

2004 Minnesota Student Survey

TABLE 1
SAMPLE DESCRIPTION
Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Total number of surveys		603	100%	626	100%	471	100%
Gender	Male	315	52%	307	49%	230	49%
	Female	288	48%	319	51%	241	51%
Age	11 or younger	172	29%	0	0%	0	0%
	12	413	68%	0	0%	0	0%
	13	17	3%	2	0%	0	0%
	14	0	0%	160	26%	0	0%
	15	0	0%	445	71%	0	0%
	16	0	0%	16	3%	0	0%
	17	0	0%	0	0%	154	33%
	18	0	0%	0	0%	298	63%
	19-20	0	0%	0	0%	16	3%
	No answer	1	0%	3	0%	3	1%
Race/ethnicity	American Indian	7	1%	5	1%	2	0%
	Black or African American	15	2%	14	2%	10	2%
	Hispanic or Latino	15	2%	9	1%	9	2%
	Asian American or Pacific Islander	11	2%	9	1%	5	1%
	White	463	77%	534	85%	427	91%
	Mixed race (checked more than one race/ethnicity)	39	6%	31	5%	10	2%
	I don't know / no answer	53	9%	24	4%	8	2%

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TABLE 2
FEELINGS ABOUT SCHOOL, SCHOOL PLANS, AND TRUANCY
Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
How do you feel about going to school?	I like school very much	13%	25%	12%	12%	9%	8%
	I like school quite a bit	37%	47%	19%	36%	32%	38%
	I like school a little	28%	18%	34%	30%	38%	30%
	I don't like school very much	14%	7%	18%	16%	16%	16%
	I hate school	9%	3%	17%	7%	6%	8%
Which of these best describes your school plans?	I would like to quit school as soon as I can	3%	3%	6%	0%	1%	0%
	I plan to finish high school but won't go to college	8%	8%	12%	4%	6%	4%
	I'd like to go to some kind of trade or vocational school	1%	1%	8%	2%	26%	11%
	I'd like to go to college after high school	62%	58%	50%	61%	44%	51%
	I'd like to go to college and then to graduate school	26%	30%	24%	33%	22%	34%
During the last 30 days, how often have you skipped or cut full days of school?	Never	84%	84%	74%	78%	62%	60%
	Once or twice	11%	12%	17%	16%	24%	31%
	3 to 5 times	5%	2%	4%	5%	10%	7%
	6 to 10 times	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	More than 10 times	0%	0%	4%	0%	3%	0%

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**TABLE 3
ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**

Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Mark the two grades you get the most often.	A only	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
	A and B only	51%	67%	41%	55%	43%	63%
	B only	3%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%
	B and C only	24%	14%	28%	24%	37%	26%
	C only	4%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%
	C and D only	3%	2%	14%	10%	13%	4%
	D only	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	D and F only	2%	0%	5%	4%	1%	1%
	F only	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%
	Not applicable or no answer	10%	11%	6%	3%	3%	3%

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**TABLE 4
PERCEPTIONS OF SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
*Blue Earth County***

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
How many students in your school are friendly?	All	5%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%
	Most	52%	58%	57%	64%	74%	67%
	Some	33%	34%	31%	29%	18%	27%
	A few	10%	4%	8%	6%	4%	4%
	None	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%
How many students in your school behave well in the hallways and lunchroom?	All	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	1%
	Most	41%	45%	42%	47%	57%	51%
	Some	38%	38%	38%	38%	33%	39%
	A few	17%	13%	13%	10%	8%	9%
	None	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%
How many students in your school have made fun of or threatened students of different races or backgrounds?	All	2%	2%	5%	2%	1%	0%
	Most	12%	8%	16%	10%	9%	5%
	Some	17%	17%	28%	35%	35%	32%
	A few	40%	48%	37%	45%	45%	55%
	None	29%	24%	14%	9%	11%	7%
How many of your teachers are interested in you as a person?	All	29%	34%	8%	6%	7%	6%
	Most	35%	35%	29%	30%	42%	40%
	Some	19%	15%	27%	31%	31%	31%
	A few	10%	12%	23%	26%	18%	21%
	None	7%	4%	13%	8%	1%	2%
How many of your teachers show respect for students?	All	51%	60%	29%	22%	26%	21%
	Most	32%	26%	36%	52%	52%	54%
	Some	8%	7%	17%	16%	17%	15%
	A few	6%	6%	11%	10%	5%	10%
	None	2%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%

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TABLE 5
PERCEPTIONS OF SCHOOL SAFETY
Blue Earth County

<i>How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?</i>		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
I feel safe going to and from school	Strongly agree	53%	48%	46%	38%	69%	60%
	Agree	41%	48%	46%	58%	30%	39%
	Disagree	4%	3%	5%	3%	0%	0%
	Strongly disagree	2%	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%
I feel safe at school	Strongly agree	50%	56%	39%	32%	62%	52%
	Agree	41%	38%	47%	61%	37%	46%
	Disagree	7%	5%	10%	6%	1%	2%
	Strongly disagree	2%	1%	4%	2%	0%	0%
Bathrooms in this school are a safe place to be	Strongly agree	30%	36%	28%	26%	58%	56%
	Agree	44%	50%	48%	61%	36%	38%
	Disagree	19%	11%	15%	11%	5%	5%
	Strongly disagree	7%	3%	9%	2%	1%	1%
Illegal gang activity is a problem at this school	Strongly agree	7%	6%	9%	3%	2%	1%
	Agree	11%	12%	12%	16%	4%	3%
	Disagree	28%	31%	45%	53%	34%	32%
	Strongly disagree	54%	51%	34%	28%	60%	64%
Student use of alcohol or drugs is a problem at this school	Strongly agree	7%	7%	28%	31%	12%	17%
	Agree	13%	10%	36%	47%	44%	47%
	Disagree	23%	32%	28%	18%	35%	31%
	Strongly disagree	57%	50%	8%	3%	9%	5%

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TABLE 6
VICTIMIZATION AT SCHOOL
Blue Earth County

			Grade					
			6th		9th		12th	
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
			%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 12 months, has anyone offered, sold, or given you an illegal drug on school property? During the last 12 months, how many times has someone stolen or deliberately damaged your property at school?	Yes		4%	2%	25%	21%	24%	15%
	No		96%	98%	75%	79%	76%	85%
	0 times		58%	56%	51%	66%	67%	70%
	1 time		22%	23%	21%	20%	20%	20%
	2 or 3 times		13%	15%	21%	10%	8%	9%
	4 or 5 times		3%	4%	2%	1%	3%	0%
	6 or more times		4%	3%	5%	3%	1%	0%
During the last 30 days, how many days did you not go to school because you felt unsafe at school or going to/from school?	0 days		96%	93%	93%	94%	97%	98%
	1 day		3%	6%	3%	3%	1%	2%
	2 or 3 days		1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%
	4 or 5 days		0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	6 or more days		0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
During the last 12 months, which of the following has happened to you on school property? Has a student:	Insulted you?	Yes	69%	64%	66%	55%	56%	37%
		No	31%	36%	34%	45%	44%	63%
	Threatened you?	Yes	32%	26%	38%	18%	24%	5%
		No	68%	74%	62%	82%	76%	95%
	Pushed, shoved, or grabbed you?	Yes	64%	49%	53%	36%	33%	14%
		No	36%	51%	47%	64%	67%	86%
	Kicked, bitten, or hit you?	Yes	49%	34%	37%	21%	16%	3%
		No	51%	66%	63%	79%	84%	97%
	Stabbed you or fired a gun at you?	Yes	2%	0%	6%	1%	2%	0%
		No	98%	100%	94%	99%	98%	100%

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**TABLE 7A
ACTIVITIES
Blue Earth County**

