## 2017 Winston Salem/Forsyth County Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results Highlights



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## Introduction

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey System (YRBSS) was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) to monitor six health risk behaviors. These risk behaviors are unintentional injuries and violence, sexual behaviors, alcohol and other drug use, tobacco use, unhealthy dietary behaviors, and inadequate physical activity. The results of the survey can assist government agencies, schools, community organizations and other stakeholders to identify the critical health needs of children and adolescents and develop programs to mitigate them.

In 2017, the YRBS was administered to 1,699 students in 17 Winston-Salem/Forsyth County (WSFC) middle schools. The response rate for schools was $100 \%$, and the response rate for students was $83 \%$. The survey questionnaire consisted of 70 questions. Table 1 provides the demographic characteristics of the survey respondents.

Parents were informed that they could decline their children's participation in the survey by signing and returning the Passive Parental Consent Form that was sent home before the scheduled survey date. Prior to the start of the survey, students were told that they could refuse to participate or skip any question that they did not want to answer.

A comparison of the 2017 and 2013 WSFC Middle School YRBS results shows a decrease in the percentage of students who have been offered illegal drugs on school property from about $10 \%$ in 2013 to about $7 \%$ in 2017. Similarly, there is a decrease in the percentage of students who report gang activity at their school from about $20 \%$ in 2013 to about $15 \%$ in 2017.

Trends that should be cause for concern include the percentage of students who have been electronically bullied from about $16 \%$ in 2013 to about $20 \%$ in 2017. Another is the percentage of students who played video or computer games for 3 or more hours on an average school day from about 41\% in 2013 to about $50 \%$ in 2017.

This brief review of the data includes Appendices that show how WSFC Middle School YRBS results compare to those for the State of North Carolina.

The days or months referenced in the results are in relation to the day/date that students took the survey. For example, 'in the past 30 days' refers to the 30 days that preceded the date/day of the survey. The period referenced in the summary results are from the associated survey questions.

| Demographic <br> Characteristics | Number of Students <br> in this Subgroup | Sampled <br> Percentage* |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Sex | 839 |  |
| Male | 847 | 49.4 |
| Female | 13 | 49.8 |
| Unidentified | 594 | 0.8 |
| Grade | 530 | 31.2 |
| $6^{\text {th }}$ | 552 | 32.5 |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ | 23 | 1.3 |
| $8^{\text {th }}$ |  |  |
| Unidentified | 406 | 23.9 |
| Race/Ethnicity | 449 | 26.4 |
| Black Non-Hisp. | 584 | 34.4 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 73 | 4.3 |
| White Non-Hisp. | 105 | 6.2 |
| All other races | 82 | 4.7 |
| Multiple races | Unidentified |  |

* Total count for each subgroup may be off due to rounding.

Table 1

## Alcohol, Tobacco, \& Other Drug Use

Based on the 2017 WSFC Middle School YRBS responses, academic achievement is negatively associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use (Appendix A). For example, analysis of the 2017 YRBS results shows that 3\% of WSFC middle school students who earned mostly A's, $\mathbf{8 \%}$ who earned mostly B's, $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ who earned mostly C's and $\mathbf{2 3} \%$ who earned mostly D/F's currently use electronic vapor products (Appendix A).

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS responses, Figure 1 shows that among middle school students,
almost:

- 1 in $14(7.1 \%)$ has been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property in the past 12 months
- 1 in $16(6.4 \%)$ used marijuana
- 1 in $8(12.5 \%)$ drink alcohol
- 1 in $13(7.5 \%)$ use electronic vapor products
- 1 in $18(5.7 \%)$ smoke cigarettes
- 1 in 15 (6.6\%) has sniffed glue paint, etc. to get a high at some point in their lives
- 1 in $15(6.8 \%)$ has used prescription drugs (Oxycontin, Vicodin, codeine, etc.) w/o a doctor's prescription at some point in their lives


Figure 1

Figure 1 also shows the 2013 to 2017 trends in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among WSFC middle school students. Based on the responses:

- There was a $26.0 \%$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who have been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property from $9.6 \%$ to $7.1 \%$.
- There was a $14.7 \%$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who use marijuana from $7.5 \%$ to $6.4 \%$.
- The percentage of middle school students who drink alcohol remains relatively unchanged.
- The percentage of middle school students who smoke cigarettes remains relatively unchanged.
- There was a $15.4 \%$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who have sniffed glue paint, etc. to get a high from $7.8 \%$ to $6.6 \%$.
- There was a $51.1 \%$ increase in the percentage of middle school students who have used prescription drugs w/o a doctor's prescription (Oxycontin, Vicodin, codeine, etc.) from $4.5 \%$ to $6.8 \%$.


## Alcohol, Tobacco, \& Other Drug Use: Grade Level

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS responses, Figure 2 shows that students in the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade are much more likely than students in the $6^{\text {th }}$ or $7^{\text {th }}$ grade to:

- have been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property
- use marijuana
- drink alcohol
- use electronic vapor products
- smoke cigarettes
- have taken prescription drugs w/o a doctor's prescription (Oxycontin, Vicodin, codeine, etc.)

Figure 2 also shows that students in the $7^{\text {th }}$ grade are more likely than students in the $6^{\text {th }}$ or $8^{\text {th }}$ grade to have sniffed glue, paint or similar products to get a high.

Based on the responses, Figure 2 shows that among $6^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 1 in $24(4.1 \%)$ has been offered, sold, or given illegal drugs on school property
- 1 in $33(3.0 \%)$ uses marijuana
- 1 in $13(7.6 \%)$ drinks alcohol
- 1 in $28(3.6 \%)$ uses electronic vapor products
- 1 in 21 (4.8\%) smokes cigarettes
- 1 in $21(4.8 \%)$ has sniffed glue, paint or similar products to get a high
- 1 in $27(3.7 \%)$ has used prescription drugs w/o a doctor's prescription


Figure 2

Based on the responses, Figure 2 shows that among $7^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 1 in $18(5.6 \%)$ has been offered, sold, or given illegal drugs on school property
- 1 in $22(4.5 \%)$ uses marijuana
- 1 in $9(11.2 \%)$ drink alcohol
- 1 in $18(5.5 \%)$ uses electronic vapor products
- 1 in 22 (4.5\%) smokes cigarettes
- 1 in $12(8.2 \%)$ has sniffed glue, paint or similar products to get a high
- 1 in $18(5.7 \%)$ has used prescription drugs w/o a doctor's prescription

Based on the responses, Figure 2 shows that among $8^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 1 in $9(11.0 \%)$ has been offered, sold, or given illegal drugs on school property
- 1 in $9(10.8 \%)$ uses marijuana
- 1 in $6(15.5 \%)$ drinks alcohol
- 1 in $8(12.9 \%)$ uses electronic vapor products
- 1 in $15(6.9 \%)$ smokes cigarettes
- 1 in $14(7.0 \%)$ has sniffed glue, paint or similar products to get a high
- 1 in $10(10.0 \%)$ has used prescription drugs w/o a doctor's prescription


## Alcohol, Tobacco, \& Other Drug Use: Race/Ethnicity

Based on the 2017
WSFC YRBS results,
Figure 3 shows that Hispanic/Latino middle school students are more likely than Black, nonHispanic or White, nonHispanic middle school students to:

- have been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property
- use marijuana
- drink alcohol
- use electronic vapor products
- smoke cigarettes
- have sniffed glue, paint, etc. to get a high

Figure 3 also shows that Hispanic/Latino as well as Black, non-Hispanic middle school students are more likely than White, non-Hispanic middle school students to have used prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription.

Based on the responses, Figure 3 shows that among Black, nonHispanic students, about:

- 1 in 14 (7.1\%) has been offered, sold, or given illegal drugs on school property
- 1 in 13 (7.9\%) uses marijuana
- 1 in 9 (11.8\%) drinks alcohol
- 1 in $15(6.9 \%)$ uses electronic
- vapor products
- 1 in $20(5.1 \%)$ smokes cigarettes
- $\quad 1$ in $15(6.5 \%)$ has sniffed glue, paint or similar products to get a high
- $\quad \underline{\text { in } 14(7.4 \%) ~ h a s ~ u s e d ~}$ prescription drugs w/o a doctor's prescription

Based on the responses, Figure 3 shows that among Hispanic/Latino students, about:

- 1 in 11 (9.5\%) has been offered, sold, or given illegal drugs on school property
- 1 in $11(9.4 \%)$ uses marijuana
- 1 in $6(16.8 \%)$ drinks alcohol
- 1 in $10(10.0 \%)$ uses electronic vapor products
- 1 in $14(7.0 \%)$ smokes cigarettes
- $\underline{1}$ in $13(7.5 \%)$ has sniffed glue, paint or similar products to get a high
- $\quad 1$ in 13 (7.7\%) has used prescription drugs w/o a doctor's prescription

Based on the responses, Figure 3 shows that among White, nonHispanic students, about:

- 1 in 18 (5.7\%) has been offered, sold, or given illegal drugs on school property
- 1 in 26 (3.9\%) uses marijuana
- 1 in 12 (8.4\%) drinks alcohol
- 1 in $16(6.1 \%)$ uses electronic vapor products
- 1 in $23(4.4 \%)$ smokes cigarettes
- 1 in 19 (5.4\%) has sniffed glue, paint or similar products to get a high
- $\quad 1$ in 18 (5.6\%) has used prescription drugs w/o a doctor's prescription

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS responses, Figure 4 shows that male middle school students are more likely than female middle school students to:

- have been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property
- use marijuana
- use electronic vapor products

Female middle school students are more likely than male middle school students to:

- have sniffed glue, paint or similar products to get a high
- have used prescription drugs w/o a doctor's prescription

Figure 4 also shows that female and male middle fenale and nats mide almost school students are almost equally likely to drink alcohol and smoke cigarettes.

