

2015 Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey (MIYHS)...what is it and why is it important to your school community?

The MIYHS is a tool that collects self-reported student behavior data. Participating school districts receive school and/or district level data; and the opportunity to compare their local data with Public Health District/County, State and National level data.

Throughout the years, superintendents have shared that the MIYHS data is a constant in presentations and has been used in multiple ways.

This valuable data source can be used by SAUs to:

- Apply for grant funds,
- Direct policy,
- Support the creation of positive school environment changes,
- Demonstrate the correlation between academic performance and both health risk behaviors and school climate issues, and
- Highlight successes and challenges and/or support proposed policy or programming changes in presentations to audiences such as school boards or community groups.

The support of superintendents is vital to the success of the MIYHS. Thank you so much to all who have assured your districts participation in past surveys!

In September, principals across the state will receive registration information for the 2015 edition of the MIYHS. Your leadership in advocating for and supporting the implementation of the survey at all grade levels will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact jean.zimmerman@maine.gov.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

