



# MS-C

## 2015 Middle School Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey

This survey is about your health behavior and things that affect it. It will tell us what you and other students do that may affect your health. About 96,000 students in Maine are being asked to take this survey. The answers you give will be used to create better health education and programs for young people like yourself.

DO NOT write your name on this survey. The answers you give will be kept private. No one will know what you write. Answer the questions based on what you really do.

You may choose to take the survey or not take it. Your choice will not affect your grade in this class. There is some risk that some questions may make you feel uncomfortable. If you are not comfortable answering a question, just leave it blank. You can stop answering questions at any time you want. There is no penalty for not completing the survey. It should not take you longer than this class period.

The benefit to you in taking this survey is that your school and community may be better able to create programs that help you stay healthy.

Some questions ask about your background such as your race, age and gender. These will be used only to describe the types of students completing the survey. No answers will be used to find out your name. No names will ever be reported. The survey is research. This means that we will use your answers to help us learn about Maine students in general.

Be sure to read every question. Fill in the ovals completely. When you are finished, follow the instructions of your teacher.

If you have questions about the survey, your teacher will have contact names for someone to e-mail or call.

***THANK YOU very much for your help!***

Directions:

- Use a #2 pencil or a blue or black pen.
- Make dark marks.
- Fill in a response like this:  A  B  C  D
- To change your answer, erase your old answer completely.

1. How old are you?
  - A. 10 years old or younger
  - B. 11 years old
  - C. 12 years old
  - D. 13 years old
  - E. 14 years old
  - F. 15 years old
  - G. 16 years old or older
2. What is your sex?
  - A. Female
  - B. Male
3. In what grade are you?
  - A. 6th grade
  - B. 7th grade
  - C. 8th grade
  - D. Ungraded or other grade
4. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
5. What is your race? (**Select one or more responses.**)
  - A. American Indian or Alaska Native
  - B. Asian
  - C. Black or African American
  - D. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - E. White
6. What language is spoken most often at home?
  - A. Acholi
  - B. Arabic
  - C. English
  - D. French
  - E. Khmer
  - F. Somali
  - G. Spanish
  - H. Some other language

**The next 2 questions ask about safety.**

7. **When you ride a bicycle**, how often do you wear a helmet?
  - A. I do not ride a bicycle
  - B. Never wear a helmet
  - C. Rarely wear a helmet
  - D. Sometimes wear a helmet
  - E. Most of the time wear a helmet
  - F. Always wear a helmet

8. How often do you wear a seat belt when **riding** in a car?
  - A. Never
  - B. Rarely
  - C. Sometimes
  - D. Most of the time
  - E. Always

**The next 7 questions ask about violence-related behaviors.**

9. Have you ever carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club **on school property**?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
10. Have you ever been threatened or hurt with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
11. Have you ever been in a physical fight in which you were hurt and had to be treated by a doctor or nurse?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
12. Have you ever been forced (physically or otherwise) to have sexual contact?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
13. Has violence in your home, or the threat of violence, ever made you want to leave your home, even just for a short while?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
14. How often is the following statement true for you? "I resolve conflicts without anyone getting hurt."
  - A. Never
  - B. Rarely
  - C. Sometimes
  - D. Most of the time
  - E. Always
15. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "I feel safe at my school."
  - A. Strongly agree
  - B. Agree
  - C. Disagree
  - D. Strongly disagree

The next 2 questions ask about bullying. Bullying is when 1 or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again. It is not bullying when 2 students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way.

16. Have you ever been bullied on school property?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
17. Have you ever been electronically bullied? (Count being bullied through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, websites, or texting.)
- A. Yes
  - B. No

The next 5 questions ask about sad feelings and attempted suicide. Sometimes people feel so depressed about the future that they may consider attempting suicide or killing themselves.

18. Have you ever felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
19. When you have felt sad or hopeless, from whom did you get help? (Select only one response.)
- A. I did not feel sad or hopeless
  - B. I did feel sad or hopeless but did not seek help
  - C. Parent or other adult relative
  - D. Teacher or other school staff
  - E. Other adults
  - F. Friends
  - G. None of the above
20. Have you ever seriously thought about killing yourself?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
21. Have you ever made a plan about how you would kill yourself?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
22. Have you ever tried to kill yourself?
- A. Yes
  - B. No

The next 8 questions ask about tobacco use.

23. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 or 2 days
  - C. 3 to 5 days
  - D. 6 to 9 days
  - E. 10 to 19 days
  - F. 20 to 29 days
  - G. All 30 days
24. How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?
- A. I have never smoked a whole cigarette
  - B. 8 years old or younger
  - C. 9 years old
  - D. 10 years old
  - E. 11 years old
  - F. 12 years old
  - G. 13 years old or older
25. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip, such as Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal Bandits, or Copenhagen?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 or 2 days
  - C. 3 to 5 days
  - D. 6 to 9 days
  - E. 10 to 19 days
  - F. 20 to 29 days
  - G. All 30 days
26. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 or 2 days
  - C. 3 to 5 days
  - D. 6 to 9 days
  - E. 10 to 19 days
  - F. 20 to 29 days
  - G. All 30 days
27. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you in the same room with someone who was smoking cigarettes?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 day
  - C. 2 days
  - D. 3 days
  - E. 4 days
  - F. 5 days
  - G. 6 days
  - H. 7 days

28. During the past 12 months, were you taught in any of your classes about the dangers of tobacco use?
- Yes
  - No
  - Not sure
29. How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?
- No risk
  - Slight risk
  - Moderate risk
  - Great risk
30. If you wanted to get some cigarettes, how easy would it be for you to get some?
- Very hard
  - Sort of hard
  - Sort of easy
  - Very easy

**The next 9 questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer, wine, wine coolers, and liquor such as rum, gin, vodka, or whiskey. For these questions, drinking alcohol does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.**

31. Have you ever had a drink of alcohol, other than a few sips?
- Yes
  - No
32. How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?
- I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips
  - 8 years old or younger
  - 9 years old
  - 10 years old
  - 11 years old
  - 12 years old
  - 13 years old or older
33. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?
- 0 days
  - 1 or 2 days
  - 3 to 5 days
  - 6 to 9 days
  - 10 to 19 days
  - 20 to 29 days
  - All 30 days

34. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?
- 0 days
  - 1 day
  - 2 days
  - 3 to 5 days
  - 6 to 9 days
  - 10 to 19 days
  - 20 or more days
35. During the past 30 days, how did you **usually** get the alcohol you drank?
- I did not drink alcohol during the past 30 days
  - I bought it in a store such as a liquor store, convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station
  - I bought it at a restaurant, bar, or club
  - I bought it at a public event such as a concert or sporting event
  - I gave someone else money to buy it for me
  - Someone gave it to me
  - I took it from a store or family member
  - I got it some other way
36. If you wanted to get some alcohol, how easy would it be for you to get some?
- Very hard
  - Sort of hard
  - Sort of easy
  - Very easy
37. If you drank some alcohol without your parents' permission, would you be caught by your parents?
- Definitely yes
  - Probably yes
  - Probably not
  - Definitely not
38. How wrong would most adults over 21 in your neighborhood think it is for kids your age to drink alcohol?
- Very wrong
  - Wrong
  - A little bit wrong
  - Not wrong at all
39. How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to have **1 or 2** drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?
- Very wrong
  - Wrong
  - A little bit wrong
  - Not wrong at all

**The next 6 questions ask about marijuana use.  
Marijuana is also called grass or pot.**

40. Have you ever used marijuana?  
A. Yes  
B. No
41. How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?  
A. I have never tried marijuana  
B. 8 years old or younger  
C. 9 years old  
D. 10 years old  
E. 11 years old  
F. 12 years old  
G. 13 years old or older
42. During the past 30 days, how many times did you use marijuana?  
A. 0 times  
B. 1 or 2 times  
C. 3 to 9 times  
D. 10 to 19 times  
E. 20 to 39 times  
F. 40 or more times
43. If you wanted to get some marijuana, how easy would it be for you to get some?  
A. Very hard  
B. Sort of hard  
C. Sort of easy  
D. Very easy
44. How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to smoke marijuana?  
A. Very wrong  
B. Wrong  
C. A little bit wrong  
D. Not wrong at all
45. How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they smoke marijuana once or twice a week?  
A. No risk  
B. Slight risk  
C. Moderate risk  
D. Great risk