Based on the responses, Figure 4 shows that among female middle school students, almost:

- 1 in $17(6.0 \%)$ has been offered, sold, or given illegal drugs on school property
- 1 in $18(5.5 \%)$ uses marijuana
- 1 in 9 (11.6\%) drinks alcohol
- 1 in $15(6.5 \%)$ uses electronic vapor products
- 1 in $19(5.4 \%)$ smokes cigarettes
- 1 in $13(7.6 \%)$ has sniffed glue, paint or similar products to get a high
- 1 in $12(8.2 \%)$ has used prescription drugs w/o a doctor's prescription

Based on the responses, Figure 4 shows that among male middle school students, almost:

- 1 in $12(8.1 \%)$ has been offered, sold, or given illegal drugs on school property
- 1 in 14 (7.1\%) uses marijuana
- 1 in $9(11.5 \%)$ drinks alcohol
- 1 in $12(8.4 \%)$ uses electronic vapor products
- 1 in $18(5.7 \%)$ smokes cigarettes
- 1 in $18(5.7 \%)$ has sniffed glue, paint or similar products to get a high
- 1 in $20(5.1 \%)$ has used prescription drugs w/o a doctor's prescription


## Personal Safety Indicators

Based on the 2017 WSFC Middle School YRBS responses, academic achievement is negatively associated with some personal safety risk behaviors. For example, analysis of the 2017 YRBS results shows that $\mathbf{2 \%}$ of middle school students who earned mostly A's, 4\% who earned mostly B's, $\mathbf{9} \%$ who earned mostly C's and $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ who earned mostly D/F's rarely or never wear a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else (Appendix A).

Based on the 2017
WSFC YRBS responses,
Figure 5 shows that among middle school students, about:

- 2 in $3(65.6 \%)$ never/ rarely wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle
- 1 in $6(17.2 \%)$ has ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol $\geq 1$ days in the past 30 days
- 1 in $19(5.4 \%)$ rarely or never wear a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else

* Of the $\mathbf{7 7 . 6 \%}$ of WSFC MS students who reported that they rode a bicycle during 2017

Figure 5

Figure 5 also shows the 2013 to 2017 trends in personal safety indicators among WSFC middle school students . Based on the responses:

- There was a $7.0 \%$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who never/rarely wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle from $70.5 \%$ to $65.6 \%$.
- There was a $6.0 \%$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who have ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol from $18.3 \%$ to $17.2 \%$.
- There was a $19.4 \%$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who rarely or never wear a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else from $6.7 \%$ to $5.4 \%$.


## Personal Safety Indicators: Grade Level

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS responses, Figure 6 shows that students in the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade are more likely than those in the $6^{\text {th }}$ or $7^{\text {th }}$ grade to:

- never/rarely wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle
- have ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol

Figure 6 also shows that students in the $7^{\text {th }}$ grade are more likely than those in the $6^{\text {th }}$ or $8^{\text {th }}$ grade to rarely or never wear a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else.


Figure 6

Based on the responses, Figure 6 shows that among $6^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- $\quad 1$ in 2 (57.5\%) never/rarely wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle
- $\quad 1$ in $8(12.1 \%)$ has ridden in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol
- $\quad 1$ in $30(3.3 \%)$ rarely or never wear a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else

Based on the responses, Figure 6 shows that among $7^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 2 in 3 (66.2\%) never/rarely wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle
- 1 in $6(17.7 \%)$ has ridden in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol
- 1 in $13(7.9 \%)$ rarely or never wear a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else

Based on the responses, Figure 6 shows that among $8^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 3 in 4 ( $73.3 \%$ ) never/rarely wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle
- $\quad 1$ in $5(21.7 \%)$ has ridden in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol
- 1 in 19 (5.2\%) rarely or never wear a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else


## Personal Safety Indicators: Race/Ethnicity

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS responses, Figure 7 shows that White, nonHispanic middle school students are less likely than Black, non-Hispanic or Hispanic/Latino middle school students to:

- never/rarely wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle
- rarely or never wear a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else

Figure 7 also shows that Hispanic/Latino middle school students are less likely than Black, nonHispanic or White, non Hispanic middle school students to ride in a vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol.

Figure 7

Based on the responses, Figure 7 shows that among Black, nonHispanic students, about:

- 3 in $4(84.3 \%)$ who ride a bicycle, never/rarely wear a bicycle helmet when riding
- 1 in $6(17.9 \%)$ has ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol
- 1 in 14 (7.4\%) rarely or never wear a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else

Based on the responses, Figure 7 shows that among Hispanic/Latino students, about:

- 3 in $4(77.8 \%)$ who ride a bicycle, never/rarely wear a bicycle helmet when riding
- 1 in $6(15.5 \%)$ has ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol
- 1 in 15 (6.5\%) rarely or never wear a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else

Based on the responses, Figure 7 shows that among White, nonHispanic students, about:

- $\quad 1$ in $2(49.2 \%)$ who ride a bicycle, never/rarely wear a bicycle helmet when riding
- 1 in $6(17.3 \%)$ has ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol
- 1 in $30(3.3 \%)$ rarely or never wear a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else


## Personal Safety Indicators: Gender

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS responses, Figure 8 shows that male middle school students are more likely than female middle school students to never/ rarely wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.

However, female middle school students are more likely than male middle school students to ride in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol.

Male and female middle school students are almost equally likely to rarely or never wear a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else.


Figure 8

Based on the responses, Figure $\mathbf{8}$ shows that among female middle school students, almost:

- 2 in $3(63.2 \%)$ never/rarely wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle.
- 1 in $5(18.4 \%)$ has ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol
- 1 in 19 (5.2\%) rarely or ever worn a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else drink alcohol

Based on the responses, Figure 8 shows that among male middle school students, almost:

- 2 in $3(67.7 \%)$ never/rarely wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bicycle.
- 1 in $6(16.2 \%)$ has ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol
- 1 in $18(5.6 \%)$ rarely or ever worn a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else drink alcohol


## Violence-Related Indicators

Based on the 2017 WSFC Middle School YRBS responses, academic achievement is negatively associated with some violence-related behaviors (Appendix A). For example, 18\% of middle school students who earned mostly A's, 23\% who earned mostly B's, $\mathbf{2 6 \%}$ who earned mostly C's and $\mathbf{3 5 \%}$ who earned mostly D/F's have been teased due to their perceived sexuality (Appendix A).

Based on the 2017 WSFC
YRBS responses, Figure 9
shows that among middle
school students, about:

- 1 in $5(21.5 \%)$ has been teased due to his or her perceived sexuality
- 1 in $7(15.3 \%)$ has reported gang activity in his or her school
- 1 in $23(4.4 \%)$ has skipped school because he or she felt unsafe
- 1 in $5(20.4 \%)$ has been electronically bullied
- 1 in $3(35.6 \%)$ has been bullied on school property
- 1 in $2(46.0 \%)$ has been in a physical fight
- 1 in $3(30.4 \%)$ has carried a weapon (gun, knife, club, etc.)


Figure 9

Figure 9 also shows the trends in violence-related indicators among WSFC middle school students from 2013 to 2017.
Based on the responses:

- There is a $25.7 \%$ increase in the percentage of middle school students who have been teased due to their perceived sexuality from $17.1 \%$ to $21.5 \%$.
- There is a $23.5 \%$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who have reported gang activity in their school from $20.0 \%$ to $15.3 \%$.
- The percentage of middle school students who skip school because they felt unsafe remains relatively unchanged.
- There is a $29.1 \%$ increase in the percentage of middle school students who have been electronically bullied from $15.8 \%$ to $20.4 \%$.
- There is an $8.2 \%$ increase in the percentage of middle school students who have been bullied on school property from $32.9 \%$ to $35.6 \%$.
- There is an $8.7 \%$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who have been in a physical fight from $50.4 \%$ to $46.0 \%$.
- The percentage of middle school students who have carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife or club remains relatively unchanged.


## Violence-Related Indicators: Grade Level

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS responses, Figure 10 shows that students in the $7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grades are more likely than students in the $6^{\text {th }}$ grade to:

- have been teased due to their perceived sexuality
- have observed gang activity
- have been in a physical fight
- have carried a weapon, such as gun, knife or club
Students in the $7^{\text {th }}$ grade are more likely than students in the $6^{\text {th }}$ or $8^{\text {th }}$ grade to:
- have been electronically bullied
- have been bullied on school property


Figure 10

Based on the responses, Figure
10 shows that among $6^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 1 in $5(18.4 \%)$ has been teased due to his or her perceived sexuality
- 1 in $9(11.2 \%)$ has reported gang activity in his or her school
- 1 in $20(4.9 \%)$ has skipped school because he or she felt unsafe
- 1 in $7(15.2 \%)$ has been electronically bullied
- 1 in $3(30.7 \%)$ has been bullied on school property
- 1 in $3(38.5 \%)$ has been in a physical fight
- $\quad 1$ in $4(23.2 \%)$ has carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife or club

Based on the responses, Figure 10 shows that among $7^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 1 in $4(22.8 \%)$ has been teased due to his or her perceived sexuality
- 1 in $6(17.3 \%)$ has reported gang activity in his or her school
- 1 in $29(3.4 \%)$ has skipped school because he or she felt unsafe
- 1 in $4(23.5 \%)$ has been electronically bullied
- 1 in $3(40.2 \%)$ has been bullied on school property
- 1 in $2(49.0 \%)$ has been in a physical fight
- 1 in $3(32.7 \%)$ has carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife or

Based on the responses, Figure 10 shows that among $\underline{8}^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 1 in $4(23.1 \%)$ has been teased due to his or her perceived sexuality
- 1 in $6(17.3 \%)$ has reported gang activity in his or her school
- 1 in 21 (4.7\%) has skipped school because he or she felt unsafe
- 1 in $5(22.3 \%)$ has been electronically bullied
- 1 in $3(35.7 \%)$ has been bullied on school property
- 1 in $2(50.1 \%)$ has been in a physical fight
- 1 in $3(34.7 \%)$ has carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife or club


## Violence-Related Indicators: Race/Ethnicity

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS responses, Figure 11 shows that White, nonHispanic middle school students are more likely than Black, non-Hispanic or Hispanic/Latino middle school students to:

- be teased due to their perceived sexuality
- have ever been electronically bullied
- have ever been bullied on school property
- have ever carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club
Black, non-Hispanic middle students are more likely than White, non-Hispanic or Hispanic/Latino middle school students to have been in a physical fight.
Hispanic/Latino middle school students are more likely than Black, non-Hispanic or White, non-Hispanic middle school


Figure 11 students to have skipped school because they felt unsafe.