<i>During the school year, how many hours in a typical week do you spend doing the following?</i>		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Homework or study	0 hours	11%	6%	15%	6%	12%	3%
	1-2 hours	50%	49%	45%	33%	46%	31%
	3-5 hours	24%	22%	24%	35%	24%	35%
	6-10 hours	8%	13%	10%	16%	11%	20%
	11-20 hours	4%	6%	3%	8%	4%	9%
	21 hours or more	3%	4%	3%	1%	3%	2%
Band, choir, orchestra, music lessons, or practicing voice or an instrument	0 hours	54%	33%	61%	44%	66%	57%
	1-2 hours	27%	36%	13%	20%	11%	10%
	3-5 hours	10%	20%	14%	23%	12%	20%
	6-10 hours	4%	6%	5%	9%	5%	12%
	11-20 hours	1%	4%	3%	3%	4%	2%
	21 hours or more	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	0%
Activities-Clubs or organizations outside of school	0 hours	64%	45%	51%	38%	53%	41%
	1-2 hours	17%	28%	22%	28%	25%	25%
	3-5 hours	9%	18%	12%	14%	14%	16%
	6-10 hours	5%	5%	9%	11%	6%	12%
	11-20 hours	2%	3%	3%	6%	1%	5%
	21 hours or more	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Activities-Playing sports on a school team	0 hours	58%	55%	43%	44%	56%	64%
	1-2 hours	14%	19%	7%	6%	5%	5%
	3-5 hours	12%	14%	12%	11%	7%	3%
	6-10 hours	8%	7%	14%	19%	12%	16%
	11-20 hours	3%	3%	15%	16%	16%	11%
	21 hours or more	5%	2%	9%	4%	4%	2%

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**TABLE 7B
ACTIVITIES
Blue Earth County**

<i>During the school year, how many hours in a typical week do you spend doing the following?</i>		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Activities-Other physical activities	0 hours	10%	17%	17%	15%	20%	19%
	1-2 hours	25%	33%	21%	30%	28%	39%
	3-5 hours	28%	26%	31%	30%	25%	22%
	6-10 hours	18%	13%	15%	14%	16%	14%
	11-20 hours	10%	6%	6%	8%	9%	6%
	21 hours or more	10%	5%	9%	3%	2%	1%
Attending services, groups, or programs at a church, synagogue, or mosque	0 hours	40%	29%	42%	28%	55%	41%
	1-2 hours	40%	46%	36%	43%	38%	46%
	3-5 hours	13%	20%	15%	21%	4%	11%
	6-10 hours	2%	2%	3%	7%	1%	2%
	11-20 hours	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%
	21 hours or more	3%	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%
Activities-Reading for pleasure	0 hours	29%	16%	54%	21%	47%	29%
	1-2 hours	41%	46%	26%	45%	35%	37%
	3-5 hours	17%	22%	9%	21%	11%	21%
	6-10 hours	5%	7%	5%	6%	3%	8%
	11-20 hours	4%	4%	4%	4%	2%	3%
	21 hours or more	4%	5%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Activities-Watching TV or videos	0 hours	3%	3%	4%	3%	6%	4%
	1-2 hours	24%	29%	16%	26%	26%	27%
	3-5 hours	28%	31%	27%	34%	30%	34%
	6-10 hours	21%	23%	24%	22%	21%	24%
	11-20 hours	10%	7%	15%	8%	10%	9%
	21 hours or more	13%	6%	13%	7%	7%	3%
Activities-Playing computer or video games	0 hours	10%	17%	8%	18%	24%	47%
	1-2 hours	28%	44%	25%	29%	28%	31%
	3-5 hours	27%	18%	27%	26%	20%	12%
	6-10 hours	14%	13%	20%	15%	16%	7%
	11-20 hours	8%	4%	10%	6%	7%	1%
	21 hours or more	12%	4%	11%	4%	5%	3%

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**TABLE 7C
ACTIVITIES**

Blue Earth County

<i>During the school year, how many hours in a typical week do you spend doing the following?</i>		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Activities-Volunteer work or community service	0 hours	73%	63%	68%	61%	68%	52%
	1-2 hours	19%	28%	23%	29%	25%	31%
	3-5 hours	6%	6%	4%	7%	4%	13%
	6-10 hours	1%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%
	11-20 hours	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
	21 hours or more	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Chores at home/babysitting for family	0 hours	20%	11%	25%	9%	35%	17%
	1-2 hours	44%	36%	42%	39%	44%	48%
	3-5 hours	19%	28%	20%	29%	13%	19%
	6-10 hours	9%	15%	6%	16%	4%	11%
	11-20 hours	3%	5%	3%	4%	1%	3%
	21 hours or more	5%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Work for pay (including babysitting for others)	0 hours	47%	31%	46%	28%	30%	16%
	1-2 hours	28%	28%	17%	25%	5%	7%
	3-5 hours	14%	23%	13%	22%	9%	13%
	6-10 hours	5%	12%	13%	15%	13%	22%
	11-20 hours	4%	3%	7%	7%	22%	24%
	21 hours or more	3%	2%	5%	4%	22%	19%
Activities-Hanging out	0 hours	8%	4%	7%	2%	2%	2%
	1-2 hours	21%	17%	16%	12%	8%	8%
	3-5 hours	24%	27%	21%	27%	22%	27%
	6-10 hours	18%	23%	21%	23%	24%	25%
	11-20 hours	12%	11%	11%	19%	23%	23%
	21 hours or more	17%	18%	23%	18%	21%	15%

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TABLE 8
COMPUTER USE AT HOME
Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Do you use a computer at home?	Yes	90%	92%	93%	94%	92%	92%
	No	10%	8%	7%	6%	8%	8%

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Do you use the Internet at home?	Yes	85%	85%	91%	91%	87%	90%
	No	15%	15%	9%	9%	13%	10%
What do you use the Internet for at home? (Mark all that apply)	E-mail	48%	69%	69%	83%	68%	83%
	Surfing the web	60%	58%	75%	67%	71%	66%
	Chat rooms	31%	36%	45%	45%	28%	22%
	Listening to or downloading music	31%	40%	63%	67%	61%	55%
	Playing games	71%	70%	67%	53%	45%	28%
	Entertainment or sports	38%	15%	51%	24%	40%	15%
	Homework or other research	58%	71%	64%	81%	74%	83%
	Shopping	15%	11%	20%	31%	30%	32%

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TABLE 9
FAMILY COMPOSITION AND PARENTAL COMMUNICATION
Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Which adults do you live with?	Both biological parents	61%	67%	59%	61%	65%	63%
	Both adoptive parents	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
	Mother and stepfather	5%	3%	2%	7%	5%	9%
	Father and stepmother	2%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%
	Mother only	11%	13%	20%	18%	13%	15%
	Father only	1%	1%	6%	2%	4%	4%
	Sometimes with mother, sometimes with father	14%	9%	7%	7%	3%	3%
	Other	4%	5%	3%	2%	6%	3%
	No adults or no answer	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%
Can you talk to your father about problems you are having?	Yes, most of the time	43%	27%	39%	22%	40%	23%
	Yes, some of the time	31%	37%	33%	30%	35%	36%
	No, not very often	11%	22%	13%	25%	15%	18%
	No, not at all	6%	7%	8%	14%	3%	14%
	My father is not around	9%	7%	7%	9%	7%	8%
Can you talk to your mother about problems you are having?	Yes, most of the time	57%	67%	48%	49%	50%	53%
	Yes, some of the time	28%	24%	34%	32%	35%	34%
	No, not very often	8%	7%	10%	10%	10%	7%
	No, not at all	4%	1%	4%	6%	4%	4%
	My mother is not around	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%

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**TABLE 10
PERCEPTIONS OF FAMILY CARING
*Blue Earth County***

