

School Health Coordination

About SHPPS: SHPPS is a national survey periodically conducted to assess school health policies and practices at the state, district, school, and classroom levels. SHPPS was conducted in 1994, 2000, and 2006. The 2012 study collected data at the state and district levels only. School- and classroom-level data collection will take place in 2014.

- 66.0% of states had a person, such as a state school health coordinator, responsible for overseeing or coordinating all of the state's school health and safety policies and activities.
- 53.7% of districts had a district-level school health coordinator who oversees the district's health and safety policies and activities.
- 68.8% of states had one or more than one group (e.g., a committee, council, or team) of people formally charged with coordinating state-level school health-related activities. Among these states:
 - 96.9% had a group that identified student health needs based on a review of relevant data.
 - 86.7% had a group that recommended new or revised health and safety policies, programs, or activities to the State Superintendent of Schools or the State Board of Education.
 - 84.4% had a group that sought funding or leveraged resources to support school health and safety priorities for students and staff.
 - 80.6% had a group that reviewed health-related curricula or instructional materials.
- 65.4% of districts had one or more than one group (e.g., a school health council, committee, or team) at the district level that offered guidance on the development of policies or coordinated activities that are health-related.

Percentage of States* and Districts[†] in Which a School Health Committee Addressed Specific Health Topics		
Topic	States	Districts
Alcohol or other drug use prevention	90.3	84.6
Crisis preparedness, response, and recovery	87.1	83.5
Faculty and staff health promotion	83.3	82.5
Family and community involvement in school health programs	90.3	72.5
Food services or nutrition	100.0	94.0
Health education	90.0	91.3
Health services	90.0	83.7
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention	96.7	64.2
Injury prevention and safety	90.0	78.2
Local wellness policies	96.7	91.8
Management of chronic health conditions (e.g., asthma or diabetes)	96.8	72.8
Management of foodborne illnesses	80.6	64.6
Management of food allergies	73.3	75.3
Management of infectious diseases (e.g., influenza)	96.8	78.1
Mental health or social services	93.3	74.7
Other sexually transmitted disease (STD) prevention	96.7	65.1
Physical education or physical activity	96.8	91.7
Physical school environment	90.0	77.9
Pregnancy prevention	90.0	60.8
Psychological and social environment or school climate	86.7	78.4
Tobacco use prevention	96.8	82.5
Violence prevention (e.g., bullying, fighting, or dating violence prevention)	96.8	87.9
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Percentage of States* in Which a State-Level School Health Committee Included Representatives from Agencies or Organizations	
Agency or organization	States
State department of agriculture	55.2
State education agency	100.0
State environmental department	40.0
State health department	100.0
State juvenile justice department	80.0
State-level health organization (e.g., the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society)	65.5
State-level parents' organization (e.g., the PTA)	73.3
State-level physicians' organization (e.g., the American Academy of Pediatrics)	44.8
State-level school nurses' association or organization	90.3
State-level student government organization (e.g., Student Council Association, Associated Student Body, or Student Advisory Council)	23.3
State mental health or social services agency	89.7
State transportation agency	56.7

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Percentage of Districts* That Included Groups, Agencies, or Organizations on Their School Health Committees	
Group, agency, or organization	Districts
Businesses	41.7
District administrators	94.8
Faith-based organizations	27.0
Healthcare providers (e.g., pediatricians or dentists)	41.6
Health department	50.8
Health education teachers	88.9
Health organizations (e.g., the local Red Cross chapter)	30.4
Health services staff (e.g., school nurses)	92.1
Hospitals	32.5
Library or media center staff	39.4
Maintenance staff	59.4
Mental health and social services agencies	44.6
Mental health and social services staff	66.4
Nutrition or food service staff	90.2
Other local government agencies	37.2
Physical education teachers	90.8
Public safety agencies (e.g., police, fire, or emergency services)	55.4
School-level administrators	95.9
Service clubs (e.g., the Rotary Club)	26.8
Students	64.3
Students' parents or families	79.1
Technology staff	46.6
Transportation staff	48.3
Youth organizations (e.g., Boys and Girls Clubs)	23.1

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