Based on the responses, Figure
11 shows that among Black, non-
Hispanic students, about:

- $\quad 1$ in $5(19.7 \%)$ has been teased due to his or her perceived sexuality
- 1 in $5(18.4 \%)$ has reported gang activity in his or her school
- 1 in $28(3.6 \%)$ has skipped school because the or she felt unsafe
- 1 in $6(17.3 \%)$ has been electronically bullied
- 1 in $3(32.4 \%)$ has been bullied on school property
- 2 in $3(64.2 \%)$ have been in a physical fight
- 1 in $4(24.5 \%)$ has carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife or club

Based on the responses, Figure
11 shows that among Hispanic/
Latino students, about:

- 1 in $5(18.6 \%)$ has been teased due to his or her perceived sexuality
- 1 in $5(18.9 \%)$ has reported gang activity in his or her school
- 1 in 18 (5.5\%) has skipped school because he or she felt unsafe
- $\quad 1$ in $7(14.3 \%)$ has been electronically bullied
- 1 in $4(27.4 \%)$ has been bullied on school property
- $\quad 1$ in 2 (48.6\%) has been in a physical fight
- $\quad 1$ in 4 (27.7\%) has carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife or club

Based on the responses, Figure
11 shows that among White, nonHispanic students, about:

- $\quad 1$ in $4(23.6 \%)$ has been teased due to his or her perceived sexuality
- $\quad 1$ in $9(10.6 \%)$ has reported gang activity in his or her school
- 1 in $26(3.9 \%)$ has skipped school because they felt unsafe
- $\quad 1$ in $4(26.5 \%)$ has been electronically bullied
- 1 in $2(41.4 \%)$ has been bullied on school property
- $\quad 1$ in 3 (31.9\%) has been in a physical fight
- 1 in $3(34.7 \%)$ has carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife or club


## Violence-Related Indicators: Gender

Based on the 2017 WSFC
YRBS responses, Figure 12 shows that male middle school students are more likely than female middle school students to:

- have been teased due to their perceived sexuality
- have been in a physical fight
- have carried a weapon, such as gun, knife, or club
Female middle school students are more likely than male middle school students to:
- have been electronically bullied
- have been bullied on school property
- have reported gang activity at their school
- have skipped school because they felt unsafe


Figure 12

Based on the responses, Figure 12 shows that among female students, about:

- 1 in $5(20.8 \%)$ is teased due to her perceived sexuality
- 1 in $6(17.0 \%)$ has reported gang activity in her school
- 1 in $17(5.9 \%)$ has skipped school because she felt unsafe
- $\quad 1$ in $4(26.4 \%)$ has been electronically bullied
- 1 in $3(38.3 \%)$ has been bullied on school property
- 1 in $3(34.8 \%)$ has been in a physical fight
- 1 in $6(17.2 \%)$ has carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife or club

Based on the responses, Figure 12 shows that among male students, about:

- 1 in $5(22.0 \%)$ is teased due to his perceived sexuality
- 1 in $7(13.5 \%)$ has reported gang activity in his school
- 1 in $36(2.8 \%)$ has skipped school because he felt unsafe
- 1 in $7(14.8 \%)$ has been electronically bullied
- 1 in $3(32.7 \%)$ has been bullied on school property
- 1 in $2(56.5 \%)$ has been in a physical fight
- $\underline{1 \text { in } 2(42.7 \%)}$ has carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife or club


## Psychological Health Indicators

Based on the 2017 WSFC Middle School YRBS responses, academic achievement is negatively associated with psychological health risk factors (Appendix A). For example, analysis of the 2017 YRBS results showed, 17\% of WSFC middle school students who earned mostly A's, $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ who earned mostly B's, $\mathbf{3 1 \%}$ who earned mostly C's, and 40\% who earned mostly D/F's have seriously considered attempting suicide (Appendix A).

Based on the 2017 WSFC
YRBS responses, Figure 13
shows that among middle school students, about:

- 1 in $4(23.7 \%)$ has felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more
- 1 in $3(31.8 \%)$ who has felt sad or hopeless ..., would most likely talk to his or her parents or other adult family member about how he or she was feeling
- 1 in $4(23.2 \%)$ has seriously considered attempting suicide
- $\quad 1$ in $7(15.4 \%)$ has made a suicide plan
- 1 in $8(12.7 \%)$ has attempted suicide


Figure 13

Figure 13 shows the 2013 to 2017 trends in psychological health indicators among WSFC middle school students.
Based on the responses:

- There was a $7.2 \%$ increase in the percentage of middle school students who have felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more in a row from $22.1 \%$ to $23.7 \%$.
- There was a $40.7 \%$ increase in the percentage of middle school students who would talk to their parents or other adult family member if they felt sad or hopeless from $22.6 \%$ to $31.8 \%$.
- There was an $18.4 \%$ increase in the percentage of middle school students who have seriously considered attempting suicide from $19.6 \%$ to $23.2 \%$.
- There was a $10.0 \%$ increase in the percentage of middle school students who have made a suicide plan from $14.0 \%$ to $15.4 \%$.
- There was a $16.5 \%$ increase in the percentage of middle school students who have attempted suicide from $10.9 \%$ to $12.7 \%$.


## Psychological Health Indicators: Grade Level

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS responses, Figure 14 shows that students in the $7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grades are more likely than those in the $6{ }^{\text {th }}$ grade to have felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more.

However, students in the $7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grades are less likely than students in the $6^{\text {th }}$ grade to talk to their parents or adult family member about how they were feeling.

Figure 14 shows also that students in the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade are more likely than students in the $6^{\text {th }}$ or $7^{\text {th }}$ grade to have seriously considered attempting suicide.
Students in the $7^{\text {th }}$ grade are more likely than students in the $6^{\text {th }}$ or $8^{\text {th }}$ grade to:


Figure 14

- have made a suicide plan
- have attempted suicide

Based on the responses, Figure 14 Based on the responses, Figure 14 shows that among $6^{\text {th }}$ grade students, shows that among $7^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 1 in $5(21.1 \%)$ has felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more ...
- 1 in $2(42.0 \%)$ would talk to his or her parents or other adult family member if they felt sad or hopeless
- 1 in $5(19.5 \%)$ has seriously considered attempting suicide
- 1 in $3(12.8 \%)$ has made a suicide plan
- 1 in $9(11.0 \%)$ has attempted suicide
about:
- 1 in $4(24.7 \%)$ has felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more ...
- 1 in $4(27.7 \%)$ would talk to his or her parents or other adult family member if they felt sad or hopeless
- 1 in $4(23.4 \%)$ has seriously considered attempting suicide
- $\underline{1}$ in $5(18.8 \%)$ has made a suicide plan
- 1 in $7(15.0 \%)$ has attempted suicide

Based on the responses, Figure 14 shows that among $\underline{8}^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- $\quad 1$ in $4(24.9 \%)$ has felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more ...
- 1 in $4(26.0 \%)$ would talk to his or her parents or other adult family member if they felt sad or hopeless
- 1 in $4(26.3 \%)$ has seriously considered attempting suicide
- 1 in $7(14.7 \%)$ has made a suicide plan
- 1 in $9(11.7 \%)$ has attempted suicide


## Psychological Health Indicators: Race/Ethnicity

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS responses, Figure 15 shows that Hispanic/Latino middle school students are more likely than Black, non-Hispanic or White, nonHispanic middle school students to have felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more but less likely than Black, nonHispanic or White, non-Hispanic middle school students to talk to their parents or adult family member about how they were feeling.

Figure 15 shows also that Black, non-Hispanic middle school students are more likely than Hispanic/Latino or White, nonHispanic middle school students to:

- have seriously considered attempting suicide
- have made as suicide plan
- have attempted suicide


Figure 15

Based on the responses, Figure 15 shows that among Black, nonHispanic students, about:

- 1 in 4 (23.6\%) felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more ...
- $\quad 1$ in $3(29.3 \%)$ would talk to his or her parents or other adult family member if they felt sad or hopeless
- 1 in $4(25.3 \%)$ has seriously considered attempting suicide
- 1 in $6(17.9 \%)$ has made a suicide plan
- 1 in $6(15.8 \%)$ has attempted suicide

Based on the responses, Figure 15 shows that among Hispanic/Latino students, about:

- 1 in $4(27.6 \%)$ felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more ...
- $\quad 1$ in $5(22.0 \%)$ would talk to his or her parents or other adult family member if they felt sad or hopeless
- 1 in $4(24.4 \%)$ has seriously considered attempting suicide
- $\underline{1 \text { in } 7(14.8 \%)}$ has made a suicide plan
- 1 in $8(13.2 \%)$ has attempted suicide

Based on the responses, Figure 15 shows that among White, nonHispanic students, about:

- 1 in 5 (19.7\%) felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more ...
- 1 in $3(37.9 \%)$ would talk to his or her parents or other adult family member if they felt sad or hopeless
- 1 in 5 (19.4\%) has seriously considered attempting suicide
- 1 in $8(12.6 \%)$ has made a suicide plan
- 1 in $11(9.5 \%)$ has attempted suicide


## Psychological Health Indicators: Gender

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS responses, Figure
16 shows that female middle school students are more likely than male middle school students to:

- have felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more
- have seriously considered attempting suicide
- have made a suicide plan
- have attempted suicide

Male middle school students are more likely than female middle school students to talk to their parents or other adult family member if they felt sad or hopeless.


