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TABLE 1
SAMPLE DESCRIPTION
Blue Earth County

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Total number of surveys		507	100%	591	100%	472	100%
Gender	Male	264	52%	285	48%	217	46%
	Female	243	48%	306	52%	255	54%
Age	11 or younger	160	32%	0	0%	0	0%
	12	339	67%	0	0%	0	0%
	13	8	2%	0	0%	0	0%
	14	0	0%	176	30%	0	0%
	15	0	0%	393	66%	0	0%
	16	0	0%	22	4%	1	0%
	17	0	0%	0	0%	122	26%
	18	0	0%	0	0%	328	69%
	19-20	0	0%	0	0%	21	4%
Race/ethnicity	American Indian	6	1%	0	0%	0	0%
	Black or African American	14	3%	6	1%	5	1%
	Mexican American or Chicano/Chicana	10	2%	11	2%	7	1%
	Puerto Rican or other Latin American	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
	Asian American or Pacific Islander	13	3%	6	1%	3	1%
	White	395	78%	532	90%	439	93%
	Mixed race (checked more than one race/ethnicity)	30	6%	24	4%	10	2%
	I don't know / no answer	39	8%	12	2%	7	1%

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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	15%	28%	6%	6%	6%	9%
	I like school quite a bit	33%	44%	26%	33%	25%	36%
	I like school a little	32%	22%	35%	36%	41%	33%
	I don't like school very much	16%	4%	21%	17%	17%	14%
	I hate school	5%	2%	12%	7%	11%	7%
Which of these best describes your school plans?	I would like to quit school as soon as I can	3%	0%	3%	1%	1%	1%
	I plan to finish high school but won't go to college	9%	3%	10%	7%	6%	4%
	I'd like to go to some kind of trade or vocational school	1%	1%	14%	5%	22%	11%
	I'd like to go to college after high school	63%	54%	54%	60%	50%	55%
	I'd like to go to college and then to graduate school	24%	42%	20%	27%	21%	29%
During the last 30 days, how often have you skipped or cut full days of school?	Never	83%	81%	81%	77%	59%	70%
	Once or twice	11%	14%	13%	17%	28%	17%
	3 to 5 times	2%	4%	4%	4%	7%	9%
	6 to 10 times	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%
	More than 10 times	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	2%

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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	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%
	A and B only	53%	73%	42%	58%	41%	62%
	B only	4%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%
	B and C only	22%	13%	27%	25%	37%	29%
	C only	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%
	C and D only	4%	2%	16%	7%	11%	4%
	D only	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%
	D and F only	1%	1%	7%	2%	1%	1%
	F only	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
	Not applicable or no answer	11%	6%	2%	5%	3%	0%

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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	3%	0%	1%	2%	4%	1%
	Most	56%	62%	54%	60%	65%	67%
	Some	31%	34%	35%	35%	25%	24%
	A few	10%	4%	9%	3%	5%	9%
	None	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
How many students in your school behave well in the hallways and lunchroom?	All	5%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%
	Most	38%	41%	45%	49%	56%	52%
	Some	40%	39%	38%	41%	31%	35%
	A few	15%	18%	14%	9%	11%	9%
	None	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%
How many students in your school have made fun of or threatened students of different races or backgrounds?	All	2%	0%	4%	0%	4%	1%
	Most	6%	8%	14%	9%	10%	8%
	Some	19%	18%	27%	30%	24%	34%
	A few	42%	52%	46%	51%	53%	51%
	None	31%	22%	10%	10%	10%	6%
How many of your teachers are interested in you as a person?	All	32%	36%	6%	4%	6%	6%
	Most	32%	37%	26%	25%	31%	37%
	Some	21%	15%	31%	32%	38%	36%
	A few	10%	10%	26%	30%	21%	20%
	None	5%	2%	11%	9%	4%	2%
How many of your teachers show respect for students?	All	54%	56%	20%	14%	18%	20%
	Most	28%	30%	46%	50%	49%	54%
	Some	9%	10%	17%	21%	20%	19%
	A few	7%	4%	13%	14%	10%	6%
	None	2%	0%	4%	1%	2%	1%