**The next 7 questions ask about other drugs.**

46. Have you ever sniffed glue, breathed the contents of spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high?  
A. Yes  
B. No

47. During the past 30 days, how many times did you sniff glue, breathe the contents of spray cans, or inhale any paints or sprays to get high?  
A. 0 times  
B. 1 or 2 times  
C. 3 to 9 times  
D. 10 to 19 times  
E. 20 to 39 times  
F. 40 or more times
48. Have you ever taken a **prescription drug** (such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax) without a doctor's prescription?  
A. Yes  
B. No
49. During the past 30 days, how many times did you take a **prescription drug** (such as OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax) without a doctor's prescription?  
A. 0 times  
B. 1 or 2 times  
C. 3 to 9 times  
D. 10 to 19 times  
E. 20 to 39 times  
F. 40 or more times
50. Have you ever taken **steroid pills or shots** without a doctor's prescription?  
A. Yes  
B. No
51. During the past 12 months, have you talked with at least one of your parents about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, or drug use?  
A. Yes  
B. No  
C. Not sure
52. Has anyone offered, sold, or given you an illegal drug on school property?  
A. Yes  
B. No

**The next 4 questions ask about sexual intercourse.**

53. Have you ever had sexual intercourse?  
A. Yes  
B. No

54. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?
- I have never had sexual intercourse
  - 8 years old or younger
  - 9 years old
  - 10 years old
  - 11 years old
  - 12 years old
  - 13 years old or older
55. With how many people have you ever had sexual intercourse?
- I have never had sexual intercourse
  - 1 person
  - 2 people
  - 3 people
  - 4 people
  - 5 people
  - 6 or more people
56. The **last time** you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?
- I have never had sexual intercourse
  - Yes
  - No

**The next 5 questions ask about food you ate or drank during the past 7 days. Think about all the meals and snacks you had from the time you got up until you went to bed. Be sure to include food you ate at home, at school, at restaurants, or anywhere else.**

57. During the past 7 days, how many times did you drink **100% fruit juices** such as orange juice, apple juice, or grape juice? (Do **not** count punch, Kool-Aid, sports drinks, or other fruit-flavored drinks.)
- I did not drink 100% fruit juice during the past 7 days
  - 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
  - 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
  - 1 time per day
  - 2 times per day
  - 3 times per day
  - 4 or more times per day
58. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat **fruit**? (Do **not** count fruit juice.)
- I did not eat fruit during the past 7 days
  - 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
  - 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
  - 1 time per day
  - 2 times per day
  - 3 times per day
  - 4 or more times per day

59. During the past 7 days, how many times did you eat **vegetables**, such as carrots, green salad, corn, or green beans? (Do **not** count french fries or other fried potatoes.)
- I did not eat vegetables during the past 7 days
  - 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
  - 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
  - 1 time per day
  - 2 times per day
  - 3 times per day
  - 4 or more times per day
60. During the past 7 days, how many times did you drink a **can, bottle, or glass of soda, sports drink, energy drink, or other sugar-sweetened beverage** such as Gatorade, Red Bull, lemonade, sweetened tea or coffee drinks, flavored milk, Snapple, or Sunny Delight? (Do **not** count diet soda, other diet drinks, or 100% fruit juice.)
- I did not drink soda, sports drinks, energy drinks, or other sugar-sweetened beverages during the past 7 days
  - 1 to 3 times during the past 7 days
  - 4 to 6 times during the past 7 days
  - 1 time per day
  - 2 times per day
  - 3 times per day
  - 4 or more times per day
61. During the past 7 days, how many meals did you eat with your family?
- 0 meals
  - 1 to 3 meals
  - 4 to 6 meals
  - 7 to 9 meals
  - 10 to 12 meals
  - 13 to 15 meals
  - 16 or more meals