Figure 16

Based on the responses, Figure 16 shows that among female middle school students, about:

- 1 in $3(31.7 \%)$ has felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more ...
- 1 in $4(26.7 \%)$ would talk to their parents or other adult family member if they felt sad or hopeless
- 1 in 3 (30.0\%) has seriously considered attempting suicide
- 1 in $5(19.9 \%)$ has made a suicide plan
- 1 in $6(16.0 \%)$ has attempted suicide

Based on the responses, Figure 16 shows that among male middle school students, about:

- 1 in $6(16.1 \%)$ has felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more ...
- 1 in $3(38.4 \%)$ would talk to his parents or other adult family member if they felt sad or hopeless
- 1 in $6(16.7 \%)$ has seriously considered attempting suicide
- 1 in $9(10.9 \%)$ has made a suicide plan
- 1 in 11 (9.5\%) has attempted suicide


## Sexual Health Indicators

Based on the 2017 WSFC Middle School YRBS responses, academic achievement is negatively associated with some sexual risk behaviors (Appendix A). For example, analysis of the 2017 YRBS results showed that about $\mathbf{6 \%}$ of WSFC middle school students who earned mostly A's, $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ who earned mostly B's, $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ who earned mostly C's, and $\mathbf{2 9 \%}$ who earned mostly D/F's have had sexual intercourse (Appendix A).

Based on the 2017 WSFC
YRBS response, Figure 17
shows that among middle
school students, almost:

- 1 in $2(47.9 \%)$ has been told by his or her parents/adult family member about what is expected of him or her regarding sex
- 1 in $2(53.2 \%)$ talks to his or her parents/adult family member if he or she has questions about Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), pregnancy, etc
- 1 in $2(41.5 \%)$ has been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV or genital warts
- 1 in $2(57.1 \%)$ has been taught about abstaining from sexual activity
- 1 in $9(11.5 \%)$ has had sexual intercourse


Figure 17

Figure 17 shows the 2013 to 2017 trends in sexual health indicators among WSFC middle school students. Based on the responses:

- There was an $10.6 \%$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who have been told by their parents/adult family member of what is expected of them regarding sex from $53.6 \%$ to $47.9 \%$.
- There was an $147.4 \%$ increase in the percentage of middle school students who would talk to their parents/adult family member if they have questions about STI, pregnancy, and other sexual health issues from 21.5 to $53.2 \%$.
- There was an $9.8 \%$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who have been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV or genital warts from $46.0 \%$ to $41.5 \%$.
- There was an $15.3 \%$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who have been taught about abstaining from sexual activity from $67.4 \%$ to $57.1 \%$.


## Sexual Health Indicators: Grade Level

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS response, Figure 18 shows that students in the $6^{\text {th }}$ grade are more likely than students in the $7^{\text {th }}$ or $8^{\text {th }}$ grade to talk to their parents/adult family member if they have questions about Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), pregnancy, etc.
Students in the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade are more likely than students in the $6^{\text {th }}$ or $7^{\text {th }}$ grade to:

- have been told by their parents/adult family member about what is expected of them regarding sex
- have been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV or genital warts
- have been taught about abstaining from sexual activity
- have had sexual intercourse


Figure 18

Based on the responses, Figure 18 shows that among $6^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 1 in $3(32.6 \%)$ has been told by his or her parents/adult family member of what is expected of him or her regarding sex
- 2 in $3(60.8 \%)$ have talked to their parents/adult family member if he or she has questions about STI, ...
- 1 in $7(14.5 \%)$ has been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV, ...
- 1 in $3(36.8 \%)$ has been taught about abstaining from sexual activity
- 1 in $14(7.0 \%)$ has had sexual intercourse

Based on the responses, Figure 18 shows that among $7^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 1 in $2(49.0 \%)$ has been told by his or her parents/adult family member of what is expected of him or her regarding sex
- 1 in $2(53.6 \%)$ has talked to his or her parents/adult family member if he or she has questions about STI, ...
- 1 in $3(40.5 \%)$ has been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV or genital warts
- 2 in $3(60.6 \%)$ have been taught about abstaining from sexual activity
- 1 in $8(12.2 \%)$ has had sexual intercourse

Based on the responses, Figure 18 shows that among $8^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 2 in $3(61.1 \%)$ have been told by his or her parents/adult family member of what is expected of him or her regarding sex
- 1 in $2(48.3 \%)$ has talked to his or her parents/adult family member if he or she has questions about STI, ...
- 2 in 3 (66.4\%) have been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV or genital warts
- 3 in $4(72.7 \%)$ have been taught about abstaining from sexual activity
- 1 in $7(14.9 \%)$ has had sexual intercourse


## Sexual Health Indicators: Race/Ethnicity

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS responses, Figure 19 shows that Black, non-Hispanic middle school students are more likely than Hispanic/Latino or White, nonHispanic middle school students to:

- have been told by their parents/ adult family member about what is expected of them regarding sex
- have been taught about abstaining from sexual activity
- have had sexual intercourse

Hispanic/Latino middle school students are less likely than Black, non-Hispanic or White, non-
Hispanic middle school students to:

- have talked to their parents/ adult family member if they have questions about STI, pregnancy, etc.
- have been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV or genital warts
- have been taught about abstaining from sexual activity

Based on the responses, Figure 19
shows that among Black, non-
Hispanic students, about:

- 2 in $3(60.2 \%)$ have been told by their parents/adult family member of what is expected of them regarding sex
- 1 in $2(54.4 \%)$ talk to parents/ adult family member if they have questions about STI, pregnancy, etc.
- $\quad 1$ in $2(45.7 \%)$ has been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV, ...
- 2 in $3(65.2 \%)$ have been taught about abstaining from sexual activity
- 1 in $6(17.6 \%)$ has had sexual intercourse


Figure 19

Based on the responses, Figure 19 shows that among Hispanic/Latino students, about:

- 1 in $2(42.5 \%)$ has been told by parents/adult family member of what is expected of them regarding sex
- 1 in $2(48.9 \%)$ talk to parents/ adult family member if they have questions about STI, pregnancy, etc.
- $\quad 1$ in $3(31.2 \%)$ has been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV, ...
- 1 in $2(43.9 \%$ ) has been taught about abstaining from sexual activity
- 1 in $10(9.6 \%)$ has had sexual intercourse

Based on the responses, Figure 19 shows that among White, nonHispanic students, about:

- 1 in $2(43.4 \%)$ has been told by parents/adult family member of what is expected of them regarding sex
- 1 in $2(57.0 \%)$ talk to parents/ adult family member if they have questions about STI, pregnancy, etc.
- 1 in $2(46.7 \%$ ) has been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV, ...
- 2 in $3(61.1 \%)$ have been taught about abstaining from sexual activity
- 1 in $11(8.8 \%)$ has had sexual intercourse


## Sexual Health Indicators: Gender

Based on the 2017
WSFC YRBS
responses, Figure 20 shows that female middle school students are more likely than male middle school students to have been told by their parents/ adult family member of what is expected of them regarding sex.

Male middle school students are more likely than female middle school students to have had sexual intercourse.

Male and female middle school students are almost equally likely to:

- have talked to their parents/adult family member if they have questions


Figure 20
about STI, pregnancy, etc.

- have been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV, or genital warts
- have been taught about abstaining from sexual activity

Based on the responses, Figure 20 shows that among female students, about:

- 1 in $2(51.9 \%)$ has been told by their parents/adult family member of what is expected of him or her regarding sex
- 1 in $2(53.8 \%)$ has talked to parents/adult family member if they have questions about STI, pregnancy, etc.
- 1 in $2(42.2 \%)$ has been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV, or genital warts
- 1 in $2(57.9 \%)$ has been taught about abstaining from sexual activity
- 1 in $14(7.3 \%)$ has had sexual intercourse

Based on the responses, Figure 20 shows that among male students, about:
1 in $2(44.1 \%)$ has been told by their parents/adult family member of what is expected of him or her regarding sex

- 1 in $2(52.6 \%)$ talk to parents/adult family member if they have questions about STI, pregnancy, etc.
- 1 in $3(40.8 \%)$ has been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV, or genital warts
- 1 in $2(56.7 \%)$ has been taught about abstaining from sexual activity
- 1 in $7(15.3 \%)$ has had sexual intercourse


## Body Weight Management \& Sedentary Lifestyle Indicators

Based on the 2017 WSFC Middle School YRBS responses, academic achievement is negatively associated with sedentary behavior (Appendix A). For example, analysis of the 2017 YRBS results showed that about $\mathbf{2 1 \%}$ of WSFC middle school students who earned mostly A's, $\mathbf{3 1 \%}$ who earned mostly B's, $\mathbf{3 6 \%}$ who earned mostly C's, and $\mathbf{4 6 \%}$ who earned mostly D/F's have watched three or more hours of television on an average school day (Appendix A).

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS responses, Figure 21 shows that among middle school students, about:

- 1 in 4 (25.8\%) has described himself or herself as slightly or very overweight
- 1 in 6 (16.6\%) has gone without eating $\geq 24$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight
- 1 in 3 (29.8\%) has watched television $\geq 3$ hours per day on an average school day
- 1 in $2(50.0 \%)$ has played video or computer games $\geq 3$ hours per day on an average school day
- 1 in $2(49.6 \%)$ has been physically active for $\geq 60$ minutes per day for $\geq 5$ days of the past 7 days


Figure 21

Figure 21 shows the 2013 to 2017 trends in body weight management and sedentary lifestyle indicators among WSFC middle school students. Based on the responses:

- There was a $4.0 \%$ increase in the percentage of middle school students who have described themselves as slightly or very overweight from $24.8 \%$ to $25.8 \%$.
- There was a $6.4 \%$ increase in the percentage of middle school students who have gone without eating $\geq 24$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight from $15.6 \%$ to $16.6 \%$.
- There was a $24.4 \%$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who have watched television for $\geq 3$ hours per day on an average school day from $39.4 \%$ to $29.8 \%$.
- There was a $22.5 \%$ increase in the percentage of middle school students who have played video or computer games $\geq 3$ hours per day on an average school day from $40.8 \%$ to $50.0 \%$.
- There was a $15.9 \%$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who have been physically active for $\geq 60$ minutes per day for $\geq 5$ days of the past 7 days from $59.0 \%$ to $49.6 \%$.


