



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

Snohomish County Facts

- Across all grades asked, our students were more likely than students from the rest of the state to be aware of local resources like the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club
- Our high school seniors were more likely than seniors from the rest of the state to report having contact in the last year with the school counselor

SCHOOL CLIMATE	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Feel most of their courses are at least fairly interesting	84.4	75.6	74.4	75.1
Feel what they are learning will be at least fairly important later in life	92.6	83.6	74.3	68.8
Feel there are lots of chances at school to get involved in sports, clubs, activities outside of class	~	93.1	92.8	90.6
Do not participate in any afterschool or away from school activities	~	35.7	32.5	35.5
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Sports team and recreation are available	~	86.9	92.4	91.0
Scouts, Camp Fire, 4-H, and other service clubs are available	~	71.3	77.4	77.7
Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, or other activity clubs are available	~	83.0	87.6	88.0
Agree there are adults in the community they could talk to about something important	~	76.8	75.3	76.5
SCHOOL SAFETY	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Feel safe at school	89.0	82.9	85.8	88.3
Carried a weapon to school on 6+ days in the past month	~	1.2	2.2	2.7
Skipped school in the past month due to feeling unsafe	~	10.1	8.1	7.9
Have gangs at their school	~	12.1	20.9	16.4
School has a counselor	~	91.7	94.8	95.6
Had contact with school counselor in last year	~	48.1	64.3	81.4
Agree their school has people they could go to if they ever needed help	~	74.8	77.7	83.3
School had information in the last year on the warning signs of suicide and how to get help	~	33.9	47.9	44.4
Have been drunk or high on school property in the last year	~	6.5	11.6	19.4
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~ Not asked of students in this grade

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTS: WHAT WE CAN DO

Washington State Healthy Youth Survey Facts

- Students participate across the state representing all 39 counties
- All 14 school districts in Snohomish County take part in the survey
- 75% of students across the four grades took the survey—that's 11,852 students!
- 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.