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Special Instructions

1. This questionnaire focuses on your district practices and policies.
2. When we use the word “policy,” we mean any mandate issued by the local school board or other local agency that affects the environment in schools throughout your district. Please consider any policies officially adopted at the district level. These include policies developed by your district, or those based on model policies developed by your state or elsewhere.
3. We recognize that there may be some exceptions, but please answer the questions based on what is customary in your district. Please do not consider school practices or policies when answering the questions. (We will ask about school practices and policies when we collect information from schools across the country.)
4. If you would like more information about this study or would like clarification of any questions in this survey, please call Tim Smith at 1-800-647-9664, extension 6095.

General School Environment

1. Is there one or more than one group (e.g., a school health council) at the district level that develops policies or coordinates activities on the following health topics?

	Yes	No
1. Tobacco use prevention	1	2
2. Alcohol or other drug use prevention	1	2
3. Food service or nutrition.....	1	2
4. Physical education and physical activity.....	1	2
5. Pregnancy prevention.....	1	2
6. Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention.....	1	2
7. Other sexually transmitted disease (STD) prevention.....	1	2
8. Violence prevention	1	2
9. Accident and injury prevention.....	1	2
10. Health education.....	1	2
11. Health services.....	1	2
12. Mental health or social services.....	1	2
13. The psychological and social environment, or school climate	1	2
14. Faculty and staff health promotion	1	2
15. Family and community involvement in school health programs	1	2

2. The next questions ask about policies affecting elementary schools in your district.

Has your district adopted a policy stating that elementary schools will participate in programs in which family or community members serve as role models to students or mentor students, such as the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program?

If your district does not include any elementary schools, mark this box and skip to Question 14.

Yes..... 1
No 2

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3. Has your district adopted a policy stating that elementary schools will have visitors report to the school's main office or reception area upon arrival?

Yes..... 1
 No 2

4. Has your district adopted a policy stating that elementary schools will maintain "closed campuses," meaning that students are not allowed to leave school during the school day, including during lunchtime?

Yes..... 1
 No 2

5. Has your district adopted a policy stating that elementary schools will assign staff or adult volunteers to monitor each of these areas?

	Yes	No
1. School halls during and between classes	1	2
2. The bathrooms.....	1	2
3. School grounds.....	1	2
4. Playgrounds, while they are in use.....	1	2

6. Has your district adopted a policy stating that elementary schools will routinely conduct bag, desk, or locker checks?

Yes..... 1
 No 2

7. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting elementary school students from carrying backpacks or book bags at school?

Yes..... 1
 No 2

8. Has your district adopted a policy requiring elementary school students to wear school uniforms?

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Yes..... 1 → Skip to Question 10
No 2

9. Has your district adopted a policy stating that elementary schools will enforce a student dress code?

Yes..... 1
No 2

10. Has your district adopted a policy requiring elementary school students to wear identification badges?

Yes..... 1
No 2

11. Has your district adopted a policy stating that elementary schools will use the following devices?

	Yes	No
1. Surveillance cameras.....	1	2
2. Metal detectors.....	1	2
3. Communication devices such as cell-phones, 2-way radios, walkie-talkies, or intercoms	1	2

12. Has your district adopted a policy stating that elementary schools will use uniformed police, undercover police, or security guards?

Yes..... 1
No 2

13. Has your district adopted a policy stating that elementary schools will use the safety checklist and equipment guidelines published in the Handbook for Public Playground Safety by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission?

Yes..... 1

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No 2

14. The next questions ask about policies affecting middle/junior high schools in your district.

Has your district adopted a policy stating that middle/junior high schools will participate in programs in which family or community members serve as role models to students or mentor students, such as the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program?

If your district does not include any middle/junior high schools, mark this box and skip to Question 25.

Yes..... 1

No 2

15. Has your district adopted a policy stating that middle/junior high schools will have visitors report to the school’s main office or reception area upon arrival?

Yes..... 1

No 2

16. Has your district adopted a policy stating that middle/junior high schools will maintain “closed campuses,” meaning that students are not allowed to leave school during the school day, including during lunchtime?

Yes..... 1

No 2

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17. Has your district adopted a policy stating that middle/junior high schools will assign staff or adult volunteers to monitor each of these areas?

Yes No

- 1. School halls during and between classes 1 2
- 2. The bathrooms..... 1 2
- 3. School grounds..... 1 2

18. Has your district adopted a policy stating that middle/junior high schools will routinely conduct bag, desk, or locker checks?

Yes..... 1
No 2

19. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting middle/junior high school students from carrying backpacks or book bags at school?

Yes..... 1
No 2

20. Has your district adopted a policy requiring middle/junior high school students to wear school uniforms?

Yes..... 1 → Skip to Question 22
No 2

21. Has your district adopted a policy stating that middle/junior high schools will enforce a student dress code?

Yes..... 1
No 2

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22. Has your district adopted a policy requiring middle/junior high school students to wear identification badges?