## Body Weight \& Sedentary Lifestyle Indicators: Grade Level

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS response, Figure 22 shows that students in the $7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grade are more likely than students in the $6^{\text {th }}$ grade to:

- have described themselves as slightly overweight or very overweight
- have gone without eating for 24 hours or more in an effort to lose weight
- currently watch television for 3 or more hours on an average school day
- currently play video or computer games for 3 or more hours per day on an average school day
Students in the $6^{\text {th }}$ and $7^{\text {th }}$ grade are more likely than students in the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade to be currently physically active for 60 or more minutes each day for 5 days of the week.

Based on the responses, Figure 22 shows that among $6^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 1 in $5(22.6 \%)$ has described himself or herself as slightly or very overweight
- 1 in $8(13.3 \%)$ has gone without eating $\geq 24$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight
- 1 in $4(27.8 \%)$ currently watches $\geq 3$ hours per day of TV on an average school day
- 1 in 2 (44.4\%) currently plays video or computer games $\geq 3$ hours per day on an average school day
- 1 in $2(52.0 \%)$ is currently physically active for 6 o or more minutes each day for 5 days of the week.


Figure 22

Based on the responses, Figure 22 shows that among $7^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 1 in 3 (29.5\%) has described himself or herself as slightly or very overweight
- 1 in $6(17.2 \%)$ has gone without eating $\geq 24$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight
- 1 in $3(31.4 \%)$ currently watches $\geq 3$ hours per day of TV on an average school day
- 1 in $2(52.5 \%)$ currently plays video or computer games $\geq 3$ hours per day on an average school day
- 1 in $2(51.3 \%)$ is currently physically active for 60 or more minutes each day for 5 days of the week.

Based on the responses, Figure 22 shows that among $8^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 1 in 4 (25.3\%) has described himself or herself as slightly or very overweight
- 1 in $5(19.3 \%)$ has gone without eating $\geq 24$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight
- 1 in $3(30.7 \%)$ currently watches $\geq 3$ hours per day of TV on an average school day
- 1 in 2 (53.4\%) currently plays video or computer games $\geq 3$ hours per day on an average school day
- 1 in $2(45.5 \%)$ is currently physically active for 60 or more minutes each day for 5 days of the week.


## Body Weight \& Sedentary Lifestyle Indicators: Race/Ethnicity

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS response, Figure 23 shows that Hispanic/Latino middle school students are more likely than Black, non-Hispanic or White, non-Hispanic middle school students to have described themselves as slightly or very overweight.

Black, non-Hispanic middle school students are more likely than Hispanic/Latino or White, non-Hispanic middle school students to:

- watch television for 3 or more hours on an average school day
- play video or computer games for 3 or more hours per day on an average school day
White, non-Hispanic middle school students are more likely than Hispanic/Latino or Black, non-Hispanic middle school students to be physically active for 60


Figure 23 or more minutes each day for 5 days of the week but
less likely to have gone without eating $\geq 24$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight.

Based on the responses, Figure 23 shows that among Black, nonHispanic students, about:

- 1 in $4(23.9 \%)$ has described himself or herself as slightly or very overweight
- 1 in $5(19.2 \%)$ has gone without eating $\geq 24$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight
- 1 in $2(41.9 \%)$ watches $\geq 3$ hours per day of TV on an average school day
- 2 in $3(60.7 \%)$ play video or computer games $\geq 3$ hours per day on an average school day
- 1 in $2(47.5 \%)$ is physically active for 60 or more minutes each day for 5 days of the week

Based on the responses, Figure 23 shows that among Hispanic/Latino students, about:

- 1 in $3(34.6 \%)$ has described himself or herself as slightly or very overweight
- 1 in $5(19.4 \%)$ has gone without eating $\geq 24$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight
- 1 in $3(29.9 \%)$ watches $\geq 3$ hours per day of TV on an average school day
- 1 in $2(47.7 \%)$ play video or computer games $\geq 3$ hours per day on an average school day
- 1 in $2(41.1 \%)$ is physically active for 60 or more minutes each day for 5 days of the week

Based on the responses, Figure 23 shows that among White, nonHispanic students, about:

- 1 in $4(22.7 \%)$ has described himself or herself as slightly or very overweight
- 1 in $9(11.8 \%)$ has gone without eating $\geq 24$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight
- 1 in 5 (19.2\%) watches $\geq 3$ hours per day of TV on an average school day
- 1 in $2(43.6 \%)$ play video or computer games $\geq 3$ hours per day on an average school day
- 1 in $2(57.9 \%)$ is physically active for 60 or more minutes each day for 5 days of the week


## Body Weight \& Sedentary Lifestyle Indicators: Gender

Based on the 2017 WSFC
YRBS responses, Figure 24
shows that female middle school students are more likely than male middle
school students to:

- have described themselves as slightly or very overweight
- have gone without eating $\geq 24$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight
- watch $\geq 3$ hours per day of TV on an average school day
- play video or computer games $\geq 3$ hours per day on an average school day
Male middle school students are more likely than female middle school students to be physically active for 60 or more minutes each day for 5 days of the week.


Figure 24

Based on the responses, Figure 24 shows that among female students, about:

- 1 in $3(29.9 \%)$ has described herself as slightly or very overweight
- 1 in $5(21.2 \%)$ has gone without eating $\geq 24$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight
- 1 in $3(30.0 \%)$ watches $\geq 3$ hours per day of TV on an average school day
- 1 in $2(51.7 \%)$ plays video or computer games $\geq 3$ hours per day on an average school day
- 1 in $2(41.6 \%)$ is physically active for 6 or more minutes each day for 5 days of the week

Based on the responses, Figure 24 shows that among male students, about:

- 1 in $5(21.6 \%)$ has described himself as slightly or very overweight
- 1 in $8(12.2 \%)$ has gone without eating $\geq 24$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight
- 1 in $3(29.1 \%)$ watches $\geq 3$ hours per day of TV on an average school day
- 1 in $2(48.5 \%)$ plays video or computer games $\geq 3$ hours per day on an average school day
- 1 in $2(57.8 \%)$ is physically active for 6 or more minutes each day for 5 days of the week


## Select Prevention-Related Indicators

Based on the 2017 WSFC Middle School YRBS responses, academic achievement is positively associated with some prevention-related indicators (Appendix A). For example, analysis of the 2017 YRBS results showed that among WSFC middle students, $\mathbf{5 3 \%}$ who earned mostly A's, $\mathbf{4 4 \%}$ who earned mostly B's, $\mathbf{4 0 \%}$ who earned mostly C's, and $\mathbf{3 3 \%}$ who earned mostly D/F's participate in school activities other than sports (Appendix A).

Based on the 2017 WSFC
YRBS responses, Figure 25
shows that among middle school students, about:

- 1 in $5(21.4 \%)$ is alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day
- 1 in 10 ( $10.0 \%$ ) currently has asthma
- 1 in $8(11.9 \%)$ has trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability
- 1 in $2(45.1 \%)$ participates in school activities other than sports
- 1 in $2(56.1 \%)$ plays on one or more sports teams
- 1 in $2(52.7 \%)$ gets $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day


Figure 25

Figure 25 shows the 2013 to 2017 trends in select prevention-related indicators among WSFC middle school students.
Based on the responses:

- The percentage of middle school students who have been alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day remains relatively unchanged.
- There was an $\underline{24.8 \%}$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who currently have asthma from 13.3\% to $10.0 \%$.
- The percentage of middle school students who have trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability remains relatively unchanged.
- There was an $\underline{2.2 \%}$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who have participated in school activities other than sports from $46.1 \%$ to $45.1 \%$.
- There was an $3.4 \%$ decrease in the percentage of middle school students who have played on one or more sports teams during the past 12 months from $58.1 \%$ to $56.1 \%$.
- The percentage of middle school students who have gotten $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day remains relatively unchanged.


## Select Prevention-Related Indicators: Grade Level

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS responses, Figure 26 shows that students in the $6^{\text {th }}$ are less likely than students in the $7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grades to:

- be alone w/o parent/ adult for $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day

Students in the $7^{\text {th }}$ grade are more likely than students in the $6^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grades to:

- have asthma
- participate in school activities other than sports
- play on one or more sports teams during the past 12 months

Students in the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade are less likely than students in the $6^{\text {th }}$ and $7^{\text {th }}$ grades to get $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day.


