

### Asthma Symptoms While Not Exercising

	Grade 5
	Total %
No	85
Yes	15

Question ES 52: When not exercising, do you ever have trouble breathing (for example, shortnessof-breath, wheezing, or a sense of tightness in your chest)?

### Table 7.1

### Summary of Resilience-promoting Protective Factors, School Connectedness, and Internal Strengths (High, Moderate, and Low Scale Scores)

Percent of students scoring High, Moderate, and Low (%)	Grade 5		
	Н	М	L
Protective Factors (Developmental Supports)			
School Environment	66	33	1
Caring Relationships: Adults in School *	66	32	2
High Expectations: Adults in School *	68	32	1
Meaningful Participation *	31	60	9
Home Environment	83	15	2
Caring Relationships: Adults in Home	81	16	3
High Expectations: Adults in Home	90	9	2
Meaningful Participation	31	62	7
Peer Environment			
High Expectations: Pro-social peers	52	44	4
School Connectedness*	64	33	3
Internal Strengths			
Empathy	51	42	7
Problem Solving	46	44	10
Goals and Aspirations	80	19	1

\* = CDE-Recommended SDFSC/TUPE Performance Indicator

Table A	7.2
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### School Connectedness Scale Questions

	Grade 5
	Total %
I feel close to people in this school	
No, never	6
Yes, some of the time	13
Yes, most of the time	28
Yes, all of the time	53
I am happy to be at this school	
No, never	2
Yes, some of the time	22
Yes, most of the time	27
Yes, all of the time	50
I feel like I am part of this school	
No, never	5
Yes, some of the time	11
Yes, most of the time	29
Yes, all of the time	55
The teachers at this school treat students fairly	
No, never	3
Yes, some of the time	14
Yes, most of the time	29
Yes, all of the time	55
I feel safe in my school	
No, never	8
Yes, some of the time	12
Yes, most of the time	17
Yes, all of the time	63

Questions E9-12,29: Do you feel close to people at school?, Are you happy to be at this school?, Do you feel like you are part of this school?, Do teachers treat students fairly at school?, Do you feel safe at school?

### Table A7.3

At my school, there is a teacher or some other adult	Grade 5 Total %
who really cares about me (Caring Relationships)	
No, never	2
Yes, some of the time	12
Yes, most of the time	26
Yes, all of the time	61
who listens when I have something to say (Caring Relationships)	
No, never	3
Yes, some of the time	16
Yes, most of the time	27
Yes, all of the time	54
who tells me when I do a good job (High Expectations)	
No, never	4
Yes, some of the time	17
Yes, most of the time	28
Yes, all of the time	51
who believes that I can do a good job (High Expectations)	
No, never	1
Yes, some of the time	8
Yes, most of the time	16
Yes, all of the time	75

School Protective Factors (Developmental Supports)

Questions E14-15, 17-18; Do the teacher and other grown-ups at school care about you?, Do the teachers and other grown-ups at school tell you when you do a good job?, Do the teachers and other grown-ups at school listen when you have something to say?, Do the teachers and other grown-ups at school believe that you can do a good job?

### Table A7.3 - Continued

### School Protective Factors (Developmental Supports)

	Grade 5
	Total %
I help make class rules or choose things to do	
(Opportunities for Meaningful Participation)	
No, never	16
Yes, some of the time	35
Yes, most of the time	25
Yes, all of the time	25
I do things to be helpful at school	
(Opportunities for Meaningful Participation)	
No, never	3
Yes, some of the time	34
Yes, most of the time	29
Yes, all of the time	34

*Question E13, 19: Do you help make class rules or choose things to do at school?, Do you do things to be helpful at school?* 

