



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

Snohomish County Facts

- The amount of 10th and 12th grade students who strongly agreed that they felt safe at school decreased 25% compared to 2014
- 12th grade students were less likely to strongly agree that they felt safe at school compared to the state average
- Students across all grades surveyed were more likely to be aware that the Boys & Girls Club or YCMA was available to them in the community compared to the state average

SCHOOL CLIMATE	6 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Feel most of their courses are at least fairly interesting	84.0%	80.0%	72.7%	76.4%
Feel what they are learning will be at least fairly important later in life	90.3%	85.0%	70.1%	67.3%
Feel there are lots of chances at school to get involved in sports, clubs, activities outside of class	~	93.6%	93.9%	90.1%
Do not participate in any afterschool or away from school activities	~	38.5%	37.0%	39.8%
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	6 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Sports team and recreation are available	~	89.9%	91.3%	90.8%
Scouts, Camp Fire, 4-H, and other service clubs are available	~	70.0%	76.4%	76.7%
Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, or other activity clubs are available	~	87.0%	88.1%	88.1%
Agree there are adults in the community they could talk to about something important	~	75.2%	72.1%	74.3%
SCHOOL SAFETY	6 TH GRADERS	8 TH GRADERS	10 TH GRADERS	12 TH GRADERS
Feel safe at school	89.5	82.1%	81.7%	82.0%
Carried a weapon to school on 6+ days in the past month	~	1.2%	2.5%	3.6%
Skipped school in the past month due to feeling unsafe	~	10.1%	10.2%	11.4%
Have gangs at their school	~	12.1%	21.1%	15.8%
Agree their school has people they could go to if they ever needed help	~	80.8%	80.5%	84.1%
School had information in the last year on the warning signs of suicide and how to get help	~	49.5%	64.5%	53.8%
Have been drunk or high on school property in the last year	~	4.9%	12.8%	17.3%
~ Not asked of students in this grade				



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTS: WHAT WE CAN DO

Washington State Healthy Youth Survey Facts

- Questions ask about risk for injury, health 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, or encourage them 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 students rides home or provide bus passes for events.
- Incorporate approved community and school club events into morning announcements. Try to identify students to 'advertise' these events.
- Give career and college advisors pamphlets with contact information for local non-profits who need volunteers. Offer them 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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