**The next 7 questions ask about physical activity.**

62. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you physically active for a total of **at least 60 minutes per day**? (Add up all the time you spent in any kind of physical activity that increased your heart rate and made you breathe hard some of the time.)
- 0 days
  - 1 day
  - 2 days
  - 3 days
  - 4 days
  - 5 days
  - 6 days
  - 7 days

63. Other than at school, during an average week how many days are you physically active? (Include any community-based sports teams or individual activities such as running, walking, skateboarding, bicycling, and dancing.)
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 day
  - C. 2 days
  - D. 3 days
  - E. 4 days
  - F. 5 days
  - G. 6 days
  - H. 7 days
64. On an average school day, how many hours do you watch TV?
- A. I do not watch TV on an average school day
  - B. Less than 1 hour per day
  - C. 1 hour per day
  - D. 2 hours per day
  - E. 3 hours per day
  - F. 4 hours per day
  - G. 5 or more hours per day
65. On an average school day, how many hours do you play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work? (Count time spent on things such as Xbox, PlayStation, an iPod, an iPad or other tablet, a smartphone, YouTube, Facebook or other social networking tools, and the Internet.)
- A. I do not play video or computer games or use a computer for something that is not school work
  - B. Less than 1 hour per day
  - C. 1 hour per day
  - D. 2 hours per day
  - E. 3 hours per day
  - F. 4 hours per day
  - G. 5 or more hours per day
66. In an average week when you are in school, on how many days do you go to physical education (PE) classes?
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 day
  - C. 2 days
  - D. 3 days
  - E. 4 days
  - F. 5 days

67. Do any of your classroom teachers provide short physical activity breaks during regular class time? (Do not count your physical education teacher.)
- A. Yes
  - B. No
68. During the past 12 months, on how many sports teams did you play? (Count any teams run by your school or community groups.)
- A. 0 teams
  - B. 1 team
  - C. 2 teams
  - D. 3 or more teams

**The next 3 questions ask about asthma.**

69. Has a doctor or nurse ever told you that you have asthma?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Not sure
70. Do you still have asthma?
- A. I have never had asthma
  - B. Yes
  - C. No
  - D. Not sure
71. During the past 12 months, about how many days did you miss school because of your asthma?
- A. I have never had asthma
  - B. I did not miss any days of school because of my asthma
  - C. 1 or 2 days
  - D. 3 or 4 days
  - E. 5 or more days

**The next 3 questions ask about health-related topics.**

72. On an average school night, how many hours of sleep do you get?
- A. 4 or less hours
  - B. 5 hours
  - C. 6 hours
  - D. 7 hours
  - E. 8 hours
  - F. 9 hours
  - G. 10 or more hours
73. Have you ever been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Not sure

74. During the past 12 months, how would you describe your grades in school?
- A. Mostly A's
  - B. Mostly B's
  - C. Mostly C's
  - D. Mostly D's
  - E. Mostly F's
  - F. None of these grades
  - G. Not sure

**The next 5 questions ask about your school, your family, your community, and support that you get.**

75. During an average week, how many hours do you spend in clubs or organizations (other than sports) outside of regular school hours?
- A. 0 hours
  - B. 1 hour
  - C. 2 hours
  - D. 3 to 5 hours
  - E. 6 to 10 hours
  - F. 11 or more hours
76. Do you agree or disagree that at least one of your teachers really cares and gives you help and support when you need it?
- A. Strongly agree
  - B. Agree
  - C. Not sure
  - D. Disagree
  - E. Strongly disagree
77. How often does your school enforce rules fairly?
- A. Never
  - B. Rarely
  - C. Sometimes
  - D. Most of the time
  - E. Always

78. How often does one of your parents talk with you about what you are doing in school?
- A. About every day
  - B. About once or twice a week
  - C. About once or twice a month
  - D. Less than once a month
  - E. Never

79. Do you agree or disagree that in your community you feel like you matter to people?
- A. Strongly agree
  - B. Agree
  - C. Not sure
  - D. Disagree
  - E. Strongly disagree

**The next question asks about gambling.**

80. Have you ever bet money or something else of value? (Include if you bet at a casino, race track, or online, bought lottery tickets, bet on a sports team, or played cards or other games for money or things.)
- A. Yes
  - B. No

**This is the end of the survey.  
Thank you very much for your help.**



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