Yes..... 1
No 2

23. Has your district adopted a policy stating that middle/junior high schools will use the following devices?

	Yes	No
1. Surveillance cameras.....	1	2
2. Metal detectors.....	1	2
3. Communication devices such as cell-phones, 2-way radios, walkie-talkies, or intercoms	1	2

24. Has your district adopted a policy stating that middle/junior high schools will use uniformed police, undercover police, or security guards?

Yes..... 1
No 2

25. The next questions ask about policies affecting senior high schools in your district.

Has your district adopted a policy stating that senior high schools will participate in programs in which family or community members serve as role models to students or mentor students, such as the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program?

If your district does not include any senior high schools, mark this box and skip to Question 36.

Yes..... 1
No 2

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26. Has your district adopted a policy stating that senior high schools will have visitors report to the school's main office or reception area upon arrival?

Yes..... 1
No 2

27. Has your district adopted a policy stating that senior high schools will maintain "closed campuses," meaning that students are not allowed to leave school during the school day, including during lunchtime?

Yes..... 1
No 2

28. Has your district adopted a policy stating that senior high schools will assign staff or adult volunteers to monitor each of these areas?

	Yes	No
1. School halls during and between classes.....	1	2
2. The bathrooms.....	1	2
3. School grounds.....	1	2

29. Has your district adopted a policy stating that senior high schools will routinely conduct bag, desk, or locker checks?

Yes..... 1
No 2

30. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting senior high school students from carrying backpacks or book bags at school?

Yes..... 1
No 2

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31. Has your district adopted a policy requiring senior high school students to wear school uniforms?

Yes..... 1 → Skip to Question 33
No 2

32. Has your district adopted a policy stating that senior high schools will enforce a student dress code?

Yes..... 1
No 2

33. Has your district adopted a policy requiring senior high school students to wear identification badges?

Yes..... 1
No 2

34. Has your district adopted a policy stating that senior high schools will use the following devices?

	Yes	No
1. Surveillance cameras.....	1	2
2. Metal detectors.....	1	2
3. Communication devices such as cell-phones, 2-way radios, walkie-talkies, or intercoms	1	2

35. Has your district adopted a policy stating that senior high schools will use uniformed police, undercover police, or security guards?

Yes..... 1
No 2

Violence Prevention

36. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting physical fighting by students?

Yes..... 1
 No 2

37. Does your district keep records on the number of times students are caught fighting?

Yes..... 1
 No 2

38. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting weapon possession or use by students?

Yes..... 1
 No 2 → Skip to Question 40

39. Does that policy specifically prohibit weapon possession or use by students at off-campus, school-sponsored events?

Yes..... 1
 No 2

40. Does your district keep records on the number of times students are caught using the following weapons?

	Yes	No
a. A handgun or other firearm.....	1	2
b. Any other weapon.....	1	2

41. Does your district keep records on the number of times students are caught possessing any weapon?

Yes..... 1
 No 2

- 42. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting gang activities?
Yes..... 1
No 2 → Skip to Question 44

- 43. Does that policy specifically prohibit students from wearing gang colors or gang attire?
Yes..... 1
No 2

- 44. Does your district keep records on the number of times students are caught breaking any rule on gang activities?
Yes..... 1
No 2

- 45. Has your district adopted a policy stating that schools will have a written plan for responding to violence at the school?
Yes..... 1
No 2

Harassment Prevention

46. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting harassment of students by other students?

Yes..... 1

No 2 → Skip to Question 48

47. Does that policy specifically prohibit harassment of students by other students based on the following characteristics?

	Yes	No
1. Gender.....	1	2
2. Race or ethnicity.....	1	2
3. Religion.....	1	2
4. Sexual orientation.....	1	2
5. Physical or cognitive disability.....	1	2

Tobacco Use Prevention

48. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting cigarette smoking by students?

Yes..... 1

No 2 → Skip to Question 50

49. Does that policy specifically prohibit cigarette smoking by students in the following locations?

Yes No

1. In school buildings 1 2

2. Outside, on school grounds..... 1 2

3. In school buses or other vehicles used to transport
students 1 2

4. At off-campus, school-sponsored events 1 2

50. Does your district keep records on the number of times students are caught smoking cigarettes?

Yes..... 1

No 2

51. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting cigar or pipe smoking by students?

Yes..... 1

No 2

52. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting smokeless tobacco use by students?

Yes..... 1

No 2 → Skip to Question 54

53. Does that policy specifically prohibit smokeless tobacco use by students in the following locations?

	Yes	No
1. In school buildings	1	2
2. Outside, on school grounds.....	1	2
3. In school buses or other vehicles used to transport students	1	2
4. At off-campus, school-sponsored events	1	2

54. Does your district keep records on the number of times students are caught using smokeless tobacco?

Yes.....	1	
No	2	

55. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting tobacco advertisements in the following locations?

	Yes	No
1. In the school building.....	1	2
2. Outside, on school grounds, including on the outside of the school building, on playing fields, or other areas of the campus.....	1	2
3. On school buses.....	1	2
4. In school publications	1	2

56. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting tobacco advertising through sponsorship of school events?