<i>How much do you feel ...</i>		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
... your parents care about you?	Not at all	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%
	A little	2%	1%	2%	5%	4%	2%
	Some	3%	1%	8%	7%	5%	6%
	Quite a bit	8%	6%	12%	14%	19%	13%
	Very much	87%	92%	76%	73%	71%	77%
... other adult relatives care about you?	Not at all	1%	1%	4%	3%	1%	1%
	A little	3%	1%	3%	7%	5%	5%
	Some	8%	6%	11%	13%	15%	12%
	Quite a bit	18%	15%	28%	23%	32%	29%
	Very much	70%	77%	54%	55%	47%	54%
... your family cares about your feelings?	Not at all	5%	2%	6%	5%	1%	3%
	A little	7%	4%	8%	9%	8%	7%
	Some	12%	10%	16%	21%	18%	17%
	Quite a bit	19%	23%	28%	27%	31%	26%
	Very much	57%	62%	42%	38%	42%	46%
... your family understands you?	Not at all	10%	6%	12%	16%	10%	9%
	A little	8%	10%	14%	17%	14%	14%
	Some	15%	16%	27%	28%	29%	29%
	Quite a bit	29%	31%	24%	21%	27%	24%
	Very much	38%	37%	24%	18%	21%	24%
... your family has lots of fun together?	Not at all	5%	5%	10%	9%	7%	7%
	A little	12%	9%	16%	21%	18%	18%
	Some	17%	15%	23%	21%	29%	26%
	Quite a bit	28%	31%	25%	24%	28%	22%
	Very much	38%	40%	26%	24%	18%	27%
... your family respects your privacy?	Not at all	8%	6%	13%	16%	12%	4%
	A little	12%	9%	11%	15%	8%	15%
	Some	13%	15%	22%	20%	22%	20%
	Quite a bit	30%	31%	26%	25%	34%	30%
	Very much	37%	39%	28%	25%	24%	31%

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TABLE 11
PERCEPTIONS OF OTHERS CARING
Blue Earth County

<i>How much do you feel ...</i>		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
... friends care about you?	Not at all A	2%	0%	4%	2%	1%	0%
	little Some	12%	10%	9%	8%	5%	5%
	Quite a bit	24%	13%	28%	12%	20%	18%
	Very much	36%	30%	33%	33%	44%	33%
	Not at all	27%	47%	26%	44%	29%	44%
... teachers or other adults at school care about you? *	A little	5%	3%	12%	7%	3%	3%
	Some	12%	10%	21%	24%	20%	22%
	Quite a bit	20%	18%	32%	38%	34%	31%
	Very much	30%	34%	23%	24%	32%	36%
	Not at all	33%	35%	12%	6%	12%	8%
... church or spiritual leaders care about you? *	A little	18%	9%	23%	20%	19%	19%
	Some	10%	11%	14%	10%	16%	20%
	Quite a bit	16%	18%	17%	23%	20%	20%
	Very much	26%	32%	24%	23%	27%	27%
	Not at all	30%	30%	22%	24%	17%	14%
... police officers care about you?	A little	13%	8%	33%	25%	28%	24%
	Some	14%	10%	19%	23%	25%	32%
	Quite a bit	17%	18%	24%	29%	31%	29%
	Very much	27%	27%	16%	17%	13%	11%
	Not at all	29%	38%	9%	6%	3%	4%
... other adults in your community care about you?	A little	11%	5%	16%	15%	11%	12%
	Some	12%	12%	22%	25%	25%	28%
	Quite a bit	29%	25%	34%	31%	37%	38%
	Very much	26%	33%	16%	25%	23%	17%
		22%	26%	12%	5%	5%	5%

* Variations in wording for this item affect year-to-year comparisons.

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**TABLE 12
FAMILY SUBSTANCE ABUSE
*Blue Earth County***

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Has alcohol use by any family member repeatedly caused family, health, job, or legal problems?	Yes	14%	17%	14%	23%	11%	24%
	No	86%	83%	86%	77%	89%	76%
Whose use? (Mark all that apply)	Family alc problems-Parent who lives with me	8%	6%	8%	10%	4%	9%
	Family alc problems-Parent who doesn't live with me	4%	3%	3%	6%	2%	4%
	Family alc problems-Other relative	7%	10%	7%	10%	7%	13%
Has drug use by any family member repeatedly caused family, health, job, or legal problems?	Yes	14%	11%	12%	15%	6%	12%
	No	86%	89%	88%	85%	94%	88%
Whose use? (Mark all that apply)	Family drug problems-Parent who lives with me	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%
	Family drug problems-Parent who doesn't live with me	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%
	Family drug problems-Other relative	10%	7%	8%	10%	4%	6%

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**TABLE 13
FAMILY/DATE VIOLENCE
*Blue Earth County***

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Have you ever been the victim of violence on a date? *	Yes			6%	5%	3%	6%
	No			94%	95%	97%	94%
Has any adult in your household ever hit you so hard that you had marks or were afraid of that person?	Yes	15%	12%	9%	15%	5%	9%
	No	85%	88%	91%	85%	95%	91%
Has anyone in your family ever hit anyone else in the family so hard that they had marks or were afraid of that person?	Yes	13%	14%	9%	17%	5%	10%
	No	87%	86%	91%	83%	95%	90%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 14
SEXUAL ABUSE
Blue Earth County**

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Have you ever been the victim of date rape? *	Yes			4%	4%	2%	5%
	No			96%	96%	98%	95%
Has any older person outside the family touched you sexually against your wishes or forced you to touch them sexually?	Yes	5%	8%	4%	10%	1%	8%
	No	95%	92%	96%	90%	99%	92%
Has any older/stronger member of your family touched you sexually or had you touch them sexually?	Yes	3%	3%	2%	5%	1%	4%
	No	97%	97%	98%	95%	99%	96%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 15
GENERAL HEALTH ISSUES
Blue Earth County**

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
When was the last time you had a physical exam?	Within the last 12 months	53%	49%	32%	28%	37%	36%
	1-2 years ago	25%	35%	51%	58%	41%	46%
	3-4 years ago	9%	6%	10%	10%	14%	12%
	More than 4 years ago	5%	3%	1%	1%	5%	5%
	I have never had a physical exam	8%	7%	5%	3%	3%	2%
Have you ever been treated for an alcohol or other drug problem? *	No			96%	98%	91%	96%
	Yes			4%	2%	9%	4%
Do you have a mental or physical health problem that has lasted at least 12 months?	No	83%	88%	87%	79%	84%	83%
	Yes	17%	13%	13%	21%	16%	17%
In the past 12 months, how often have you blacked out because someone hit you in the head?	Never	92%	96%	89%	97%	96%	99%
	Once	7%	3%	7%	3%	4%	0%
	Two times or more	2%	1%	4%	1%	0%	1%
In the past 12 months, how often have you blacked out because you fell or were accidentally hit in the head?	Never	81%	84%	77%	84%	91%	94%
	Once	15%	12%	16%	14%	7%	5%
	Two times or more	4%	4%	6%	2%	2%	2%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 16
WEIGHT-RELATED ISSUES
Blue Earth County**

			Grade					
			6th		9th		12th	
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
			%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 12 months, have you ever eaten so much in a short time that you felt out of control (binge-eating)? *	Yes				14%	28%	12%	31%
	No				86%	72%	88%	69%
At the present time, do you think you are...	Underweight		16%	13%	9%	10%	10%	8%
	About the right weight		69%	67%	71%	65%	72%	67%
	Overweight		15%	20%	20%	24%	19%	25%
During the last 12 months, have you done any of the following to lose or control weight? (Mark all that apply) *	Exercise	Yes			68%	79%	55%	77%
		No			32%	21%	45%	23%
	Fast or skip meals	Yes			17%	42%	15%	41%
		No			83%	58%	85%	59%
	Smoke cigarettes	Yes			5%	6%	7%	13%
		No			95%	94%	93%	87%
	Use diet pills or speed	Yes			2%	8%	1%	5%
		No			98%	92%	99%	95%
	Vomit on purpose after eating	Yes			3%	11%	0%	8%
		No			97%	89%	100%	92%
	Use laxatives	Yes			3%	2%	3%	2%
		No			97%	98%	97%	98%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

