

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

Snohomish County Facts

- 8th and 10th graders were significantly more likely to have received information on the warning signs of suicide and how to get help if needed compared to the state.
- The amount of 10th and 12th grade students who agree that they feel safe at school is at an all-time low since the survey began in 2002.
- Across all grades, there was a significant decline from 2016 in students who felt they had a person at their school they could go to for help.
- There has been an 81% increase in 12th grade students who say they have skipped school in the last year due to safety concerns.

SCHOOL CLIMATE	6 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Feel most of their courses are at least fairly interesting	83.7%	71.5%	68.3%	74.9%
Feel what they are learning will be at least fairly important later in life	86.7%	78.5%	66.5%	68.0%
Feel there are lots of chances at school to get involved in sports, clubs, activities outside of class	~	92.6%	92.6%	90.9%
Do not participate in any afterschool or away from school activities	43.3%	42.1%	39.1%	41.8%
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	6 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Sports team and recreation are available	~	88.5%	91.8%	90.5%
Scouts, Camp Fire, 4-H, and other service clubs are available	~	70.8%	73.4%	75.5%
Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, or other activity clubs are available	~	85.8%	89.0%	87.2%
Agree there are adults in the community they could talk to about something important	~	75.0%	72.8%	71.2%
SCHOOL SAFETY	6 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Feel safe at school	86.4%	79.8%	76.8%	77.0%
Carried a weapon to school on 6+ days in the past month	0.4%	0.9%	2.1%	3.0%
Skipped school in the past month due to feeling unsafe	~	10.6%	13.4%	15.2%
Have gangs at their school	~	11.9%	24.4%	17.0%
Agree their school has people they could go to if they ever needed help	~	74.6%	72.5%	72.4%
School had information in the last year on the warning signs of suicide and how to get help	~	56.3%	60.9%	51.7%
Have been drunk or high on school property in the last year	~	7.2%	14.7%	17.1%
~ Not asked of students in this grade				



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTS: WHAT WE CAN DO

Washington State Healthy Youth Survey Facts

- Survey questions focus on risk for injury, health behaviors and outcomes, alcohol and drug use.
- Results are used by communities to support youth and reduce risks.

More info available at: www.askhys.net

PARENTS

- Demonstrate to your children the importance of having a hobby or devoting time to help others.
- Encourage children and teens to participate in a school club or sport.
- If your schedule allows, volunteer to assist at events your child participates in.

SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Host an Info Fair at the beginning of each school year where clubs and teams can have a booth to attract new students.
- Ensure you have a system in place to provide transportation or bus passes to and from events.
- Incorporate approved community and school club events into morning announcements.
- Give career and college advisors information for local non-profits that need volunteers. Offer the info to teens looking to improve college applications and essays.

Participation by all of the Snohomish County school districts in the Healthy Youth Survey is extremely appreciated. School participation allows us to report on the current health status of our youth and track trends over time.

For more information about the Healthy Youth Survey, check out <http://www.askhys.net/> or to see Snohomish County Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheets go to www.snohd.org.

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