

**2014**

**Wisconsin Safe and Supportive Schools Survey  
High School Questionnaire**

1. How old are you?
    - A. 12 years old or younger
    - B. 13 years old
    - C. 14 years old
    - D. 15 years old
    - E. 16 years old
    - F. 17 years old
    - G. 18 years old or older
  2. What is your sex?
    - A. Female
    - B. Male
  3. In what grade are you?
    - A. 9<sup>th</sup> grade
    - B. 10<sup>th</sup> grade
    - C. 11<sup>th</sup> grade
    - D. 12<sup>th</sup> grade
    - E. Ungraded or other grade
  4. Select one **DPI cannot specifically ask ethnicity.**
    - A. Hispanic/Latino
    - B. Not Hispanic Latino
  5. Select all that apply. **DPI cannot specifically ask race**
    - A. American Indian or Alaska Native
    - B. Asian
    - C. Black or African American
    - D. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
    - E. White
  6. During the past 12 months, how would you describe your grades in school?
    - A. Mostly A's
    - B. Mostly B's
    - C. Mostly C's
    - D. Mostly D's
    - E. Mostly F's
    - F. None of these grades
    - G. Not sure
  7. How long have you lived in the United States?
    - A. Less than one year
    - B. 1 to 2 years
    - C. 3 to 5 years
    - D. 6 to 10 years
    - E. 11 or more years
    - F. All my life
  8. How far did your mother get in school?
    - A. Did not finish high school
    - B. Graduated from high school or GED
    - C. Had some college or technical training after high school
    - D. Graduated from a 4 year college
    - E. Earned an advanced graduate degree
    - F. Don't know
    - G. Does not apply
  9. How far did your father get in school?
    - A. Did not finish high school
    - B. Graduated from high school or GED
    - C. Had some college or technical training after high school
    - D. Graduated from a four-year college
    - E. Earned an advanced graduate degree
    - F. Don't know
    - G. Does not apply
  10. Which of the following best describes you?
    - A. Heterosexual (straight)
    - B. Gay or lesbian
    - C. Bisexual
    - D. Not sure
  11. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you miss classes or school without permission?
    - A. 0 days
    - B. 1 or 2 days
    - C. 3 to 5 days
    - D. 6 to 9 days
    - E. 10 or more days
- The next eight questions ask about violence-related behaviors.**
12. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you **not** go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?
    - A. 0 days
    - B. 1 day
    - C. 2 or 3 days
    - D. 4 or 5 days
    - E. 6 or more days
  13. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club **on school property?**
    - A. 0 days
    - B. 1 day
    - C. 2 or 3 days
    - D. 4 or 5 days
    - E. 6 or more days
  14. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry **a gun on school property?**
    - A. 0 days
    - B. 1 day
    - C. 2 or 3 days
    - D. 4 or 5 days
    - E. 6 or more days

15. During the past 12 months, how many times has someone threatened or injured you with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club **on school property**?
- 0 times
  - 1 time
  - 2 or 3 times
  - 4 or 5 times
  - 6 or 7 times
  - 8 or 9 times
  - 10 or 11 times
  - 12 or more times
16. During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight **on school property**?
- 0 times
  - 1 time
  - 2 or 3 times
  - 4 or 5 times
  - 6 or 7 times
  - 8 or 9 times
  - 10 or 11 times
  - 12 or more times
17. During the past 12 months, how many times has someone tried to hurt you by hitting, punching, or kicking you while **on school property**?
- 0 times
  - 1 time
  - 2 or 3 times
  - 4 or 5 times
  - 6 or 7 times
  - 8 or 9 times
  - 10 or 11 times
  - 12 or more times
18. When you are at school, how often do you feel safe from physical harm?
- Never
  - Rarely
  - Sometimes
  - Most of the time
  - Always
19. Do you agree or disagree that violence is a problem at your school?
- Strongly agree
  - Agree
  - Not sure
  - Disagree
  - Strongly disagree