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**TABLE 17
EXERCISE**

Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
On how many of the last 7 days did you exercise or play sports that made you sweat or breathe hard for at least 20 minutes?	0 days	9%	11%	14%	11%	15%	21%
	1 day	5%	9%	4%	7%	16%	16%
	2 days	11%	14%	12%	13%	15%	17%
	3 days	13%	11%	7%	12%	8%	12%
	4 days	15%	18%	15%	14%	13%	8%
	5 days	15%	18%	20%	24%	15%	14%
	6 days	7%	6%	10%	11%	6%	5%
	7 days	26%	13%	18%	8%	12%	6%
On how many of the last 7 days were you physically active for a combined total of at least 30 minutes?	0 days	6%	5%	7%	6%	11%	13%
	1 day	5%	8%	4%	8%	10%	13%
	2 days	14%	16%	8%	11%	14%	18%
	3 days	9%	17%	10%	10%	9%	11%
	4 days	13%	15%	13%	13%	13%	11%
	5 days	15%	17%	20%	24%	16%	17%
	6 days	8%	7%	12%	10%	8%	7%
	7 days	29%	15%	26%	17%	18%	10%

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TABLE 18
NUTRITION
Blue Earth County

<i>How many glasses of each of the following did you drink yesterday?</i>		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Milk	0 glasses	11%	14%	12%	24%	17%	31%
	1-2 glasses	49%	52%	44%	53%	54%	52%
	3-4 glasses	30%	26%	28%	18%	20%	14%
	5 or more glasses	10%	8%	16%	5%	8%	3%
100% fruit juice	0 glasses	42%	42%	44%	46%	41%	54%
	1-2 glasses	39%	41%	39%	42%	42%	38%
	3-4 glasses	11%	11%	9%	10%	11%	7%
	5 or more glasses	8%	5%	8%	3%	6%	2%
Fruit juice drinks	0 glasses	46%	48%	47%	48%	56%	58%
	1-2 glasses	34%	38%	37%	40%	33%	36%
	3-4 glasses	12%	9%	8%	9%	7%	4%
	5 or more glasses	7%	4%	7%	3%	4%	2%
Pop or soda	0 glasses	31%	44%	22%	43%	22%	40%
	1-2 glasses	44%	46%	41%	41%	47%	44%
	3-4 glasses	12%	7%	20%	12%	22%	13%
	5 or more glasses	13%	3%	17%	4%	9%	3%
Sports drinks	0 glasses	61%	80%	62%	79%	73%	83%
	1-2 glasses	20%	11%	22%	17%	20%	13%
	3-4 glasses	9%	5%	8%	3%	4%	3%
	5 or more glasses	10%	4%	7%	2%	3%	0%
Water	0 glasses	7%	4%	11%	9%	10%	11%
	1-2 glasses	22%	23%	24%	33%	34%	31%
	3-4 glasses	27%	30%	27%	29%	27%	25%
	5 or more glasses	44%	43%	38%	29%	29%	33%
How many servings of fruits, fruit juices, or vegetables did you eat yesterday?	0 servings	7%	5%	8%	7%	10%	5%
	1 serving	11%	10%	16%	15%	13%	13%
	2 servings	20%	20%	20%	22%	27%	26%
	3 servings	24%	25%	20%	22%	24%	26%
	4 servings	19%	20%	14%	17%	12%	17%
	5 or more servings	20%	20%	23%	17%	14%	13%

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TABLE 19
SEAT BELT USE
Blue Earth County

<i>How often do you wear a seat belt when you ...</i>		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
...ride in a car?	Never	3%	1%	6%	3%	7%	1%
	Sometimes	17%	7%	23%	14%	21%	16%
	Often	32%	29%	28%	29%	27%	25%
	Always	48%	62%	43%	54%	45%	58%
...drive a car? *	I never do this activity			28%	39%	7%	3%
	Never			3%	3%	7%	2%
	Sometimes			9%	5%	16%	8%
	Often			7%	5%	12%	15%
	Always			53%	48%	59%	74%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

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TABLE 20
SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON RISK BEHAVIORS
Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Where have you received most of your information about alcohol and other drugs? (Mark all that apply)	Alc-drug info: Friends or peers	29%	36%	56%	76%	77%	87%
	Alc-drug info: Parents	56%	68%	51%	56%	48%	53%
	Alc-drug info: Brothers or sisters	23%	23%	24%	30%	23%	35%
	Alc-drug info: School, teachers, or counselors	78%	87%	59%	71%	64%	61%
	Alc-drug info: Clinics, doctors, or nurses	18%	21%	8%	13%	10%	11%
	Alc-drug info: Internet	12%	13%	20%	19%	19%	17%
	Alc-drug info: TV, radio, magazines, newspapers, or books	34%	39%	39%	44%	41%	58%
	Alc-drug info: I do not know much about alcohol or drugs	5%	3%	7%	3%	5%	1%
Where have you received most of your information about sex? (Mark all that apply)	Sex info: Friends or peers	28%	31%	61%	71%	69%	83%
	Sex info: Parents	45%	59%	40%	48%	40%	41%
	Sex info: Brothers or sisters	14%	12%	19%	21%	13%	18%
	Sex info: School, teachers, or counselors	77%	71%	57%	67%	63%	58%
	Sex info: Clinics, doctors, or nurses	14%	13%	7%	10%	10%	21%
	Sex info: Internet	11%	7%	30%	13%	28%	13%
	Sex info: TV, radio, magazines, newspapers, or books	22%	19%	36%	38%	43%	57%
	Sex info: I do not know much about sex	5%	8%	3%	2%	3%	1%

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TABLE 21
SELF-ESTEEM *
Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
I usually feel good about myself.	Disagree	5%	6%	5%	15%	5%	5%
	Mostly disagree	3%	7%	7%	14%	7%	11%
	Mostly agree	42%	38%	46%	44%	39%	57%
	Agree	50%	49%	43%	28%	49%	27%
I am able to do things as well as most other people my age.	Disagree	4%	6%	7%	8%	3%	3%
	Mostly disagree	4%	2%	7%	7%	2%	3%
	Mostly agree	37%	37%	37%	43%	31%	47%
	Agree	55%	55%	50%	42%	64%	47%
On the whole, I'm satisfied with myself.	Disagree	5%	7%	7%	15%	4%	7%
	Mostly disagree	2%	4%	7%	10%	6%	10%
	Mostly agree	34%	38%	40%	43%	34%	49%
	Agree	59%	52%	47%	32%	56%	34%
I feel I do not have much to be proud of.	Agree	10%	7%	10%	13%	4%	5%
	Mostly agree	11%	12%	13%	16%	9%	9%
	Mostly disagree	23%	23%	28%	30%	26%	37%
	Disagree	56%	59%	49%	41%	60%	49%
Sometimes I think that I am no good.	Agree	18%	20%	13%	25%	8%	11%
	Mostly agree	12%	15%	12%	20%	10%	17%
	Mostly disagree	24%	27%	25%	25%	25%	37%
	Disagree	47%	38%	49%	30%	58%	35%
I feel that I can't do anything right.	Agree	11%	9%	7%	14%	3%	3%
	Mostly agree	11%	8%	8%	19%	6%	12%
	Mostly disagree	24%	28%	28%	30%	24%	40%
	Disagree	54%	54%	57%	37%	68%	46%
I feel that my life is not very useful.	Agree	11%	9%	8%	12%	4%	1%
	Mostly agree	10%	8%	9%	14%	7%	11%
	Mostly disagree	21%	24%	24%	25%	18%	31%
	Disagree	57%	59%	59%	49%	70%	57%

* Responses on this table have been ordered so that the highest risk response is always first and the lowest risk response is always last.