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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	47%	46%	50%	39%	65%	63%
	Agree	47%	49%	44%	57%	33%	35%
	Disagree	3%	3%	5%	3%	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
I feel safe at school	Strongly agree	44%	55%	36%	29%	57%	54%
	Agree	42%	40%	53%	61%	40%	42%
	Disagree	11%	4%	9%	8%	2%	4%
	Strongly disagree	3%	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%
Bathrooms in this school are a safe place to be	Strongly agree	27%	38%	34%	32%	54%	55%
	Agree	46%	47%	50%	56%	39%	40%
	Disagree	18%	11%	10%	10%	4%	4%
	Strongly disagree	9%	4%	6%	1%	3%	1%
Illegal gang activity is a problem at this school	Strongly agree	3%	2%	2%	0%	5%	2%
	Agree	9%	5%	9%	8%	4%	2%
	Disagree	21%	22%	52%	58%	29%	38%
	Strongly disagree	66%	72%	37%	34%	62%	57%
Student use of alcohol or drugs is a problem at this school	Strongly agree	7%	3%	24%	19%	21%	26%
	Agree	7%	2%	38%	48%	33%	36%
	Disagree	17%	19%	28%	28%	36%	29%
	Strongly disagree	69%	77%	10%	6%	10%	8%

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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?	Yes		3%	1%	26%	15%	26%	10%
	No		97%	99%	74%	85%	74%	90%
During the last 12 months, how many times has someone stolen or deliberately damaged your property at school?	0 times		54%	65%	52%	62%	69%	76%
	1 time		19%	18%	21%	23%	16%	15%
	2 or 3 times		19%	11%	18%	12%	10%	9%
	4 or 5 times		3%	4%	6%	2%	2%	0%
	6 or more times		4%	2%	3%	1%	2%	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		92%	94%	96%	95%	94%	97%
	1 day		4%	5%	1%	4%	2%	2%
	2 or 3 days		1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%
	4 or 5 days		1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	6 or more days		2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
During the last 12 months, which of the following has happened to you on school property? Has a student:	Insulted you?	Yes	65%	56%	71%	60%	50%	42%
		No	35%	44%	29%	40%	50%	58%
	Threatened you?	Yes	36%	20%	40%	18%	18%	9%
		No	64%	80%	60%	82%	82%	91%
	Pushed, shoved, or grabbed you?	Yes	66%	50%	62%	34%	30%	13%
		No	34%	50%	38%	66%	70%	87%
	Kicked, bitten, or hit you?	Yes	46%	29%	40%	20%	13%	3%
		No	54%	71%	60%	80%	87%	97%
	Stabbed you or fired a gun at you?	Yes	0%	0%	3%	0%	2%	0%
		No	100%	100%	97%	100%	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	7%	3%	10%	2%	14%	5%
	1-2 hours	40%	43%	39%	28%	42%	30%
	3-5 hours	29%	28%	30%	30%	32%	36%
	6-10 hours	15%	16%	13%	28%	7%	18%
	11-20 hours	6%	5%	6%	9%	3%	9%
	21 hours or more	4%	5%	3%	2%	1%	2%
Band, choir, orchestra, music lessons, or practicing voice or an instrument	0 hours	62%	35%	71%	45%	73%	59%
	1-2 hours	21%	37%	12%	20%	8%	11%
	3-5 hours	10%	18%	11%	19%	8%	16%
	6-10 hours	2%	5%	5%	10%	6%	10%
	11-20 hours	2%	2%	0%	4%	3%	3%
	21 hours or more	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Clubs or organizations outside of school	0 hours	49%	42%	57%	41%	54%	44%
	1-2 hours	23%	30%	21%	29%	22%	27%
	3-5 hours	18%	13%	13%	14%	12%	16%
	6-10 hours	4%	10%	5%	11%	8%	8%
	11-20 hours	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%
	21 hours or more	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Playing sports on a school team	0 hours	66%	71%	44%	51%	51%	65%
	1-2 hours	12%	13%	6%	6%	7%	6%
	3-5 hours	10%	8%	10%	9%	4%	5%
	6-10 hours	7%	4%	20%	16%	15%	12%
	11-20 hours	2%	3%	15%	14%	16%	12%
	21 hours or more	3%	2%	6%	5%	7%	0%