Yes.....	1	
No	2	

57. Has your district adopted a policy that prohibits students from wearing tobacco brand-name apparel or carrying merchandise with tobacco company names, logos, or cartoon characters on it?

Yes..... 1
 No 2

58. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting cigarette smoking by faculty and staff during any school-related activity?

Yes..... 1
 No 2 → Skip to Question 60

59. Does that policy specifically prohibit cigarette smoking by faculty and staff in the following locations?

	Yes	No
1. In school buildings	1	2
2. Outside, on school grounds	1	2
3. In school buses or other vehicles used to transport students	1	2
4. At off-campus, school-sponsored events	1	2

60. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting cigar or pipe smoking by faculty and staff during any school-related activity?

Yes..... 1
 No 2

61. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting smokeless tobacco use by faculty and staff during any school-related activity?

Yes..... 1
 No 2 → Skip to Question 63

62. Does that policy specifically prohibit smokeless tobacco use by faculty and staff in the following locations?

Yes No

- 1. In school buildings 1 2
- 2. Outside, on school grounds 1 2
- 3. In school buses or other vehicles used to transport
students 1 2
- 4. At off-campus, school-sponsored events 1 2

63. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting cigarette smoking by visitors to schools?

- Yes..... 1
- No 2 → Skip to Question 65

64. Does that policy specifically prohibit cigarette smoking by visitors in the following locations?

- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 1. In school buildings 1 2 | | |
| 2. Outside, on school grounds 1 2 | | |
| 3. In school buses or other vehicles used to transport
students 1 2 | | |
| 4. At off-campus, school-sponsored events 1 2 | | |

Tobacco Use Prevention

65. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting cigar or pipe smoking by visitors to schools?

Yes..... 1
No 2

66. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting smokeless tobacco use by visitors to schools?

Yes..... 1
No 2 → Skip to Question 68

67. Does that policy specifically prohibit smokeless tobacco use by visitors in the following locations?

	Yes	No
1. In school buildings	1	2
2. Outside, on school grounds	1	2
3. In school buses or other vehicles used to transport students	1	2
4. At off-campus, school-sponsored events	1	2

Alcohol Use Prevention

68. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting alcohol use by students?

Yes..... 1
No 2

69. Does your district keep records on the number of times students are caught drinking alcohol?

Yes..... 1
No 2

Illegal Drug Use Prevention

70. Has your district adopted a policy prohibiting illegal drug possession or use by students?

Yes..... 1
No 2

71. Does your district keep records on the number of times students are caught possessing or using illegal drugs?

Yes..... 1
No 2

Accident and Injury Prevention

72. Has your district adopted a policy on each of the following topics?

	Yes	No
1. The inspection or maintenance of school buses or other vehicles used to transport students	1	2
2. The inspection or maintenance of playground facilities and equipment, such as playing surfaces, benches, monkey bars, and swings	1	2
3. The inspection or maintenance of <u>indoor</u> athletic facilities and equipment, such as playing surfaces, benches, tumbling mats, and weight lifting equipment.....	1	2
4. The inspection or maintenance of <u>outdoor</u> athletic facilities and equipment, such as playing fields and bleachers.....	1	2
5. The protection of students and staff from environmental hazards such as asbestos, pesticides, or chemicals in labs or workshops.....	1	2
6. The inspection or maintenance of the kitchen facilities and equipment.....	1	2
7. The inspection or maintenance of special classroom areas, such as chemistry labs, workshops, and art rooms ..	1	2
8. The inspection or maintenance of other school areas, such as halls, stairs, and regular classrooms.....	1	2
1. Smoke detectors	1	2
j. Fire extinguishers.....	1	2
11. Lighting inside school buildings.....	1	2
12. Lighting outside school buildings	1	2

73. Has your district adopted a policy requiring that students wear appropriate protective gear when engaged in the following activities?

	Yes	No
1. Classes such as wood shop or metal shop.....	1	2
2. Lab activities for photography, chemistry, biology, or other science classes	1	2

District Assistance to Schools

74. During the past 2 years, has your district provided model policies on the following topics to schools? This might include policies developed by your district, or those based on model policies developed by your state or elsewhere.

	Yes	No
1. Violence prevention	1	2
2. Harassment prevention.....	1	2
3. Tobacco use prevention	1	2
4. Alcohol use prevention	1	2
5. Illegal drug use prevention	1	2
6. Accident and injury prevention.....	1	2

75. During the past 2 years, has your district provided any funding for or offered staff development for school faculty and staff on how to implement the following types of prevention policies and programs? This might include workshops, conferences, continuing education, graduate courses, or any other kind of in-service.

	Yes	No
1. Violence prevention policies or programs.....	1	2
2. Harassment prevention policies or programs	1	2
3. Tobacco use prevention policies or programs.....	1	2
4. Alcohol use prevention policies or programs	1	2
5. Illegal drug use prevention policies or programs.....	1	2
6. Accident and injury prevention policies or programs	1	2

76. During the past 2 years, has your district provided any funding or offered to help schools establish a group to develop school policies or coordinate activities that address health issues (e.g., a school health council)?

Yes.....	1
No	2