**The next three questions ask about bullying. Bullying is when one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again. It is not bullying when two students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way.**

20. During the past 12 months, have you ever been bullied **on school property**?
- Yes
  - No
21. During the past 12 months, have you ever been **electronically** bullied? (Include being bullied through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, Web sites, or texting.)
- Yes
  - No
22. During the past 12 months, have **you ever bullied someone else** on school property?
- Yes
  - No

**The next six questions ask about harassment. Harassment is when one or more students bother another student with the goal to annoy, disturb, or upset that student.**

23. During the past 12 months, have you ever been harassed **on school property**?
- Yes
  - No
24. During the past 12 months, have you been harassed on school property because of your **race or ethnic background**?
- Yes
  - No
  - Not sure
25. During the past 12 months, have you been harassed on school property because of your **weight, size, or physical appearance**?
- Yes
  - No
  - Not sure
26. During the past 12 months, have you been harassed on school property because of your **gender**?
- Yes
  - No
  - Not sure
27. During the past 12 months, have you been harassed on school property because someone thought you were **gay, lesbian, or bisexual**?
- Yes
  - No
  - Not sure

28. Do you agree or disagree that harassment and bullying by other students is a problem at your school?
- A. Strongly agree
  - B. Agree
  - C. Not sure
  - D. Disagree
  - E. Strongly disagree

**The next question asks about gang activity.**

29. Is there gang activity in your school?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Not sure

**The next 4 questions ask about sad feelings and attempted suicide. Sometimes people feel so depressed about the future that they may consider attempting suicide, that is, taking some action to end their own life.**

30. During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
31. During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
32. During the past 12 months, did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
33. During the past 12 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 time
  - C. 2 or 3 times
  - D. 4 or 5 times
  - E. 6 or more times

**The next three questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer, wine, wine coolers, and liquor such as rum, gin, vodka, or whiskey. For these questions, drinking alcohol does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.**

34. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 or 2 days
  - C. 3 to 5 days
  - D. 6 to 9 days
  - E. 10 to 19 days
  - F. 20 to 29 days
  - G. All 30 days

35. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 day
  - C. 2 days
  - D. 3 to 5 days
  - E. 6 to 9 days
  - F. 10 to 19 days
  - G. 20 or more days

36. During the past 30 days, how did you **usually** get the alcohol you drank?
- A. I did not drink alcohol during the past 30 days
  - B. I bought it in a store such as a liquor store, convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station
  - C. I bought it at a restaurant, bar, or club
  - D. I bought it at a public event such as a concert or sporting event
  - E. I gave someone else money to buy it for me
  - F. Someone gave it to me
  - G. I took it from a store or family member
  - H. I got it some other way

**The next four questions ask about other drugs.**

37. During the past 30 days, how many times did you use marijuana?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 or 2 times
  - C. 3 to 9 times
  - D. 10 to 19 times
  - E. 20 to 39 times
  - F. 40 or more times
38. During the past 30 days, how many times have you taken an **over-the-counter drug** to get high?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 or 2 times
  - C. 3 to 9 times
  - D. 10 to 19 times
  - E. 20 to 39 times
  - F. 40 or more times
39. During the past 12 months, how many times have you attended school under the influence of alcohol or other illegal drugs, such as marijuana or cocaine?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 or 2 times
  - C. 3 to 9 times
  - D. 10 to 19 times
  - E. 20 to 39 times
  - F. 40 or more times

40. During the past 12 months, has anyone offered, sold, or given you an illegal drug **on school property**?
- A. Yes
  - B. No

**The next two questions ask about teacher and staff support at your school.**

41. Do you agree or disagree that your teachers really care about you and give you a lot of encouragement?
- A. Strongly agree
  - B. Agree
  - C. Neither agree nor disagree
  - D. Disagree
  - E. Strongly disagree
42. Is there at least one teacher or other adult in this school that you can talk to if you have a problem?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Not sure