Figure 26

Based on the responses, Figure 26 shows that among $6^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 1 in $6(15.9 \%)$ is alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day
- 1 in 11 (8.8\%) has asthma
- $\quad 1$ in $10(10.3 \%)$ has trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability
- 1 in $2(43.7 \%)$ participates in school activities other than sports
- 1 in $2(55.7 \%$ ) plays on one or more sports teams
- 2 in 3 (66.0\%) get $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day

Based on the responses, Figure 26 shows that among $7^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- $\underline{1 \text { in } 5(20.0 \%)}$ is alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day
- 1 in 8 ( $13.2 \%$ ) has asthma
- 1 in $8(12.1 \%)$ has trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability
- 1 in $2(47.2 \%)$ participates in school activities other than sports
- 1 in $2(57.4 \%)$ plays on one or more sports teams
- 1 in $2(52.4 \%)$ gets $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day

Based on the responses, Figure 26 shows that among $8^{\text {th }}$ grade students, about:

- 1 in $4(27.4 \%)$ is alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day
- 1 in $12(8.5 \%)$ has asthma
- 1 in $8(12.9 \%)$ has trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability
- 1 in $2(43.9 \%)$ participates in school activities other than sports
- 1 in $2(55.3 \%)$ plays on one or more sports teams
- $\quad 1$ in $2(41.0 \%)$ gets $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day


## Select Prevention-Related Indicators: Race/Ethnicity

Based on the 2017 WSFC YRBS response, Figure 27 shows that Black, non-Hispanic middle school students are more likely than Hispanic/Latino or White, non-Hispanic middle school students to:

- be alone w/o parent/adult for $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day
- have asthma

White, non-Hispanic middle school students are more likely than Hispanic/Latino or Black, non-Hispanic middle school students to:

- have trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability
- participate in school activities other than sports
- play on one or more sports


Figure 27 teams

- get $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day

Based on the responses, Figure 27 shows that among Black, non Hispanic students, about:

- 1 in 3 (29.3\%) is alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day
- 1 in $6(15.7 \%)$ has asthma
- $\quad 1$ in $12(8.6 \%)$ has trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability
- $\quad 1$ in $2(45.8 \%)$ participates in school activities other than sports
- $\quad 1$ in $2(57.8 \%)$ plays on one or more sports teams
- $\quad 1$ in $2(46.2 \%)$ gets $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day

Based on the responses, Figure 27 shows that among Hispanic/Latino students, about:

- 1 in 6 (16.5\%) is alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day
- 1 in 14 (7.1\%) has asthma
- $\quad 1$ in $11(9.3 \%)$ has trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability
- $\quad 1$ in $3(37.8 \%)$ participates in school activities other than sports
- $\quad 1$ in $2(45.1 \%)$ plays on one or more sports teams
- 1 in $2(52.5 \%)$ gets $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day

Based on the responses, Figure 27 shows that among White, nonHispanic students, about:

- 1 in 5 (19.0\%) is alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day
- 1 in $14(7.3 \%)$ has asthma
- $\quad 1$ in $7(15.0 \%)$ has trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability
- $\quad 1$ in $2(49.4 \%)$ participates in school activities other than sports
- 2 in $3(63.0 \%)$ play on one or more sports teams
- $\quad 1$ in $2(56.3 \%)$ gets $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day

Based on the 2017 WSFC
YRBS responses, Figure
28 shows that male middle school students are more likely than female middle school students to play on one or more sports teams.

However, male and female middle school students are almost equally likely to:

- be alone w/o parent/ adult for $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day
- have asthma
- have trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability
- participate in school activities other than sports
- get $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day


Figure 28

Based on the responses, Figure 28 shows that among female students, about:

- 1 in $5(21.7 \%)$ is alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day
- 1 in $10(10.0 \%)$ has asthma
- 1 in $8(12.0 \%)$ has trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability
- 1 in $2(44.6 \%)$ participates in school activities other than sports
- 1 in $2(48.9 \%)$ plays on one or more sports teams
- 1 in $2(52.2 \%)$ gets $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day

Based on the responses, Figure 28 shows that among male students, about:

- 1 in $5(21.3 \%)$ is alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day
- 1 in $10(10.2 \%)$ has asthma
- 1 in $9(11.6 \%)$ has trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability
- 1 in $2(45.6 \%)$ participates in school activities other than sports
- 2 in $3(63.4 \%)$ play on one or more sports teams
- 1 in $2(52.9 \%)$ gets $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day


## Appendix A

2017 Winston Salem/Forsyth County Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results Academic Achievement and Behavior

| Alcohol, Tobacco \& other Drug Use | A's \% | B's\% | C's\% | D/F's\% | *Significant Association |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property in the past 12 months | 4.8 | 6.9 | 10.8 | 21.8 | Yes |
| Currently use marijuana (Used marijuana $\geq 1$ times in the past 30 days) | 2.5 | 5.7 | 10.8 | 13.1 | Yes |
| Currently drink alcohol (drank alcohol $\geq 1$ days in the past 30 days) | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | - |
| Currently use e-vapor products (Used electronic vapor products on $\geq 1$ day in the past 30 days) | 3.1 | 8.3 | 11.4 | 22.7 | Yes |
| Currently smoke cigarettes (Smoked cigarettes on $\geq 1$ days in the past 30 days) | 3.2 | 4.3 | 9.0 | 15.6 | Yes |
| Ever sniffed chemicals (such as glue or paint) to get a high | 4.7 | 6.2 | 8.2 | 15.6 | Yes |
| Ever taken drugs (such as OxyContin, Vicodin or Codeine) that was not prescribed for you | 5.0 | 6.3 | 9.6 | 16.7 | No |
| Personal Safety Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never or rarely wore a helmet when riding a bicycle [among those who rode a bicycle on one or more of the past 30 days] | 50.5 | 71.9 | 75.6 | 88.7 | Yes |
| Ever rode in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol | 16.0 | 17.5 | 18.5 | 25.0 | No |
| Never or rarely wore a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else | 2.1 | 4.3 | 8.9 | 11.5 | Yes |
| Violence-Related Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teased due to perceived sexuality during the $\mathbf{1 2}$ months prior to the survey | 18.3 | 22.8 | 26.3 | 34.6 | Yes |
| Observed gang activity in school | 11.3 | 16.5 | 18.2 | 26.2 | Yes |
| Skipped school on $\geq 1$ day of the past 30 days because he or she felt unsafe | 2.0 | 4.7 | 6.1 | 12.8 | Yes |
| Ever been electronically bullied | 18.2 | 22.7 | 23.2 | 23.3 | Yes |
| Ever been bullied on school property | 29.1 | 33.9 | 39.7 | 29.5 | Yes |
| Ever been in a physical fight | 36.5 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 75.3 | Yes |
| Carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club on $\geq 1$ days of the past 30 days | 40.6 | 46.4 | 45.5 | 51.5 | No |
| Psychological Health Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |
| Felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more in a row during the past 12 months | 16.7 | 24.4 | 30.3 | 35.9 | Yes |
| Of the students who felt sad ..., those who would most likely talk to their parents or other adult family member about how they were feeling | 38.9 | 29.6 | 23.1 | 24.1 | Yes |
| *Based on logistic regression analysis controlling for sex, race/ethnicity, and grade in school, $\mathbf{p}<0.05$ |  |  |  |  |  |


| Psychological Health Indicators | A's | B's | C's | D/F's | *Significant Association |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ever seriously considered attempting suicide | 17.0 | 24.1 | 30.9 | 40.1 | Yes |
| Ever made a suicide plan | 11.9 | 13.9 | 19.5 | 27.0 | Yes |
| Ever attempted suicide | 9.4 | 9.3 | 16.3 | 30.9 | Yes |
| Sexual Health Risk Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |
| Told by parents/adult family member of what is expected of them regarding sex | 46.0 | 48.9 | 55.1 | 58.5 | No |
| Talk to parents/adult family member if they have questions about STI, pregnancy, etc. | 61.0 | 52.8 | 51.1 | 37.9 | No |
| Ever been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV or genital warts | 42.5 | 44.8 | 41.7 | 46.1 | No |
| Ever been taught about abstaining from sexual activity | 61.9 | 59.8 | 57.7 | 61.3 | No |
| Ever had sexual intercourse | 6.4 | 11.2 | 20.2 | 28.7 | Yes |
| Body Weight Management \& Sedentary Lifestyle Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |
| Described themselves as slightly or very overweight | 24.3 | 25.9 | 31.1 | 29.6 | No |
| Ever gone without eating $\geq \mathbf{2 4}$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight | 11.9 | 17.2 | 23.6 | 27.4 | Yes |
| Watched $\geq 3$ hours per day of TV on an average school day | 20.6 | 31.2 | 36.3 | 45.7 | Yes |
| Played video or computer games $\geq \mathbf{3}$ hours per day on an average school day | 42.9 | 52.9 | 58.4 | 68.0 | Yes |
| Physical activity $\geq \mathbf{6 0}$ minutes per day for $\geq \mathbf{5}$ days of the past 7 days | 57.6 | 9.9 | 33.9 | 43.8 | Yes |
| Select Prevention-Related Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq \mathbf{3}$ hours after school on an average school day | 18.0 | 23.5 | 23.1 | 34.1 | Yes |
| Currently have asthma | 8.4 | 12.4 | 9.5 | 10.9 | No |
| Trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability | 6.0 | 14.1 | 20.5 | 14.8 | Yes |
| Participate in school activities other than sports | 52.6 | 43.8 | 40.2 | 32.9 | Yes |
| Seen a dentist in the past $\mathbf{1 2}$ months for cleaning or other service | 77.8 | 66.1 | 63.6 | 55.4 | Yes |
| Get $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day | 58.3 | 51.5 | 44.4 | 30.6 | Yes |
| *Based on logistic regression analysis controlling for sex, race/ethnicity, and grade in school, p<0.05 |  |  |  |  |  |

