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Health Education	Among States* Median	Among States* Range	Pennsylvania %	Pennsylvania CI †
Percentage of schools in which those who teach health education were provided with key materials for teaching health education	48.6	(25.0 – 70.1)	**57.7**	**(52.8 – 62.5)**
Percentage of schools with a health education curriculum that addresses all 8 national standards for health education	61.5	(30.8 – 83.9)	**70.6**	**(65.8 – 74.9)**
Percentage of schools that required students to take 2 or more health education courses	48.8	(11.7 – 89.4)	**78.1**	**(74.1 – 81.7)**
Among schools that required a health education course, percentage that required students who fail the course to repeat it	62.2	(15.1 – 79.4)	**63.1**	**(59.0 – 67.0)**
Percentage of schools in which the lead health education teacher had professional preparation in health education or in health and physical education combined	59.4	(16.5 – 88.2)	**88.2**	**(84.8 – 90.9)**
Asthma				
Percentage of schools that have ever used the School Health Index or other self-assessment tool to assess their asthma policies, activities, and programs	26.7	(10.1 – 54.1)	**22.5**	**(19.0 – 26.6)**
Percentage of schools that had an asthma action plan on file for all students with known asthma	61.0	(30.8 – 85.5)	**55.6**	**(51.0 – 60.1)**
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	53.5	(20.6 – 70.9)	**61.1**	**(56.3 – 65.6)**
Percentage of schools that required all school staff members receive annual training on recognizing and responding to severe asthma symptoms	35.7	(6.9 – 69.4)	**25.2**	**(21.5 – 29.4)**
Percentage of schools with a full-time registered nurse who provides health services to students at school	44.0	(4.5 – 99.0)	**86.3**	**(82.9 – 89.2)**
Percentage of schools that identified students with poorly controlled asthma by keeping track of them in at least 3 different ways	52.7	(18.2 – 70.7)	**61.7**	**(57.1 – 66.1)**
Percentage of schools that provided intensive case management for students with poorly controlled asthma at school	26.9	(7.5 – 50.9)	**30.7**	**(26.6 – 35.1)**
Percentage of schools that provided parents and families with health information to increase parent and family knowledge of asthma	16.2	(9.0 – 38.1)	**15.8**	**(12.5 – 19.6)**

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School Health Coordination	Among States* Median	Among States* Range	Pennsylvania %	Pennsylvania CI †
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	57.2	(32.2 – 78.0)	**74.7**	**(70.2 – 78.7)**
Percentage of schools that have a school health council, committee, or team with representation from 6 or more groups	35.4	(17.4 – 65.1)	**55.5**	**(51.0 – 59.9)**
Percentage of schools that include at least 1 health and safety objective in their school improvement plan and have completed a self-assessment of school health policies and practices and have reviewed health and safety data during the past year as part of their school improvement planning process	23.4	(11.1 – 50.7)	**13.5**	**(10.6 – 17.0)**
Percentage of schools that have a school health team that performs 5 actions to help plan and implement school health programs	16.7	(8.2 – 32.7)	**28.4**	**(24.5 – 32.6)**

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