**The next question asks about your sense of belonging at school.**

43. Do you agree or disagree that you feel like you belong at this school?
- A. Strongly agree
  - B. Agree
  - C. Neither agree nor disagree
  - D. Disagree
  - E. Strongly disagree

**The next nine items measure the extent to which opportunities and rewards are available within your school.**

44. In my school, students have lots of chances to help decide things like class activities and rules.
- A. Strongly agree
  - B. Agree
  - C. Neither agree nor disagree
  - D. Disagree
  - E. Strongly disagree
45. There are lots of chances for students in my school to talk with a teacher one-on-one.
- A. Strongly agree
  - B. Agree
  - C. Neither agree nor disagree
  - D. Disagree
  - E. Strongly disagree
46. Teachers ask me to work on special classroom projects.
- A. Strongly agree

- B. Agree
- C. Neither agree nor disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly disagree

47. There are lots of chances for students in my school to get involved in sports, clubs, and other activities outside of class.
- A. Strongly agree
  - B. Agree
  - C. Neither agree nor disagree
  - D. Disagree
  - E. Strongly disagree
48. There are lots of chances to be part of class discussions or activities.
- A. Strongly agree
  - B. Agree
  - C. Neither agree nor disagree
  - D. Disagree
  - E. Strongly disagree
49. My teacher(s) notices when I am doing a good job and lets me know about it.
- A. Strongly agree
  - B. Agree
  - C. Neither agree nor disagree
  - D. Disagree
  - E. Strongly disagree
50. The school lets my parents know when I have done something well.
- A. Strongly agree
  - B. Agree
  - C. Neither agree nor disagree
  - D. Disagree
  - E. Strongly disagree

51. I feel safe at my school.
- A. Strongly agree
  - B. Agree
  - C. Neither agree nor disagree
  - D. Disagree
  - E. Strongly disagree

52. My teachers praise me when I work hard in school.
- A. Strongly agree
  - B. Agree
  - C. Neither agree nor disagree
  - D. Disagree
  - E. Strongly disagree

**The next six questions ask about the importance of school and course work.**

53. How often do you feel that the school work you are assigned is meaningful and important?

- A. Never
- B. Seldom
- C. Sometimes
- D. Often
- E. Almost always

54. How interesting are most of your courses to you?

- A. Very interesting and stimulating
- B. Quite interesting
- C. Fairly interesting
- D. Slightly dull
- E. Very dull

55. How important do you think the things you are learning in school are going to be for your later life?

- A. Very important
- B. Quite important
- C. Fairly important
- D. Slightly important
- E. Not at all important

56. Over the past school year how often did you enjoy being at school?

- A. Never
- B. Seldom
- C. Sometimes
- D. Often
- E. Almost always

57. Over the past school year how often did you hate being at school?

- A. Never
- B. Seldom
- C. Sometimes
- D. Often
- E. Almost always

58. Over the past school year how often did you try to do your best work in school?

- A. Never
- B. Seldom
- C. Sometimes
- D. Often
- E. Almost always

**The next four questions ask about the school environment and rules for student behavior and conduct.**

59. Do you agree or disagree that this school has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere?

- A. Strongly agree
- B. Agree
- C. Neither agree nor disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly disagree

60. Do you agree or disagree that you understand the rules for student behavior and conduct at this school?

- A. Strongly agree
- B. Agree
- C. Neither agree nor disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly disagree

61. Do you agree or disagree that this school has clear consequences for breaking the rules?

- A. Strongly agree
- B. Agree
- C. Neither agree nor disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly disagree

62. Do you agree or disagree that staff at this school enforce the rules for student behavior and conduct?

- A. Strongly agree
- B. Agree
- C. Neither agree nor disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly disagree

**College is defined as a two-year technical college or a four year university or college.**

63. Do you plan on going to college after high school?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Not sure

**This is the end of the survey.**