### Table A7.4

### Internal Strengths

	Grade 5
	Total %
I try to understand how other people feel (Empathy)	
No, never	13
Yes, some of the time	22
Yes, most of the time	26
Yes, all of the time	40
I feel bad when someone gets their feelings hurt (Empathy)	
No, never	5
Yes, some of the time	18
Yes, most of the time	17
Yes, all of the time	61
I know where to go for help with a problem (Problem Solving)	
No, never	7
Yes, some of the time	11
Yes, most of the time	15
Yes, all of the time	68
I try to work out problems by talking or writing (Problem Solving)	
No, never	29
Yes, some of the time	17
Yes, most of the time	20
Yes, all of the time	34

*Question E42--45: Do you try to understand how other people feel?, Do you feel bad when someone gets their feelings hurt?, Do you know where to go for help?, Do you try to work out your problems by talking or writing about them?* 

### Table A7.4 - Continued

Internal Assets

	Grade 5
	Total %
I try to do my best (Goals and Aspirations)	
No, never	2
Yes, some of the time	6
Yes, most of the time	26
Yes, all of the time	66
I have goals and plans for the future (Goals and	
Aspirations)	
No	11
Yes	89
I plan to go to college or some other school after	
high school? (Goals and Aspirations)	
No	6
Yes	94

Question E46-47, 20: Do you try to do your best?, Do you have goals and plans for the future?, Do you plan to go to college or some other school after high school?

### Table A7.5

At home, there is a parent or some other adult	Grade 5
	Total %
who cares about my schoolwork (Caring Relationships)	
No, never	3
Yes, some of the time	5
Yes, most of the time	7
Yes, all of the time	86
who listens when I have something to say (Caring Relationships)	
No, never	4
Yes, some of the time	9
Yes, most of the time	23
Yes, all of the time	64
who believes that I can do a good job (High Expectations)	
No, never	2
Yes, some of the time	3
Yes, most of the time	8
Yes, all of the time	87
who wants me to do my best (High Expectations)	
No, never	3
Yes, some of the time	1
Yes, most of the time	6
Yes, all of the time	90

### Home Protective Factors (Developmental Supports)

Questions E57-60: Does a parent or some other grown up at home care about your schoolwork? Does a parent or some other grown-up at home want you to do your best?, Does a parent or some other grown-up at home listen when you have something to say?

### Table A7.5 - Continued

### Home Protective Factors (Developmental Supports)

	Grade 5
	Total %
I help at home (Opportunities for Meaningful	
Participation)	
No, never	7
Yes, some of the time	17
Yes, most of the time	35
Yes, all of the time	41
I get to make rules or choose things to do at home	
(Opportunities for Meaningful Participation)	
No, never	20
Yes, some of the time	29
Yes, most of the time	29
Yes, all of the time	22

Question E61-62: Do you help at home?, Do you get to make rules or choose things to do at home?

### Table A7.6

### Peer Protective Factors (Developmental Supports)

	Grade 5
	Total %
My best friends get into trouble (High Expectations)	
No, never	30
Yes, some of the time	48
Yes, most of the time	13
Yes, all of the time	9
My best friends try to do the right thing (High Expectations)	
No, never	5
Yes, some of the time	12
Yes, most of the time	23
Yes, all of the time	60

Questions E55-56: Do your best friends get into trouble?, Do your best friends try to do the right thing?

 Table 8.1

 SDFSCA/TUPE Performance Indicators Recommended by CDE

Performance Indicator	
Tobacco Use	
The Percentage of students that have ever used cigarettes*	4%
Drug Use	
The percentage of students that have ever used marijuana**	3%
Safe Schools and Violence	
The percentage of students that feel very safe at school***	63%
School Protective Factors	
The percentage of students that report high levels of caring relationships with a teacher or other adult at their school	66%
The percentage of students that report high levels of high expectations from a teacher or other adult at their school	68%
The percentage of students that report high levels of opportunities for meaningful participation at their school	31%
The percentage of students that report high levels of personal school connectedness	64%

\*Includes students who smoked part of a cigarette and those who smoked a whole cigarette.

\*\*Excludes students who answered "I don't know what marijuana is"

\*\*\*Elementary students are asked how often they feel safe at school rather than how safe they felt, as in the secondary survey. This table reports those students who responded, "Yes, all of the time."