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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
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Other physical activities	0 hours	15%	14%	18%	21%	18%	22%
	1-2 hours	21%	32%	29%	32%	28%	36%
	3-5 hours	27%	30%	24%	24%	20%	31%
	6-10 hours	19%	17%	11%	15%	17%	7%
	11-20 hours	10%	4%	9%	5%	10%	3%
	21 hours or more	8%	3%	9%	3%	7%	1%
Attending services, groups, or programs at a church, synagogue, or mosque	0 hours	41%	31%	41%	27%	52%	44%
	1-2 hours	42%	44%	41%	46%	37%	42%
	3-5 hours	13%	17%	14%	21%	7%	10%
	6-10 hours	2%	6%	3%	2%	1%	4%
	11-20 hours	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%
	21 hours or more	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Reading for pleasure	0 hours	31%	14%	52%	34%	52%	34%
	1-2 hours	39%	46%	29%	42%	33%	43%
	3-5 hours	16%	18%	13%	13%	9%	17%
	6-10 hours	7%	12%	3%	7%	4%	4%
	11-20 hours	3%	6%	1%	3%	1%	2%
	21 hours or more	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Watching TV or videos	0 hours	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	7%
	1-2 hours	23%	34%	20%	22%	19%	33%
	3-5 hours	29%	30%	27%	35%	30%	33%
	6-10 hours	19%	21%	20%	25%	25%	18%
	11-20 hours	12%	9%	15%	10%	13%	7%
	21 hours or more	13%	3%	14%	6%	9%	3%
Playing computer or video games	0 hours	11%	19%	12%	25%	25%	48%
	1-2 hours	31%	45%	27%	32%	33%	29%
	3-5 hours	26%	23%	22%	23%	22%	12%
	6-10 hours	16%	8%	18%	12%	8%	9%
	11-20 hours	9%	3%	10%	6%	5%	1%
	21 hours or more	7%	1%	11%	3%	6%	2%

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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
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Volunteer work or community service	0 hours	73%	69%	72%	61%	72%	56%
	1-2 hours	18%	24%	18%	28%	20%	26%
	3-5 hours	6%	6%	7%	9%	3%	12%
	6-10 hours	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	4%
	11-20 hours	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%
	21 hours or more	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%
Chores at home/babysitting for family	0 hours	25%	8%	28%	11%	34%	27%
	1-2 hours	35%	41%	40%	41%	42%	41%
	3-5 hours	26%	33%	20%	29%	16%	21%
	6-10 hours	8%	9%	8%	9%	4%	9%
	11-20 hours	3%	6%	3%	7%	2%	2%
	21 hours or more	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	0%
Work for pay (including babysitting for others)	0 hours	49%	33%	42%	29%	17%	14%
	1-2 hours	27%	28%	17%	20%	7%	6%
	3-5 hours	14%	23%	12%	21%	4%	7%
	6-10 hours	8%	8%	16%	16%	13%	22%
	11-20 hours	0%	6%	9%	12%	25%	30%
	21 hours or more	2%	3%	4%	3%	34%	21%
Hanging out	0 hours	10%	7%	6%	3%	6%	2%
	1-2 hours	18%	20%	20%	12%	13%	8%
	3-5 hours	25%	28%	18%	25%	16%	22%
	6-10 hours	24%	21%	19%	28%	21%	25%
	11-20 hours	11%	13%	14%	17%	24%	28%
	21 hours or more	13%	11%	23%	15%	20%	16%

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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	86%	90%	90%	91%	91%	89%
	No	14%	10%	10%	9%	9%	11%

		Grade					
		6th		9th		12th	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Do you use the Internet at home?	Yes	77%	77%	86%	81%	85%	80%
	No	23%	23%	14%	19%	15%	20%
What do you use the Internet for at home? (Mark all that apply)	E-mail	58%	70%	75%	79%	65%	73%
	Surfing the web	60%	59%	69%	54%	69%	53%
	Chat rooms	30%	34%	44%	47%	27%	17%
	Listening to or downloading music	41%	39%	64%	60%	58%	42%
	Playing games	62%	58%	54%	35%	37%	16%
	Entertainment or sports	34%	19%	42%	17%	37%	10%
	Homework or other research	50%	60%	61%	67%	63%	68%
	Shopping	8%	14%	18%	22%	24%	18%

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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	58%	63%	65%	62%	71%	63%
	Both adoptive parents	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	3%
	Mother and stepfather	5%	2%	5%	7%	7%	8%
	Father and stepmother	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%
	Mother only	16%	17%	13%	18%	12%	13%
	Father only	2%	0%	6%	2%	4%	2%
	Sometimes with mother, sometimes with father	14%	12%	4%	6%	1%	4%
	Other	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%	3%
	No adults or no answer	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%
Can you talk to your father about problems you are having?	Yes, most of the time	52%	24%	30%	16%	31%	24%
	Yes, some of the time	25%	42%	39%	35%	34%	37%
	No, not very often	11%	22%	19%	30%	20%	22%
	No, not at all	4%	5%	6%	9%	9%	10%
	My father is not around	8%	7%	6%	10%	5%	7%
Can you talk to your mother about problems you are having?	Yes, most of the time	65%	73%	37%	45%	42%	49%
	Yes, some of the time	22%	19%	40%	38%	36%	36%
	No, not very often	7%	6%	15%	13%	14%	11%
	No, not at all	3%	2%	4%	3%	7%	3%
	My mother is not around	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%