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TABLE 22
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING/DISTRESS
Blue Earth County

<i>During the last 30 days ...</i>		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
... how has your mood been?	Very bad	3%	1%	3%	3%	1%	0%
	Bad	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%
	Up and down a lot	47%	52%	34%	58%	36%	56%
	Very good	34%	33%	43%	29%	42%	38%
	Excellent	13%	11%	17%	7%	18%	3%
... have you felt you were under any stress or pressure?	Yes, almost more than I could take	9%	9%	8%	20%	8%	16%
	Yes, quite a bit of pressure	10%	8%	18%	24%	27%	37%
	Yes, more than usual	15%	15%	13%	15%	18%	21%
	Yes, a little	47%	56%	46%	37%	38%	22%
	Not at all	20%	12%	15%	4%	9%	3%
... have you felt sad?	All the time	3%	3%	4%	7%	1%	3%
	Most of the time	7%	10%	6%	16%	5%	10%
	Some of the time	23%	25%	22%	37%	25%	42%
	Little of the time	48%	51%	43%	35%	50%	40%
	None of the time	19%	11%	24%	5%	18%	5%
... have you felt so discouraged or hopeless that you wondered if anything was worthwhile?	Extremely so, to the point that I have just about given up	4%	6%	4%	9%	2%	2%
	Quite a bit	7%	6%	7%	14%	5%	7%
	Some, enough to bother me	13%	13%	11%	19%	12%	18%
	A little bit	25%	27%	27%	26%	23%	35%
	Not at all	51%	48%	51%	31%	58%	38%
... have you felt nervous, worried, or upset?	All the time	5%	3%	5%	8%	1%	4%
	Most of the time	9%	10%	5%	19%	6%	8%
	Some of the time	23%	29%	29%	31%	32%	43%
	Little of the time	45%	47%	41%	34%	45%	41%
	None of the time	18%	11%	20%	7%	15%	5%
... how satisfied have you been with your personal life?	Very dissatisfied	5%	3%	3%	9%	3%	2%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	12%	15%	12%	22%	16%	18%
	Satisfied	29%	35%	35%	40%	30%	45%
	Very satisfied	35%	30%	33%	21%	36%	27%
	Extremely satisfied	19%	17%	17%	7%	15%	8%

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TABLE 23
SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND BEHAVIOR
Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Have you ever thought about killing yourself?	No	79%	74%	71%	50%	71%	47%
	Yes, during the last year	13%	19%	17%	35%	16%	22%
	Yes, more than a year ago	9%	7%	12%	16%	13%	31%
Have you ever tried to kill yourself?	No	94%	91%	92%	80%	93%	84%
	Yes, during the last year	3%	7%	5%	14%	3%	4%
	Yes, more than a year ago	4%	2%	4%	6%	5%	12%

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TABLE 24
GAMBLING BEHAVIOR *
Blue Earth County

<i>During the last 12 months, how often have you done these activities?</i>		Grade			
		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
Played cards for money	Not at all	46%	79%	44%	82%
	Less than once a month	23%	15%	18%	12%
	About once a month	13%	3%	17%	5%
	About once a week	12%	2%	13%	1%
	Daily	6%	1%	8%	0%
Bet on games of personal skill like pool, golf, or bowling	Not at all	58%	85%	59%	87%
	Less than once a month	17%	12%	17%	9%
	About once a month	12%	2%	15%	3%
	About once a week	9%	1%	6%	0%
	Daily	4%	1%	3%	0%
Bet money on sports teams	Not at all	61%	87%	65%	93%
	Less than once a month	19%	10%	24%	4%
	About once a month	9%	3%	6%	2%
	About once a week	7%	1%	3%	1%
	Daily	4%	0%	2%	0%
Bought lottery tickets or scratch-offs	Not at all	87%	91%	50%	64%
	Less than once a month	6%	5%	20%	25%
	About once a month	1%	3%	14%	7%
	About once a week	3%	1%	12%	3%
	Daily	3%	0%	4%	1%
Gambled in a casino	Not at all	94%	97%	73%	76%
	Less than once a month	2%	1%	12%	19%
	About once a month	1%	0%	8%	3%
	About once a week	0%	0%	5%	2%
	Daily	2%	1%	2%	0%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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TABLE 25
GAMBLING CONSEQUENCES *
Blue Earth County

<i>During the last 12 months, have you ever felt ...</i>		Grade			
		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
... bad about the amount you bet, or about what happens when you bet money?	Yes	6%	3%	13%	1%
	No	52%	26%	56%	40%
	I don't bet for money	42%	71%	31%	59%
... that you would like to stop betting money but didn't think you could?	Yes	3%	3%	4%	0%
	No	55%	26%	65%	41%
	I don't bet for money	42%	71%	31%	59%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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TABLE 26
DESTRUCTIVE AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR
Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 12 months, how often have you run away from home?	Never	91%	89%	89%	87%	90%	92%
	Once or twice	7%	8%	6%	10%	7%	7%
	3 to 5 times	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%
	6 to 10 times	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	More than 10 times	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%
During the last 12 months, how often have you damaged or destroyed property at school or somewhere else?	Never	73%	87%	63%	82%	71%	89%
	Once or twice	19%	10%	23%	13%	22%	9%
	3 to 5 times	4%	1%	7%	3%	3%	1%
	6 to 10 times	2%	0%	3%	2%	2%	0%
	More than 10 times	3%	1%	4%	1%	2%	0%
During the last 12 months, how often have you hit or beat up another person?	Never	61%	80%	56%	78%	75%	92%
	Once or twice	26%	16%	30%	16%	16%	7%
	3 to 5 times	7%	2%	7%	4%	5%	1%
	6 to 10 times	3%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%
	More than 10 times	3%	2%	5%	1%	3%	0%
During the last 12 months, how often have you taken something from a store without paying for it?	Never	89%	91%	74%	81%	78%	84%
	Once or twice	9%	6%	15%	11%	14%	9%
	3 to 5 times	1%	1%	5%	3%	4%	3%
	6 to 10 times	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%
	More than 10 times	0%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Do you get a real kick out of doing things that are a little dangerous?	Not at all A	38%	62%	21%	39%	18%	37%
	little Quite	38%	29%	41%	45%	51%	52%
	a bit Very	14%	5%	20%	10%	19%	8%
	much	11%	3%	17%	6%	11%	3%
On how many of the last 30 days did you carry a gun on school property?	0 days	99%	100%	95%	99%	96%	99%
	1 day	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%
	2 or 3 days	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	4 or 5 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	6 or more days	0%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%
On how many of the last 30 days did you carry a weapon (other than a gun) on school property?	0 days	95%	99%	86%	95%	89%	98%
	1 day	3%	0%	7%	2%	4%	1%
	2 or 3 days	1%	0%	3%	1%	2%	0%
	4 or 5 days	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	6 or more days	1%	0%	4%	3%	4%	1%

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TABLE 27
SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE USE *
Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Use of any tobacco products during the past year	No	95%	96%	77%	77%	49%	54%
	Yes	5%	4%	23%	23%	51%	46%
DAILY use of any tobacco products during the past year	No	99%	99%	94%	95%	75%	84%
	Yes	1%	1%	6%	5%	25%	16%
Frequent binge drinking in the past year (typically drank 5 or more drinks at a time and drank on 10 or more occasions during the past year)	No	100%	100%	92%	96%	68%	79%
	Yes	0%	0%	8%	4%	32%	21%
Any alcohol and/or other drug use during the past year (excluding tobacco)	No alcohol or other drug use in the past year	85%	87%	55%	50%	35%	26%
	Used only alcohol in the past year	11%	9%	23%	30%	32%	38%
	Used only other drugs in the past year	2%	2%	3%	2%	0%	1%
	Used both alcohol and other drugs in the past year	2%	2%	19%	18%	33%	35%

* These are all computed variables based on combinations of responses to two or more survey items.

