



District of Columbia

Selected Topics Fact Sheet, Profiles 2006

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Health Education	Among Cities *		District of Columbia
	Median	Range	%
Percentage of schools that required students to take 2 or more health education courses	16.1	(0.0 – 66.9)	54.4
Among schools that required a health education course, percentage that required students who failed the course to repeat it	60.2	(35.1 – 86.2)	66.6
Percentage of schools in which the lead health education teacher had professional preparation in health education or in health and physical education combined	26.4	(1.8 – 85.0)	82.4
Percentage of schools in which the lead health education teacher was certified, licensed, or endorsed by the state to teach health education in middle school or high school	69.4	(35.3 – 91.7)	87.4
Percentage of schools that tried to improve student skills in resisting peer pressure to engage in unhealthy behavior related to personal health and wellness in a required health education course	55.4	(0.0 – 100.0)	72.7
HIV, STD, and Pregnancy Prevention			
Percentage of schools that tried to increase student knowledge on HIV prevention in a required health education course	57.2	(0.0 – 100.0)	75.5
Percentage of schools that tried to increase student knowledge on STD prevention in a required health education course	57.2	(0.0 – 100.0)	68.5
Percentage of schools that tried to increase student knowledge on pregnancy prevention in a required health education course	56.2	(0.0 – 100.0)	69.7
Percentage of schools that taught abstinence as the most effective method to avoid pregnancy, HIV, and STDs in a required health education course	56.8	(0.0 – 100.0)	71.0
Percentage of schools that taught how to correctly use a condom in a required health education course	34.2	(0.0 – 74.8)	44.0
Percentage of schools in which the lead health education teacher received staff development during the past two years on HIV prevention	64.2	(42.9 – 100.0)	65.9
Percentage of schools with a policy on students or staff who have HIV infection or AIDS	46.8	(28.1 – 100.0)	28.1
School Health Councils			
Percentage of schools that had one or more than one group (e.g., a school health council, committee, or team) that offers guidance on the development of policies or coordinates activities on health topics	48.4	(24.1 – 79.0)	49.6

* Among the 12 participating cities with weighted principal survey results and the 12 cities with weighted teacher survey results.



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Asthma	Among Cities *		District of Columbia
	Median	Range	%
Percentage of schools in which a student would ever be permitted to carry and self-administer a prescription quick-relief inhaler	66.8	(43.2 – 79.5)	63.3
Percentage of schools that provided all students with asthma with an Asthma Action Plan (or Individualized Health Plan)	69.2	(19.7 – 86.9)	51.0
Percentage of schools that tried to increase student knowledge on asthma awareness in a required health education course	36.9	(0.0 – 76.8)	43.1
Percentage of schools in which the lead health education teacher received staff development during the past two years on asthma awareness	33.8	(5.9 – 68.0)	34.9
Unintentional Injuries and Violence			
Percentage of schools that had a comprehensive plan to address crisis preparedness, response, and recovery in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency or crisis situation	100.0	(96.0 – 100.0)	100.0
Percentage of schools that maintained a closed campus (i.e., students were not allowed to leave school during the day, including during lunch time)	97.4	(77.9 – 100.0)	93.2
Percentage of schools that used staff or adult volunteers to monitor school halls during and between classes	94.6	(87.4 – 97.7)	87.4
Percentage of schools that required students to wear school uniforms	38.1	(0.0 – 100.0)	34.6
Percentage of schools that required students to wear identification badges	22.9	(3.2 – 98.0)	66.3
Percentage of schools that had or participated in a program to prevent bullying	75.6	(45.3 – 96.9)	45.3
Percentage of schools that tried to increase student knowledge on injury prevention and safety in a required health education course	52.3	(0.0 – 88.7)	65.8
Percentage of schools that tried to increase student knowledge on violence prevention in a required health education course	57.2	(0.0 – 95.2)	62.4

Where can I get more information?

Visit www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/profiles or call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636).



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