



Ohio Youth Surveys (OYS)

OYS connects three school-based health surveys, the Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey (OHYES!), the Youth Risk Behavior Survey/Youth Tobacco Survey (YRBS/YTS), and the School Health Profiles Survey to gain valuable insight into the needs of Ohio students.

Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey (OHYES!)

OHYES! is completed by middle- and high-school students throughout Ohio. It offers insights at the local level by gathering school, district, county, and statewide data. This survey offers a deeper look into the experiences of youth in different communities and environments across Ohio. Using these insights, we can learn where Ohio students are thriving and build on what works.

Survey Content

OHYES! measures the prevalence of the behaviors and experiences that pose a risk to youth wellness, and those that help to protect it. Survey topics include bullying/safety & school climate, physical health & wellbeing, mental health & suicide, substance use, gambling, community/family/peer factors, and school success.

Who Can Participate?

Any school in Ohio with grades 7-12 can administer OHYES!. Superintendents and principals have the flexibility to select which grades participate and choose which date(s) the survey is administered in the fall (October through December).

Benefits for Schools

A growing number of children are showing up at school with a variety of health-related problems that make successful learning difficult. Together, we can

gather credible data on the scope and nature of these issues — providing essential insights to inform the selection of strategies to help your students achieve success and positive development. OHYES! results and data empower you to make a positive impact in the lives of your students by identifying the greatest area of need for health programs and services.

Empowering Student Voices

Participation gives students the opportunity to self-report their needs, the risks they perceive to their well-being, and their resiliency to live healthy lives. Student participation is essential as it helps us learn about school climate and the health and academic issues that impact quality of education and daily life.

Student Privacy

Promoting the health, wellness, and safety of Ohio students is our top priority. We recognize that we have a responsibility to protect their privacy — and it is a responsibility we do not take lightly. We work in close partnership with Ohio schools and take extensive care to ensure the safe, confidential, and successful administration of OHYES!.

Using OHYES! Results

The OHYES! provides actionable local data, empowering the creation of programs that better support students at the school, district, and community level. This data tracks progress toward educational and student wellness goals and reveals patterns of behavior over time.

Where Can I Find More Information?

Please visit the Ohio Youth Survey website youthsurveys.ohio.gov or contact us at info@ohyes.ohio.gov

We share a common goal:
a roadblock-free path to success for our students