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TABLE 28
CIGARETTE USE
Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 12 months, how often have you used cigarettes? *	Not at all	95%	96%	84%	77%	60%	58%
	Less than monthly	4%	3%	6%	11%	9%	16%
	Monthly	0%	0%	3%	3%	2%	6%
	Weekly	1%	0%	1%	3%	8%	6%
	Daily	1%	1%	6%	5%	21%	15%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you smoke a cigarette?	0 days	97%	97%	86%	83%	64%	66%
	1 or 2 days	1%	2%	4%	8%	7%	9%
	3 to 5 days	0%	1%	3%	2%	2%	4%
	6 to 9 days	0%	0%	1%	2%	4%	2%
	10 to 19 days	0%	0%	1%	1%	5%	7%
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	1%	2%	5%	3%
	All 30 days	0%	0%	4%	3%	14%	9%
During the last 30 days, how frequently have you smoked cigarettes?	Never	97%	97%	87%	84%	65%	69%
	Less than one cigarette per day	2%	2%	5%	10%	10%	11%
	One to five cigarettes per day	0%	0%	5%	3%	9%	16%
	About one-half pack per day	0%	0%	2%	2%	10%	3%
	About one pack per day	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	1%
	About one and one-half packs per day	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%
	Two packs or more per day	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
If you have not smoked a cigarette in the last year, do you think you will during the next year?	Definitely yes	1%	1%	8%	4%	9%	6%
	Probably yes	3%	2%	7%	11%	10%	5%
	Probably not	12%	8%	14%	22%	13%	15%
	Definitely not	84%	88%	71%	63%	69%	73%

* Variations in wording for this item affect year-to-year comparisons.

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TABLE 29
CIGAR AND SMOKELESS TOBACCO USE
Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
During the last 12 months, how often have you used chewing tobacco or snuff? *	Not at all	99%	100%	94%	97%	78%	97%
	Less than monthly	1%	0%	3%	2%	9%	2%
	Monthly	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%
	Weekly	0%	0%	1%	0%	4%	0%
	Daily	0%	0%	1%	1%	6%	0%
During the last 12 months, how often have you used cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?	Not at all	98%	99%	85%	96%	63%	87%
	Less than monthly	1%	1%	7%	3%	19%	10%
	Monthly	0%	0%	4%	0%	11%	2%
	Weekly	0%	0%	2%	0%	4%	0%
	Daily	0%	0%	3%	0%	3%	1%

* Variations in wording for this item affect year-to-year comparisons.

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TABLE 30
ACCESS TO TOBACCO
Blue Earth County

INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO USED TOBACCO IN THE LAST 30 DAYS		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
If you used tobacco, how did you get it in the last 30 days? (Mark all that apply)	Bought it at gas stations or convenience stores	0%	13%	19%	10%	73%	59%
	Bought it at bars or restaurants	0%	0%	2%	2%	5%	0%
	Bought it at grocery, discount, or drug stores	0%	0%	2%	3%	16%	10%
	Bought it at places like bowling alleys, video arcades, or pool halls	0%	0%	2%	7%	2%	0%
	Bought it from vending machines	0%	0%	2%	3%	1%	0%
	Bought it on the Internet *			0%	2%	1%	0%
	Got it from friends	56%	50%	57%	61%	43%	43%
	Got it from family members	11%	13%	7%	10%	9%	7%
	Got it by getting someone else to buy for me	22%	13%	33%	34%	11%	16%
	Took it from my home	22%	25%	20%	21%	4%	5%
	Took it from a friend's home	22%	13%	11%	10%	1%	1%
	Took it from stores	11%	0%	11%	3%	6%	4%

INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO BOUGHT TOBACCO IN THE LAST 30 DAYS		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
If you bought tobacco in the last 30 days, did you use a fake ID?	Yes	0%	7%	7%	9%	7%	3%
	No	100%	93%	93%	91%	93%	97%

* 6th grade survey did not provide this response option.

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TABLE 31
ALCOHOL USE FREQUENCY AND QUANTITY
Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
On how many occasions (if any) have you had alcoholic beverages to drink during the last 12 months?	0	88%	89%	59%	51%	35%	27%
	1-2	7%	6%	13%	15%	8%	12%
	3-5	3%	2%	11%	13%	12%	14%
	6-9	1%	2%	5%	9%	6%	9%
	10-19	0%	0%	5%	6%	10%	14%
	20-39	0%	0%	3%	2%	7%	12%
	40+	1%	0%	4%	4%	21%	11%
On how many occasions (if any) have you had alcoholic beverages to drink during the last 30 days?	0	96%	97%	74%	68%	51%	50%
	1-2	3%	2%	13%	20%	14%	17%
	3-5	1%	2%	5%	4%	13%	16%
	6-9	0%	0%	4%	4%	6%	10%
	10-19	0%	0%	4%	3%	10%	5%
	20-39	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	2%
	40+	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%
If you drink beer/wine/wine coolers/hard liquor, generally, how much (if any) do you drink at one time?	I don't drink beer/wine/wine coolers/hard liquor	89%	92%	59%	56%	36%	28%
	1 glass, can, or drink	9%	7%	13%	14%	6%	10%
	2 glasses, cans, or drinks	1%	0%	7%	9%	5%	10%
	3 glasses, cans, or drinks	0%	0%	6%	9%	8%	16%
	4 glasses, cans, or drinks	0%	0%	4%	4%	5%	12%
	5 glasses, cans, or drinks	0%	0%	3%	2%	7%	9%
	6 or more glasses, cans, or drinks	1%	0%	9%	6%	33%	15%
Over the last 2 weeks, how many times (if any) have you had five or more drinks in a row? *	Never			81%	85%	62%	71%
	Once			6%	7%	9%	11%
	Twice			6%	5%	9%	10%
	3 - 5 times			4%	2%	11%	6%
	6 - 9 times			2%	1%	6%	2%
	10 or more times			1%	0%	4%	1%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

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TABLE 32
ACCESS TO ALCOHOL
Blue Earth County

<i>INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO USED ALCOHOL IN THE LAST 30 DAYS *</i>		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
If you used alcohol, how did you get it in the last 30 days? (Mark all that apply)	Bought it at bars or restaurants	0%	0%	1%	2%	4%	3%
	Bought it at stores	0%	0%	10%	3%	10%	3%
	Bought it on the Internet **			0%	1%	2%	0%
	Got it from friends	25%	44%	54%	57%	67%	77%
	Got it from family members	25%	33%	18%	28%	17%	19%
	Got it by getting someone else to buy for me	17%	0%	32%	25%	45%	63%
	Got it at parties	25%	44%	36%	42%	47%	53%
	Took it from my home	17%	56%	33%	22%	14%	9%
	Took it from a friend's home	8%	22%	14%	13%	4%	7%
	Took it from stores	0%	0%	6%	2%	2%	1%

<i>INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO BOUGHT ALCOHOL IN THE LAST 30 DAYS</i>		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
If you bought alcohol in the last 30 days, did you use a fake ID?	Yes	6%	6%	9%	2%	2%	3%
	No	94%	94%	91%	98%	98%	97%

* In 1998, percentages were based on only recent alcohol users who cited a source. This year, as in 2001, percentages are based on all recent alcohol users, even if they skipped this question. Therefore, these percentages are comparable only to the 2001 survey results.

