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Selected Topics Fact Sheet, Profiles 2006

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Health Education	Among States *		Massachusetts %
	Median	Range	
Percentage of schools that required students to take 2 or more health education courses	43.0	(8.1 – 79.3)	52.0
Among schools that required a health education course, percentage that required students who failed the course to repeat it	55.4	(35.0 – 95.4)	39.2
Percentage of schools in which the lead health education teacher had professional preparation in health education or in health and physical education combined	45.5	(9.5 – 88.9)	40.9
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	79.6	(26.7 – 97.7)	76.9
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	86.0	(42.0 – 98.8)	81.6
HIV, STD, and Pregnancy Prevention			
Percentage of schools that tried to increase student knowledge on HIV prevention in a required health education course	84.2	(35.6 – 99.3)	77.6
Percentage of schools that tried to increase student knowledge on STD prevention in a required health education course	79.9	(30.8 – 98.9)	74.1
Percentage of schools that tried to increase student knowledge on pregnancy prevention in a required health education course	80.0	(29.6 – 99.3)	74.1
Percentage of schools that taught abstinence as the most effective method to avoid pregnancy, HIV, and STDs in a required health education course	78.0	(28.5 – 99.3)	72.0
Percentage of schools that taught how to correctly use a condom in a required health education course	24.3	(1.0 – 59.1)	36.4
Percentage of schools in which the lead health education teacher received staff development during the past two years on HIV prevention	43.7	(21.3 – 63.9)	28.9
Percentage of schools with a policy on students or staff who have HIV infection or AIDS	51.6	(27.0 – 89.5)	58.2
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	54.9	(34.7 – 73.9)	59.0

* Among the 36 participating states with weighted principal survey results and the 34 states with weighted teacher survey results.



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Asthma	Among States *		Massachusetts %
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Percentage of schools in which a student would ever be permitted to carry and self-administer a prescription quick-relief inhaler	76.0	(51.4 – 95.1)	66.7
Percentage of schools that provided all students with asthma with an Asthma Action Plan (or Individualized Health Plan)	65.4	(22.8 – 86.8)	75.1
Percentage of schools that tried to increase student knowledge on asthma awareness in a required health education course	48.3	(25.3 – 71.6)	36.2
Percentage of schools in which the lead health education teacher received staff development during the past two years on asthma awareness	19.2	(11.0 – 57.4)	15.1
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	97.6	(87.1 – 100.0)	96.4
Percentage of schools that maintained a closed campus (i.e., students were not allowed to leave school during the day, including during lunch time)	87.4	(40.8 – 98.4)	90.1
Percentage of schools that used staff or adult volunteers to monitor school halls during and between classes	91.1	(73.9 – 96.5)	85.2
Percentage of schools that required students to wear school uniforms	4.0	(0.0 – 32.2)	6.5
Percentage of schools that required students to wear identification badges	6.3	(0.7 – 42.8)	12.4
Percentage of schools that had or participated in a program to prevent bullying	65.1	(30.8 – 83.6)	67.6
Percentage of schools that tried to increase student knowledge on injury prevention and safety in a required health education course	77.6	(35.0 – 93.9)	68.2
Percentage of schools that tried to increase student knowledge on violence prevention in a required health education course	78.7	(39.7 – 95.3)	77.9

Where can I get more information?

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



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