

Violence Prevention

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.

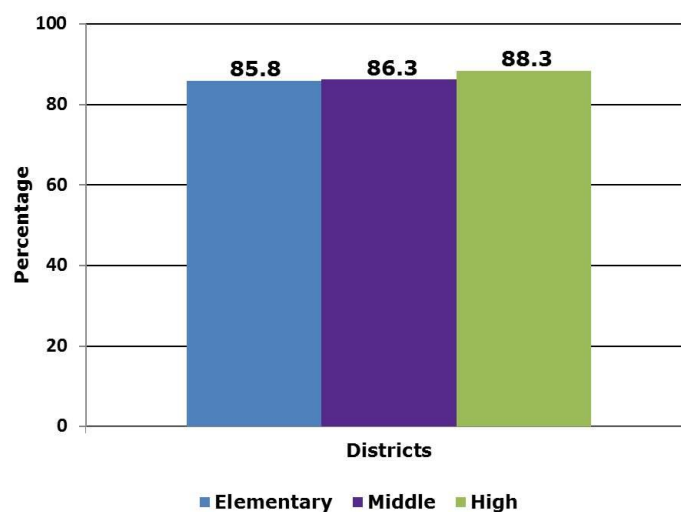
Health Education

- 79.6% of states and 82.7% of districts provided funding for professional development or offered professional development to those who teach health education on violence prevention during the 2 years before the study.

Percentage of States Providing Assistance to Districts or Schools on Violence Prevention Education	
Type of Assistance	States
Developed, revised, or assisted in developing model policies, policy guidance, or other materials*	70.6
Distributed or provided model policies, policy guidance, or other materials*	85.7
Provided technical assistance†	94.0

* During the 2 years before the study.
† During the 12 months before the study.

Percentage of Districts That Required Teaching About Violence Prevention at Each School Level



Health Services

- Between 2000 and 2012, the percentage of districts that required schools to provide violence prevention in one-on-one or small-group sessions increased from 59.2% to 77.9%.¹
- 11.8% of districts had arrangements with any organizations or healthcare professionals to provide violence prevention at other sites not on school property.
- 80.4% of states and 49.3% of districts provided funding for professional development or offered professional development to school nurses on violence prevention during the 2 years before the study.

Mental Health and Social Services

- During the 2 years before the study, 93.9% of states and 86.8% of districts provided funding for professional development or offered professional development to mental health or social services staff on violence prevention.

¹Regression analyses were performed that took all available years of data into account. To account for multiple comparisons, selected changes are included if only if the p-value from the trend analysis was less than .01, and either the difference between the two endpoints (2000 and 2012) was greater than 10 percentage points or the 2012 estimate increased by at least a factor of two or decreased by at least half as compared to the 2000 estimate.

Percentage of States and Districts That Provided Funding for Training or Offered Training to Teachers, Administrators, or Other School Staff During the 2 Years Before the Study		
Topic	States	Districts
Making appropriate referrals to a school counselor, psychologist, or social worker	74.0	79.0
Managing students with emotional or behavioral problems	82.0	81.4
Recognizing signs and symptoms of bullying victimization	92.2	90.6
Recognizing signs and symptoms of dating violence	75.0	42.8*

*Asked only if the district contained middle schools or high schools.

Safe and Healthy School Environment

- The percentage of districts that had adopted a policy prohibiting gang activity increased from 62.5% in 2000 to 73.0% in 2012.

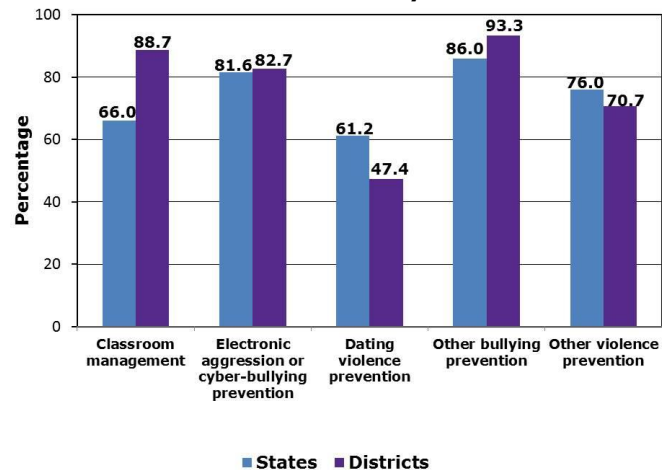
Percentage of Districts That Had Policies and Practices Related to Keeping the Environment Safe and Secure at Each School Level			
Policy or practice	Districts		
	Elementary schools	Middle schools	High schools
Identification badges must be worn by			
Faculty and staff	49.9	51.4	52.2
Students	1.6	5.8	9.9
Visitors	83.6	82.4	80.4
Locker searches must be routinely conducted	NA	48.4	58.3
Metal detectors, including wands, must be used	3.2	5.7	9.2
Police, school resource officers, or security guards must be used during the regular school day	26.7	38.8	48.6
Security or surveillance cameras must be used either inside or outside the building	59.0	68.6	74.9
Staff or adult volunteers must be assigned to monitor			
School halls during classes	43.4	47.1	50.0
School halls between classes	66.7	74.5	76.7
Restrooms	51.9	47.6	47.5
School grounds	74.0	71.3	71.4
Students must wear school uniforms	6.4	6.1	5.1

NA=Not asked at this level.

Percentage of States That Provided Technical Assistance to District or School Staff on Topics Related to Violence Prevention*	
Topic	States
Classroom management	74.0
Dating violence prevention	72.0
Electronic aggression or cyber-bullying prevention	92.0
Other bullying prevention	88.0
Other violence prevention (e.g. physical fighting)	76.5

*During the 12 months before the study.

Percentage of States and Districts That Provided Funding for Professional Development or Offered Professional Development on How to Implement School-Wide Policies and Programs During the 2 Years Before the Study



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