** 6th grade survey did not provide this response option.

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**TABLE 33
DRINKING AND DRIVING ***

Blue Earth County

		Grade			
		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
During the last 12 months, how many times have you driven a motor vehicle after using alcohol or drugs?	0 times or no use	89%	96%	69%	62%
	Once	4%	3%	2%	11%
	Twice	4%	0%	7%	7%
	3 or more times	2%	1%	22%	19%
Do you ever ride with friends after they have been using alcohol or drugs?	No	69%	66%	52%	50%
	Yes, but rarely	18%	19%	28%	35%
	Yes, often	7%	5%	15%	13%
	None of my friends use alcohol or other drugs	6%	10%	4%	2%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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TABLE 34
MARIJUANA, INHALANTS, AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
Blue Earth County

On how many occasions (if any) have you ...		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
... used marijuana (grass, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil) during the last 12 months?	0	98%	99%	80%	84%	67%	65%
	1-2	2%	1%	7%	5%	6%	7%
	3-5	0%	0%	4%	3%	4%	5%
	6-9	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%
	10-19	0%	0%	3%	3%	5%	8%
	20-39	1%	0%	2%	2%	3%	3%
	40+	0%	0%	4%	1%	13%	9%
... used marijuana (grass, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil) during the last 30 days?	0	100%	99%	86%	87%	75%	75%
	1-2	0%	0%	6%	7%	6%	8%
	3-5	0%	0%	1%	3%	7%	4%
	6-9	0%	0%	1%	1%	4%	4%
	10-19	0%	0%	1%	1%	3%	3%
	20-39	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	3%
	40+	0%	0%	3%	0%	5%	3%
... sniffed glue or inhaled any other gases or sprays in order to get high during the last 12 months? *	0	98%	98%	95%	93%	96%	98%
	1-2	0%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%
	3-5	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%
	6-9	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%
	10-19	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	20-39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40+	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
... taken other people's prescription drugs during the last 12 months? *	0	100%	99%	95%	89%	89%	92%
	1-2	0%	1%	3%	8%	3%	5%
	3-5	0%	0%	1%	2%	3%	2%
	6-9	0%	0%	1%	1%	3%	0%
	10-19	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	20-39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

* Questions regarding use of these substances in the past 30 days were dropped due to low prevalence rates.

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TABLE 35
AMPHETAMINES, METHAMPHETAMINE, COCAINE, AND ECSTASY *
Blue Earth County

<i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you ...</i>		Grade			
		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
... taken amphetamines on your own without a doctor telling you to take them?	0	96%	90%	89%	91%
	1-2	1%	5%	5%	5%
	3-5	0%	2%	3%	2%
	6-9	1%	1%	2%	1%
	10-19	1%	1%	0%	1%
	20-39	0%	1%	0%	0%
	40+	0%	0%	0%	0%
... used methamphetamine (meth, speed, crank, crystal meth) by any method?	0	95%	96%	91%	96%
	1-2	2%	2%	3%	3%
	3-5	1%	1%	2%	1%
	6-9	1%	1%	1%	0%
	10-19	0%	1%	0%	0%
	20-39	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40+	1%	0%	1%	0%
... used "crack" (cocaine in chunk or rock form), or cocaine in any other form?	0	95%	97%	90%	94%
	1-2	2%	2%	2%	2%
	3-5	1%	0%	2%	2%
	6-9	1%	0%	0%	0%
	10-19	1%	0%	2%	1%
	20-39	0%	0%	2%	0%
	40+	0%	0%	1%	0%
... used MDMA ("ecstasy")?	0	96%	97%	94%	94%
	1-2	1%	2%	3%	3%
	3-5	1%	0%	1%	1%
	6-9	0%	0%	0%	1%
	10-19	0%	1%	0%	1%
	20-39	0%	0%	1%	0%
	40+	0%	0%	0%	0%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions. Questions regarding use of these substances in the past 30 days were dropped due to low prevalence rates.

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TABLE 36
HALLUCINOGENS, OPIATES, AND TRANQUILIZERS *
Blue Earth County

<i>During the last 12 months, on how many occasions (if any) have you ...</i>		Grade			
		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
... used LSD ("acid"), PCP, or other psychedelics?	0	96%	97%	90%	95%
	1-2	1%	1%	4%	2%
	3-5	1%	1%	4%	1%
	6-9	1%	0%	1%	1%
	10-19	1%	0%	0%	1%
	20-39	0%	0%	0%	0%
... used heroin or any other narcotics or opiates?	0	96%	98%	95%	97%
	1-2	2%	1%	4%	3%
	3-5	1%	1%	1%	1%
	6-9	1%	0%	0%	0%
	10-19	1%	0%	0%	0%
... taken barbiturates or tranquilizers without a doctor telling you to take them?	0	96%	95%	97%	96%
	1-2	2%	2%	0%	2%
	3-5	0%	2%	0%	1%
	6-9	0%	1%	1%	0%
	10-19	1%	0%	0%	1%
	20-39	0%	0%	1%	0%
	40+	0%	0%	0%	0%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions. Questions regarding use of these substances in the past 30 days were dropped due to low prevalence rates.

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TABLE 37
ACCESS TO OTHER DRUGS *
Blue Earth County

INCLUDES ONLY PAST-YEAR DRUG USERS WHO REPORTED OBTAINING DRUGS IN THE LAST 30 DAYS **		Grade			
		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
If you used drugs other than alcohol, how did you get them in the last 30 days? (Mark all that apply)	Bought them from people I know	72%	48%	70%	52%
	Bought them from people I don't know	19%	7%	14%	9%
	Bought them on the Internet	2%	0%	3%	0%
	Got them from friends	72%	90%	79%	86%
	Got them from family members	12%	19%	5%	3%
	Got them by getting someone else to buy for me	21%	5%	6%	14%
	Got them at parties	44%	40%	44%	39%
	Took them from my home	12%	7%	5%	6%
	Took them from a friend's home	9%	7%	5%	5%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

** In 1998, percentages were based on recent drug users. This year, as in 2001, because recent use questions were dropped for most substances, the percentages are based on past-year drug users who cited a source, i.e. those who answered this question. Due to this difference, results are comparable only to 2001 results.

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TABLE 38
SUBSTANCE USE PATTERNS
Blue Earth County

<i>Do you ever use alcohol or other drugs ...</i>		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
...before school?	Yes	0%	0%	13%	4%	21%	11%
	No	100%	100%	87%	96%	79%	89%
...during school?	Yes	0%	0%	9%	6%	18%	14%
	No	100%	100%	91%	94%	82%	86%
...right after school?	Yes	1%	1%	17%	13%	27%	20%
	No	99%	99%	83%	87%	73%	80%

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**TABLE 39
REASONS FOR SUBSTANCE USE ***

Blue Earth County

ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG USERS ONLY **		Grade			
		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
If you use alcohol or drugs, which are reasons you use? (Mark all that apply)	Reasons to use: To relax	49%	38%	59%	57%
	Reasons to use: To get high or smashed	49%	39%	50%	43%
	Reasons to use: To have fun at parties	54%	68%	73%	83%
	To escape from school, family or personal problems	21%	44%	22%	38%
	Because my parents aren't around	13%	13%	10%	9%
	Because my friends do	25%	26%	23%	25%
	Because my parents do	10%	7%	3%	3%
	Because I like the taste	38%	41%	29%	30%
	Because I'm sad, lonely, or angry	14%	28%	6%	13%
	Because it's illegal	20%	13%	13%	8%
	Because of peer pressure	14%	16%	9%	7%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

** In 2001, the percentages for this table were inadvertently based on ALL students, not only alcohol and/or drug users as the table was labeled.

