

Profiles 2010 - Selected Topics

Massachusetts Secondary Schools



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Health Education	Among States*		Massachusetts %
	Median	Range	
Percentage of schools that required students to take 2 or more health education courses	52.3	(12.4 – 92.4)	59.7
Among schools that required a health education course, percentage that required students who fail the course to repeat it	60.7	(21.2 – 84.8)	41.3
Percentage of schools with a health education curriculum that addresses all 8 national standards for health education	66.6	(37.2 – 83.0)	59.4
Percentage of schools in which the lead health education teacher had professional preparation in health education or in health and physical education combined	61.5	(17.3 – 89.4)	63.5
Percentage of schools in which all staff who teach health education were certified, licensed, or endorsed by the state in health education	85.7	(25.6 – 98.8)	79.8
Percentage of schools in which those who teach health education were provided with key materials for teaching health education	52.4	(33.0 – 69.8)	48.1
HIV, Other STD, and Teen Pregnancy Prevention			
Percentage of schools that taught 11 key HIV, STD, or pregnancy prevention topics in a required course during grades 6, 7, or 8	43.3	(12.6 – 66.3)	40.8
Percentage of schools that taught 8 key HIV, STD, or pregnancy prevention topics in a required course during grades 9, 10, 11 or 12	80.3	(45.3 – 96.4)	72.2
Percentage of schools that taught 4 key topics related to condom use in a required course during grades 9, 10, 11, or 12	44.7	(9.0 – 88.4)	69.4
Percentage of schools that taught how to access valid and reliable health information, products, or services related to HIV, other STDs, and pregnancy in a required course	79.0	(42.4 – 91.6)	73.8
Percentage of schools in which the lead health education teacher received professional development during the 2 years before the survey on HIV prevention	37.7	(15.3 – 66.5)	37.4
Percentage of schools with a gay/straight alliance or similar club	25.5	(9.3 – 50.1)	50.1
Percentage of schools that provided curricula or supplementary materials and engaged in 5 practices related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ) youth	5.7	(0.7 – 21.4)	18.0
Percentage of schools with a policy on students or staff who have HIV infection or AIDS that addresses attendance of students with HIV infection, procedures to protect HIV-infected students and staff from discrimination, and maintaining confidentiality of HIV-infected students and staff	56.3	(25.4 – 85.1)	60.2

* Among the 47 (for teacher survey) or 49 (for principal survey) participating states with weighted survey results.

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Asthma	Among States*		Massachusetts %
	Median	Range	
Percentage of schools with a full-time registered nurse who provides health services to students at school	43.9	(4.9 – 99.4)	96.1
Percentage of schools that implemented a policy permitting students to carry and self-administer asthma medications by communicating the policy to students, parents, and families, and by designating an individual responsible for implementing the policy	52.5	(21.9 – 69.6)	54.3
Percentage of schools that had an asthma action plan on file for all students with known asthma	58.5	(31.0 – 87.6)	61.7
Percentage of schools that identified students with poorly controlled asthma by keeping track of them in at least 3 different ways	63.9	(40.7 – 75.9)	70.7
Percentage of schools that provided intensive case management for students with poorly controlled asthma at school	25.7	(9.8 – 50.6)	41.5
Percentage of schools that required all school staff members to receive annual training on recognizing and responding to severe asthma symptoms	30.8	(11.6 – 65.8)	33.3
Percentage of schools that provided parents and families with health information to increase parent and family knowledge of asthma	20.0	(6.6 – 37.3)	16.6
School Health Coordination			
Percentage of schools that had a school health council, committee, or team that offers guidance on the development of policies or coordinates activities on health topics	57.6	(33.1 – 80.4)	64.0

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