Select Adolescent Health Risk Indicators for WSFC \& State of North Carolina Middle School Students, 2013 \& 2017

| Alcohol, Tobacco \& other Drug Use | 2017 |  | 2013 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | WSFC | NC | WSFC | NC |
| Offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property in the past 12 months | 7\% | 7\% | 10\% | 9\% |
| Currently use marijuana (Used marijuana $\geq 1$ times in the past 30 days) | 6\% | 7\% | 8\% | 6\% |
| Currently drink alcohol (drank alcohol $\geq 1$ days in the past 30 days) | 13\% | 12\% | 13\% | n/a |
| Currently use e-vapor products (Used electronic vapor products on $\geq 1$ day in the past 30 days) | 8\% | 10\% | n/a | n/a |
| Currently smoke cigarettes (Smoked cigarettes on $\geq 1$ days in the past 30 days) | 6\% | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% |
| Ever sniffed chemicals (such as glue or paint) to get a high | 7\% | 7\% | 8\% | 8\% |
| Ever taken drugs (such as OxyContin, Vicodin or Codeine) that was not prescribed for you | 9\% | 6\% | 5\% | 5.\% |
| Personal Safety Indicators |  |  |  |  |
| Never or rarely wore a helmet when riding a bicycle [among those who rode a bicycle on one or more of the past 30 days] | 66\% | 71\% | 71\% | 73\% |
| On one or more of the past 30 days, rode in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol | 17\% | 20\% | 18\% | 19\% |
| Never or rarely wore a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else | 5\% | 4\% | 7\% | 6\% |
| Violence-related Indicators |  |  |  |  |
| Teased due to perceived sexuality during the $\mathbf{1 2}$ months prior to the survey | 22\% | 20\% | 17\% | 19\% |
| Observed gang activity in school | 15\% | 15\% | 20\% | 20\% |
| Skipped school on $\geq 1$ day of the past 30 days because he or she felt unsafe | 4\% | 6\% | 4\% | 4\% |
| Ever been electronically bullied | 20\% | 22\% | 16\% | 19\% |
| Ever been bullied on school property | 36\% | 44\% | 33\% | 43\% |
| Ever been in a physical fight | 46\% | 46\% | 50\% | 51\% |
| Ever carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife or club | 30\% | 34\% | 29\% | 35\% |


| Psychological Health Indicators | 2017 |  | 2013 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | WSFC | NC | WSFC | NC |
| Felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more in a row during the past 12 months | 24\% | 25\% | 22\% | 23\% |
| Of the students who felt sad ..., those who would most likely talk to their parents or other adult family member about how they were feeling | 32\% | 32\% | 23\% | 27\% |
| Ever seriously considered attempting suicide | 23\% | 21\% | 20\% | 19\% |
| Ever made a suicide plan | 15\% | 14\% | 14\% | 14\% |
| Ever attempted suicide | 13\% | 10\% | 11\% | 11\% |
| Sexual Health Risk Indicators |  |  |  |  |
| Told by parents/adult family member of what is expected of them regarding sex | 48\% | 44\% | 54\% | 55\% |
| Talk to parents/adult family member if they have questions | 53\% | 54\% | 22\% | 53\% |
| Ever been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV or genital warts | 42\% | 39\% | 46\% | 50\% |
| Ever been taught about abstaining from sexual activity | 57\% | 54\% | 67\% | 60\% |
| Ever had sexual intercourse | 12\% | 10\% | n/a | 11\% |
| Weight Management \& Sedentary Lifestyle Indicators |  |  |  |  |
| Described themselves as slightly or very overweight | 26\% | 27\% | 25\% | 26\% |
| Ever gone without eating $\geq \mathbf{2 4}$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight | 17\% | 16\% | 16\% | 17\% |
| Watched $\geq \mathbf{3}$ hours per day of TV on an average school day | 30\% | 27\% | 39\% | 37\% |
| Played video or computer games $\geq 3$ hours per day on an average school day | 50\% | 46\% | 41\% | 41\% |
| Physical activity $\geq \mathbf{6 0}$ minutes per day for $\geq \mathbf{5}$ days of the past 7 days | 50\% | 56\% | 59\% | 57\% |
| Select Prevention-related Indicators |  |  |  |  |
| Alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day | 21\% | 17\% | 22\% | 15\% |
| Currently have asthma | 10\% | 11\% | 13\% | 12\% |
| Trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability | 12\% | 14\% | 13\% | 12\% |
| Participate in school activities other than sports | 45\% | 44\% | 46\% | 52\% |
| Seen a dentist in the past 12 months for cleaning or other service | 68\% | 68\% | 67\% | 66\% |
| Get $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day | 53\% | 50\% | 53\% | 56\% |

> Appendix C 2017 WSFCS \& State of North Carolina YRBS Results Grade Level, Race/Ethnicity, Gender

Grade Level

|  | 6th Grade |  | 7th Grade |  | 8th Grade |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alcohol, Tobacco \& other Drug Use | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \text { WSFC } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \mathrm{NC} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \text { WSFC } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \mathrm{NC} \end{gathered}$ | $2017$ <br> WSFC | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 2017 \\ \mathrm{NC} \end{array}$ |
| Offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property in the past 12 months | 4\% | 3\% | 6\% | 6\% | 11\% | 10\% |
| Currently use marijuana (Used marijuana $\geq 1$ times in the past 30 days) | 3\% | 4\% | 5\% | 6\% | 11\% | 10\% |
| Currently drink alcohol (drank alcohol $\geq 1$ days in the past 30 days) | 8\% | 9\% | 11\% | 10\% | 16\% | 17\% |
| Currently use e-vapor products (Used electronic vapor products on $\geq \mathbf{1}$ day in the past 30 days) | 4\% | 5\% | 6\% | 8\% | 13\% | 16\% |
| Currently smoke cigarettes (Smoked cigarettes on $\geq 1$ days in the past 30 days) | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 7\% | 8\% |
| Ever sniffed chemicals (such as glue or paint) to get a high | 5\% | 7\% | 8\% | 6\% | 7\% | 8\% |
| Ever taken drugs (such as OxyContin, Vicodin or Codeine) that was not prescribed for them | 4\% | 5\% | 6\% | 6\% | 10\% | 8\% |
| Personal Safety Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never or rarely wore a helmet when riding a bicycle [among those who rode a bicycle on one or more of the past 30 days] | 58\% | 67\% | 66\% | 64\% | 73\% | 81\% |
| On one or more of the past 30 days, rode in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol | 12\% | 16\% | 18\% | 17\% | 22\% | 26\% |
| Never or rarely wore a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else | 3\% | 4\% | 8\% | 4\% | 5\% | 5\% |
| Violence-related Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teased due to perceived sexuality during the 12 months prior to the survey | 18\% | 21\% | 23\% | 21\% | 23.1\%\% | 20\% |
| Observed gang activity in school | 11\% | 10\% | 17\% | 17\% | 17\% | 17\% |
| Skipped school on $\geq 1$ day of the past 30 days because he or she felt unsafe | 5\% | 4\% | 3\% | 7\% | 5\% | 6\% |
| Ever been electronically bullied | 15\% | 20\% | 24\% | 22\% | 22\% | 23\% |
| Ever been bullied on school property | 31\% | 43\% | 40\% | 45\% | 36\% | 43\% |
| Ever been in a physical fight | 39\% | 45\% | 49\% | 46\% | 50\% | 47\% |
| Ever carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife or club | 23\% | 31\% | 33\% | 33\% | 35\% | 39\% |
| Psychological Health Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more in a row during the past 12 months | 21\% | 24\% | 25\% | 25\% | 25\% | 28\% |
| Of the students who felt sad ..., those who would most likely talk to their parents or other adult family member about how they were feeling | 42\% | 38\% | 28\% | 31\% | 26\% | 27\% |


| Psychological Health Indicators | 6th Grade |  | 7th Grade |  | 8th Grade |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \text { WSFC } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \text { NC } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \text { WSFC } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2017 \\ \text { NC } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2017 \\ \text { WSFC } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \text { NC } \end{gathered}$ |
| Ever seriously considered attempting suicide | 20\% | 19\% | 23\% | 20\% | 26\% | 24\% |
| Ever made a suicide plan | 13\% | 11\% | 19\% | 13\% | 15\% | 16\% |
| Ever attempted suicide | 11\% | 10\% | 15\% | 9\% | 12\% | 11\% |
| Sexual Health Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Told by parents/adult family member of what is expected of them regarding sex | 32\% | 35\% | 50\% | 43\% | 61\% | 53\% |
| Talk to parents/adult family member if they have questions about STI, pregnancy, etc | 61\% | 61\% | 54\% | 57\% | 48\% | 45\% |
| Ever been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV or genital warts | 15\% | 13\% | 41\% | 43\% | 66\% | 57\% |
| Ever been taught about abstaining from sexual activity | 37\% | 37\% | 61\% | 59\% | 73\% | 65\% |
| Ever had sexual intercourse | 7\% | 7\% | 12\% | 8\% | 15\% | 14\% |

## Weight Management \& Sedentary Lifestyle Indicators

| Described themselves as slightly or very overweight | 23\% | 21\% | 30\% | 28\% | 25\% | 30\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ever gone without eating $\geq \mathbf{2 4}$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight | 13\% | 14\% | 17\% | 16\% | 19\% | 19\% |
| Watched $\geq \mathbf{3}$ hours per day of TV on an average school day | 28\% | 27\% | 31\% | 26\% | 31\% | 28\% |
| Played video or computer games $\geq \mathbf{3}$ hours per day on an average school day | 44\% | 39\% | 53\% | 45\% | 53\% | 52\% |
| Physical activity $\geq \mathbf{6 0}$ minutes per day for $\geq \mathbf{5}$ days of the past 7 days | 52\% | 56\% | 51\% | 60\% | 46\% | 51\% |

Select Prevention-Related Indicators

| Alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq 3$ hours after school on an <br> average school day | $16 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Currently have asthma | $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating <br> because of health problems or disability | $10 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Participate in school activities other than sports | $44 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Seen a dentist in the past 12 months for clean- <br> ing or other service | $63 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $67 \%$ |
| Get $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day | $66 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $\mathbf{3 6 \%}$ |