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TABLE 40
REASONS FOR SUBSTANCE NON-USE *
Blue Earth County

		Grade	
		6th	
		Male	Female
		%	%
If you do not use alcohol or other drugs, what factors influence your choice not to use? (Mark all that apply) **	Reasons not using alc: My friends don't use	72%	71%
	Reasons not using alc: One or both of my parents would object	68%	75%
	Reasons not using alc: I have no desire to use	86%	89%
	Reasons not using alc: Use is against my principles or religious beliefs	25%	29%
	Reasons not using alc: Alcohol and drugs are dangerous	76%	84%
	Reasons not using alc: Alcohol and drug education at school	53%	56%
	Reasons not using alc: Use could affect my performance in school, sports, or other activities	77%	79%

* 9th-12th grade survey did not ask this question.

** In 2001, the percentages for this table were inadvertently based on ALL students, not only those who actually answered the question.

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TABLE 41A CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE USE *

Blue Earth County

<i>During the last 12 months ...</i>		Grade			
		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
...have you found that you had to use a lot more alcohol or other drugs than before to get the same effect?	No or no use	91%	87%	81%	81%
	Yes	9%	13%	19%	19%
...have you tried to cut down on your alcohol or other drug use but couldn't?	No or no use	95%	91%	91%	88%
	Yes	5%	9%	9%	12%
...has alcohol or other drug use hurt your relationships with friends or family?	No or no use	95%	90%	91%	89%
	Yes	5%	10%	9%	11%
...how many times have you spent all or most of the day using alcohol or other drugs, or getting over their effects?	0 times or no use	89%	82%	69%	68%
	Once	4%	11%	12%	14%
	Twice	4%	3%	3%	4%
	3 or more times	4%	4%	15%	14%
...how many times have you given up activities in order to use alcohol or other drugs or get over their effects?	0 times or no use	96%	94%	89%	86%
	Once	0%	1%	5%	5%
	Twice	3%	3%	3%	5%
	3 or more times	1%	1%	3%	4%
...how many times has alcohol or other drug use left you feeling depressed, agitated, paranoid, or unable to concentrate?	0 times or no use	91%	85%	82%	79%
	Once	4%	8%	9%	8%
	Twice	3%	3%	3%	5%
	3 or more times	2%	4%	6%	8%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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TABLE 41B CONSEQUENCES OF
SUBSTANCE USE *

Blue Earth County

<i>During the last 12 months ...</i>		Grade			
		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
...how many times have you neglected your responsibilities because of alcohol or other drug use?	0 times or no use	93%	88%	85%	82%
	Once	3%	7%	6%	6%
	Twice	2%	2%	2%	3%
	3 or more times	2%	3%	6%	8%
...how many times have you missed work or school because of alcohol or other drug use?	0 times or no use	94%	93%	91%	86%
	Once	1%	4%	5%	7%
	Twice	2%	2%	0%	4%
	3 or more times	2%	1%	4%	3%
...how many times has alcohol or other drug use caused you problems with the law?	0 times or no use	95%	97%	88%	89%
	Once	2%	1%	7%	7%
	Twice	2%	1%	1%	3%
	3 or more times	1%	0%	4%	0%
...how many times have you hit someone or become violent while using alcohol or other drugs?	0 times or no use	95%	95%	90%	94%
	Once	2%	4%	4%	2%
	Twice	1%	1%	3%	3%
	3 or more times	2%	1%	2%	2%
...how many times have you used so much alcohol or other drugs that later you couldn't recall what you had said/done?	0 times or no use	88%	77%	71%	60%
	Once	7%	11%	11%	17%
	Twice	1%	7%	6%	11%
	3 or more times	4%	6%	11%	13%
...how many times have you used more alcohol or other drugs than you intended to?	0 times or no use	89%	81%	70%	67%
	Once	4%	10%	8%	11%
	Twice	3%	6%	7%	8%
	3 or more times	4%	4%	15%	14%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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**TABLE 42A SEXUAL
BEHAVIOR ***

Blue Earth County

		Grade			
		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
Have you ever had sexual intercourse ("gone all the way")?	No	77%	89%	58%	48%
	Yes, once or twice	11%	4%	10%	6%
	Yes, 3 times or more	12%	7%	32%	47%
During the last 12 months, with how many different male partners have you had sexual intercourse?	None	96%	90%	94%	49%
	1 person	1%	5%	3%	29%
	2 persons	1%	2%	0%	9%
	3 persons	0%	1%	1%	6%
	4 persons	0%	1%	0%	3%
	5 persons	0%	0%	1%	0%
	6 or more persons	2%	1%	0%	4%
During the last 12 months, with how many different female partners have you had sexual intercourse?	None	78%	98%	61%	97%
	1 person	7%	1%	20%	1%
	2 persons	5%	0%	7%	1%
	3 persons	1%	0%	4%	1%
	4 persons	1%	0%	2%	0%
	5 persons	0%	0%	3%	0%
	6 or more persons	8%	1%	4%	0%
How many times have you been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant?	0 times	94%	98%	95%	97%
	1 time	1%	0%	2%	1%
	2 or more times	3%	1%	1%	1%
	Not sure	1%	1%	2%	0%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

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TABLE 42B SEXUAL BEHAVIOR *

Blue Earth County

SEXUALLY ACTIVE STUDENTS ONLY		Grade			
		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
Have you talked with your partner(s) about protecting yourselves from getting STDs/HIV/AIDS? **	Never	39%	21%	32%	13%
	Not with every partner	24%	18%	12%	13%
	At least once with every partner	37%	61%	56%	74%
Have you talked with partner(s) about preventing pregnancy? **	Never	42%	27%	33%	8%
	Not with every partner	21%	9%	11%	10%
	At least once with every partner	37%	64%	56%	82%
If you have sexual intercourse, how often do you and/or your partner use any birth control method?	Never	27%	29%	16%	11%
	Rarely	12%	10%	5%	2%
	Sometimes	8%	3%	5%	5%
	Usually	8%	16%	7%	9%
	Always	46%	42%	67%	73%
If you have sexual intercourse, how often is a condom used?	Never	16%	6%	14%	12%
	Rarely	5%	9%	12%	15%
	Sometimes	11%	3%	6%	12%
	Usually	13%	9%	23%	20%
	Always	55%	72%	45%	41%
The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?	Yes	70%	74%	63%	55%
	No	30%	26%	37%	45%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

** In 1998, the percentages for these questions included sexually inactive students who responded to the question. This year, as in 2001, the percentages include only sexually active students. Accordingly, the results for these questions are comparable only to 2001 survey results.

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**TABLE 43
REASONS FOR SEXUAL ABSTINENCE *
Blue Earth County**

		Grade			
		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%
If you do not have sexual intercourse, what factors influence your choice not to? (Mark all that apply)	Reasons not having sex: One or both of my parents would object	55%	60%	37%	41%
	Reasons not having sex: I don't want to have sex	28%	62%	25%	57%
	Reasons not having sex: Most students in my school don't have sex	13%	11%	5%	2%
	Reasons not having sex: My friends don't have sex	24%	40%	21%	12%
	I don't think it's right for a person my age to have sex	51%	73%	33%	42%
	I'm afraid of getting caught	28%	31%	10%	12%
	My religious or spiritual beliefs	25%	36%	29%	48%
	Sex education at school has shown me the advantages of waiting until I'm older	30%	48%	24%	37%
	I don't want to get a sexually transmitted disease	52%	71%	46%	50%
	Fear of pregnancy **	36%	78%	52%	68%
	My parents taught me the advantages of waiting until I'm older	32%	46%	23%	38%
	I have chosen to wait until I'm married	34%	48%	31%	44%

* 6th grade survey did not ask these questions.

** Variations in wording for this item affect year-to-year comparisons.