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Baltimore Secondary Schools

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Physical Education and Physical Activity	Among Cities* Median	Among Cities* Range	Baltimore %
Percentage of schools that require physical education for students in any of grades 6 through 12	97.3	(87.1 – 100.0)	**98.5**
Percentage of schools in which those who teach physical education were provided with key materials for teaching physical education	81.7	(68.2 – 95.7)	**82.6**
Percentage of schools that offered opportunities for all students to participate in intramural activities or physical activity clubs	82.9	(60.4 – 93.6)	**82.3**
Percentage of schools that taught 12 key physical activity topics in a required course	59.8	(27.8 – 81.2)	**52.8**
Percentage of schools that have a joint use agreement for shared use of physical activity facilities	69.1	(42.7 – 95.3)	**42.7**
Percentage of schools that offer required physical education, classroom-based physical activity breaks, intramural sports, and interscholastic sports and have a joint use agreement for shared use of physical activity facilities	22.1	(10.2 – 35.4)	**20.9**
Nutrition			
Percentage of schools in which students could not purchase soda pop or fruit drinks that are not 100% juice from vending machines or at the school store, canteen, or snack bar	90.9	(28.4 – 97.3)	**88.2**
Percentage of schools in which students could not purchase sports drinks from vending machines or at the school store, canteen, or snack bar	66.6	(21.4 – 96.4)	**94.0**
Percentage of schools that did not sell less nutritious foods and beverages anywhere outside the school food service program	62.0	(14.6 – 89.3)	**85.2**
Percentage of schools that allowed students to have access to drinking water	85.8	(68.1 – 100.0)	**85.7**
Percentage of schools that always offered fruits or non-fried vegetables in vending machines and school stores, canteens, or snack bars and during celebrations when foods and beverages are offered	13.6	(0.0 – 19.1)	**0.0**
Percentage of schools that placed fruits and vegetables near the cafeteria cashier, where they are easy to access	74.3	(55.8 – 88.2)	**55.8**
Percentage of schools that priced nutritious foods and beverages at a lower cost while increasing the price of less nutritious foods and beverages	10.9	(2.8 – 16.4)	**9.7**
Percentage of schools that provided information to students or families on the nutrition and caloric content of foods available	50.4	(30.1 – 72.6)	**47.9**
Percentage of schools that taught 14 key nutrition and dietary behavior topics in a required course	64.9	(14.3 – 85.7)	**52.4**
Percentage of schools that prohibited all forms of advertising and promotion of candy, fast food restaurants, or soft drinks in all locations (in school buildings; on school grounds, including on the outside of the school building, on playing fields, or other areas of the campus; on school buses or other vehicles used to transport students; and in school publications)	54.7	(34.1 – 96.2)	**45.8**

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Tobacco-Use Prevention	Among Cities* Median	Among Cities* Range	Baltimore %
Percentage of schools that prohibited all tobacco use at all times in all locations (including cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigars, and pipes; by students, faculty and school staff, and visitors; in school buildings; outside on school grounds; on school buses or other vehicles used to transport students; and at off-campus, school-sponsored events; during school hours and non-school hours)	59.7	(31.6 – 78.7)	**39.2**
Percentage of schools that taught 15 key tobacco-use prevention topics in a required course	46.8	(0.0 – 72.6)	**41.5**
Percentage of schools that provided tobacco cessation services for students, faculty, and staff at school or through arrangements with providers not on school property	28.1	(9.6 – 59.7)	**23.1**
Percentage of schools in which the lead health education teacher received professional development during the 2 years before the survey on tobacco-use prevention	40.5	(4.7 – 68.7)	**36.9**
Percentage of schools that sometimes, almost always, or always required students who were caught smoking to participate in an assistance, education, or cessation program	53.3	(23.8 – 71.4)	**70.6**
Percentage of schools that posted signs marking a tobacco-free school zone	80.3	(52.6 – 95.0)	**59.6**
School Health Coordination			
Percentage of schools that used the School Health Index or other self-assessment tool to assess their policies, activities, and programs in physical activity, nutrition, and tobacco-use prevention	34.6	(18.0 – 60.1)	**23.6**
Percentage of schools that provided parents and families with health information to increase parent and family knowledge of tobacco-use prevention, physical activity, and nutrition and healthy eating	32.3	(5.0 – 60.0)	**26.3**

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