## Race/Ethnicity

| Alcohol, Tobacco \& other Drug Use | Black, Non-Hispanic |  | Hispanic/Latino |  | White, Non-Hispanic |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2017 \\ \text { WSFC } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2017 \\ \text { NC } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \text { WSFC } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \mathrm{NC} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \text { WSFC } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 2017 \\ \text { NC } \end{array}$ |
| Offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property in the past 12 months | 4\% | 5\% | 6\% | 8\% | 11\% | 7\% |
| Currently use marijuana (Used marijuana $\geq 1$ times in the past 30 days) | 3\% | 9\% | 5\% | 6\% | 11\% | 6\% |
| Currently drink alcohol (drank alcohol $\geq 1$ days in the past 30 days) | 8\% | 13\% | 11\% | 16\% | 16\% | 11\% |
| Currently use e-vapor products (Used electronic vapor products on $\geq 1$ day in the past 30 days) | 4\% | 8\% | 6\% | 12\% | 13\% | 10\% |
| Currently smoke cigarettes (Smoked cigarettes on $\geq 1$ days in the past 30 days) | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 7\% | 5\% |
| Ever sniffed chemicals (such as glue or paint) to get a high | 5\% | 9\% | 8\% | 6 \% | 7\% | 7\% |
| Ever taken drugs (such as OxyContin, Vicodin or Codeine) that was not prescribed for them | 4\% | 8\% | 6\% | 7\% | 10\% | 6\% |
| Personal Safety Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never or rarely wore a helmet when riding a bicycle [among those who rode a bicycle on one or more of the past 30 days] | 84\% | 83\% | 78\% | 83\% | 49\% | 62\% |
| On one or more of the past 30 days, rode in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol | 18\% | 17\% | 16\% | 22\% | 17\% | 20\% |
| Never or rarely wore a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else | 7\% | 7\% | 7\% | 6\% | 3\% | 2\% |
| Violence-related Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teased due to perceived sexuality during the 12 months prior to the survey | 20\% | 16\% | 19\% | 19\% | 24\% | 23\% |
| Observed gang activity in school | 18\% | 19\% | 19\% | 15\% | 11\% | 13\% |
| Skipped school on $\geq 1$ day of the past 30 days because he or she felt unsafe | 4\% | 5\% | 6\% | 8\% | 4\% | 5\% |
| Ever been electronically bullied | 17\% | 20\% | 14\% | 20\% | 27\% | 25\% |
| Ever been bullied on school property | 32\% | 36\% | 27\% | 36\% | 41\% | 49\% |
| Ever been in a physical fight | 64\% | 60\% | 49\% | 41\% | 32\% | 40\% |
| Ever carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife or club | 25\% | 26\% | 28\% | 26\% | 35\% | 42\% |
| Psychological Health Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more in a row during the past $\mathbf{1 2}$ months | 24\% | 25\% | 28\% | 28\% | 20\% | 25\% |
| Of the students who felt sad ..., those who would most likely talk to their parents or other adult family member about how they were feeling | 29\% | 33\% | 22\% | 25\% | 38\% | 34\% |


| Psychological Health Indicators | Black, Non-Hispanic |  | Hispanic/Latino |  | White, Non-Hispanic |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2017 \\ \text { WSFC } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \mathrm{NC} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \text { WSFC } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \mathrm{NC} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \text { WSFC } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \text { NC } \end{gathered}$ |
| Ever seriously considered attempting suicide | 25\% | 22\% | 24\% | 24\% | 19\% | 20\% |
| Ever made a suicide plan | 18\% | 15\% | 15\% | 15\% | 13\% | 12\% |
| Ever attempted suicide | 16\% | 13\% | 13\% | 10\% | 10\% | 8\% |
| Sexual Health Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Told by parents/adult family member of what is expected of them regarding sex | 60\% | 55\% | 43\% | 39\% | 43\% | 42\% |
| Talk to parents/adult family member if they have questions about STI, pregnancy, etc | 54\% | 59\% | 49\% | 48\% | 57\% | 54\% |
| Ever been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV or genital warts | 46\% | 42\% | 31\% | 25\% | 47\% | 43\% |
| Ever been taught about abstaining from sexual activity | 65\% | 61\% | 44\% | 45\% | 61\% | 55\% |
| Ever had sexual intercourse | 18\% | 14\% | 10\% | 10\% | 9\% | 9\% |
| Weight Management \& Sedentary Lifestyle Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Described themselves as slightly or very overweight | 24\% | 23\% | 35\% | 34\% | 23\% | 26\% |
| Ever gone without eating $\geq \mathbf{2 4}$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight | 19\% | 19\% | 19\% | 14\% | 12\% | 15\% |
| Watched $\geq \mathbf{3}$ hours per day of TV on an average school day | 42\% | 40\% | 30\% | 23\% | 19\% | 22\% |
| Played video or computer games $\geq \mathbf{3}$ hours per day on an average school day | 61\% | 51\% | 48\% | 46\% | 44\% | 43\% |
| Physical activity $\geq \mathbf{6 0}$ minutes per day for $\geq 5$ days of the past 7 days | 48\% | 49\% | 41\% | 47\% | 58\% | 62\% |
| Select Prevention-Related Indicators |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq 3$ hours after school on an average school day | 29\% | 23\% | 17\% | 19\% | 19\% | 14\% |
| Currently have asthma | 16\% | 17\% | 7\% | 6\% | 7\% | 6\% |
| Trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability | 9\% | 10\% | 9\% | 11\% | 15\% | 16\% |
| Participate in school activities other than sports | 46\% | 42\% | 38\% | 37\% | 49\% | 47\% |
| Seen a dentist in the past 12 months for cleaning or other service | 631\% | 58\% | 60\% | 62\% | 81\% | 75\% |
| Get $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day | 46\% | 45\% | 53\% | 50\% | 56\% | 52\% |



| Alcohol, Tobacco \& other Drug Use | Female |  | Male |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2017 \\ \text { WSFC } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \mathrm{NC} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \text { WSFC } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2017 \\ \mathrm{NC} \end{gathered}$ |
| Offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property in the past 12 months | 6\% | 6\% | 8\% | 7\% |
| Currently use marijuana (Used marijuana $\geq 1$ times in the past 30 days) | 6\% | 6\% | 7\% | 8\% |
| Currently drink alcohol (drank alcohol $\geq 1$ days in the past 30 days) | 12\% | 13\% | 12\% | 11\% |
| Currently use e-vapor products (Used electronic vapor products on $\geq 1$ day in the past 30 days) | 7\% | 7\% | 8\% | 12\% |
| Currently smoke cigarettes (Smoked cigarettes on $\geq 1$ days in the past 30 days) | 5\% | 6\% | 6\% | 5\% |
| Ever sniffed chemicals (such as glue or paint) to get a high | 8\% | 7\% | 6\% | 7\% |
| Ever taken drugs (such as OxyContin, Vicodin or Codeine) that was not prescribed for them | 8\% | 9\% | 5\% | 7\% |
| Personal Safety Indicators |  |  |  |  |
| Never or rarely wore a helmet when riding a bicycle [among those who rode a bicycle on one or more of the past 30 days] | 63\% | 72\% | 68\% | 70\% |
| On one or more of the past 30 days, rode in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol | 18\% | 17\% | 16\% | 22\% |
| Never or rarely wore a seat belt when riding in a car driven by someone else | 5\% | 4\% | 6\% | 5\% |
| Violence-related Indicators |  |  |  |  |
| Teased due to perceived sexuality during the $\mathbf{1 2}$ months prior to the survey | 21\% | 20\% | 22\% | 20\% |
| Observed gang activity in school | 17\% | 14\% | 14\% | 16\% |
| Skipped school on $\geq 1$ day of the past 30 days because he or she felt unsafe | 6\% | 7\% | 3\% | 5\% |
| Ever been electronically bullied | 26\% | 29\% | 15\% | 15\% |
| Ever been bullied on school property | 38\% | 49\% | 33\% | 38\% |
| Ever been in a physical fight | 35\% | 35\% | 57\% | 57\% |
| Ever carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife or club | 17\% | 22\% | 43\% | 46\% |
| Psychological Health Indicators |  |  |  |  |
| Felt sad or hopeless continuously for two weeks or more in a row during the past 12 months | 32\% | 33\% | 16\% | 18\% |
| Of the students who felt sad ..., those who would most likely talk to their parents or other adult family member about how they were feeling | 27\% | 28\% | 38\% | 37\% |


| Psychological Health Indicators | Female |  | Male |  |
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| Ever seriously considered attempting suicide | 30\% | 29\% | 17\% | 15\% |
| Ever made a suicide plan | 20\% | 17\% | 11\% | 10\% |
| Ever attempted suicide | 16\% | 13\% | 10\% | 7\% |
| Sexual Health Indicators |  |  |  |  |
| Told by parents/adult family member of what is expected of them regarding sex | 52\% | 49\% | 44\% | 39\% |
| Talk to parents/adult family member if they have questions about STI, pregnancy, etc | 54\% | 59\% | 53\% | 48\% |
| Ever been taught about chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HPV or genital warts | 42\% | 39\% | 41\% | 38\% |
| Ever been taught about abstaining from sexual activity | 58\% | 58\% | 57\% | 50\% |
| Ever had sexual intercourse | 7\% | 7\% | 15\% | 13\% |
| Weight Management \& Sedentary Lifestyle Indicators |  |  |  |  |
| Described themselves as slightly or very overweight | 30\% | 28\% | 22\% | 25\% |
| Ever gone without eating $\geq \mathbf{2 4}$ hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight | 21\% | 19\% | 12\% | 13\% |
| Watched $\geq \mathbf{3}$ hours per day of TV on an average school day | 30\% | 29\% | 29\% | 26\% |
| Played video or computer games $\geq \mathbf{3}$ hours per day on an average school day | 52\% | 47\% | 49\% | 44\% |
| Physical activity $\geq \mathbf{6 0}$ minutes per day for $\geq \mathbf{5}$ days of the past 7 days | 42\% | 47\% | 58\% | 65\% |
| Select Prevention-Related Indicators |  |  |  |  |
| Alone w/o a parent/adult $\geq \mathbf{3}$ hours after school on an average school day | 22\% | 17\% | 21\% | 17\% |
| Currently have asthma | 10\% | 11\% | 10\% | 11\% |
| Trouble learning, remembering, or concentrating because of health problems or disability | 12\% | 14\% | 12\% | 13\% |
| Participate in school activities other than sports | 45\% | 48\% | 46\% | 41\% |
| Seen a dentist in the past 12 months for cleaning or other service | 62\% | 69\% | 62\% | 67\% |
| Get $\geq 8$ hours sleep on an average school day | 52\% | 46\% | 53\% | 54\% |