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**TABLE 12
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%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%
	A little	2%	1%	4%	4%	3%	2%
	Some	2%	3%	8%	4%	8%	6%
	Quite a bit	11%	5%	15%	17%	15%	16%
	Very much	85%	89%	72%	74%	72%	77%
... other adult relatives care about you?	Not at all	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	0%
	A little	4%	2%	6%	8%	10%	6%
	Some	6%	3%	11%	10%	15%	14%
	Quite a bit	20%	14%	33%	30%	24%	27%
	Very much	69%	79%	47%	49%	49%	53%
... your family cares about your feelings?	Not at all	2%	4%	5%	6%	6%	3%
	A little	6%	3%	8%	8%	7%	6%
	Some	7%	8%	23%	23%	15%	20%
	Quite a bit	27%	21%	28%	28%	27%	26%
	Very much	59%	63%	36%	35%	45%	45%
... your family understands you?	Not at all	6%	7%	14%	16%	11%	8%
	A little	11%	10%	16%	19%	16%	19%
	Some	17%	18%	26%	34%	22%	26%
	Quite a bit	29%	30%	24%	17%	28%	27%
	Very much	37%	35%	20%	14%	23%	20%
... your family has lots of fun together?	Not at all	3%	7%	8%	11%	11%	9%
	A little	12%	9%	17%	25%	20%	16%
	Some	22%	17%	28%	25%	26%	24%
	Quite a bit	27%	25%	27%	22%	23%	28%
	Very much	36%	42%	21%	16%	20%	23%
... your family respects your privacy?	Not at all	8%	6%	14%	16%	8%	8%
	A little	13%	10%	16%	15%	11%	18%
	Some	14%	14%	20%	21%	22%	18%
	Quite a bit	24%	26%	25%	27%	31%	28%
	Very much	41%	45%	25%	20%	28%	28%

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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	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	3%
	A little	11%	6%	12%	7%	9%	4%
	Some	20%	16%	22%	17%	25%	16%
	Quite a bit	39%	28%	46%	38%	40%	32%
	Very much	27%	49%	18%	37%	24%	45%
... teachers or other adults at school care about you? *	Not at all	4%	2%	8%	6%	8%	4%
	A little	14%	8%	26%	28%	23%	19%
	Some	23%	23%	33%	35%	33%	41%
	Quite a bit	28%	37%	25%	25%	25%	28%
	Very much	30%	30%	9%	6%	11%	8%
... church or spiritual leaders care about you? *	Not at all	12%	12%	20%	17%	21%	19%
	A little	15%	11%	12%	13%	13%	16%
	Some	15%	15%	22%	21%	21%	26%
	Quite a bit	27%	27%	24%	32%	22%	18%
	Very much	32%	34%	22%	16%	22%	20%
... police officers care about you?	Not at all	14%	8%	26%	23%	31%	25%
	A little	17%	16%	26%	30%	22%	32%
	Some	15%	19%	24%	26%	25%	29%
	Quite a bit	27%	26%	16%	17%	15%	11%
	Very much	27%	31%	8%	5%	7%	3%
... other adults in your community care about you?	Not at all	6%	6%	13%	15%	15%	15%
	A little	22%	16%	30%	33%	30%	29%
	Some	25%	25%	31%	30%	34%	33%
	Quite a bit	28%	33%	19%	17%	13%	20%
	Very much	19%	20%	8%	5%	8%	4%

* 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	10%	19%	12%	21%	13%	20%
	No	90%	81%	88%	79%	87%	80%
If yes, whose use? (Mark all that apply)	Parent who lives with me	8%	9%	6%	7%	7%	6%
	Parent who doesn't live with me	1%	4%	2%	6%	5%	6%
	Other relative	5%	8%	8%	11%	3%	11%
Has drug use by any family member repeatedly caused family, health, job, or legal problems?	Yes	10%	12%	10%	13%	5%	9%
	No	90%	88%	90%	87%	95%	91%
If yes, whose use? (Mark all that apply)	Parent who lives with me	5%	6%	2%	0%	3%	0%
	Parent who doesn't live with me	1%	2%	3%	4%	1%	2%
	Other relative	6%	6%	7%	9%	1%	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			7%	5%	4%	5%
	No			93%	95%	96%	95%
Has any adult in your household ever hit you so hard that you had marks or were afraid of that person?	Yes	12%	8%	11%	15%	8%	7%
	No	88%	92%	89%	85%	92%	93%
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	9%	13%	11%	15%	8%	10%
	No	91%	87%	89%	85%	92%	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			1%	4%	3%	7%
	No			99%	96%	97%	93%
Has any older person outside the family touched you sexually against your wishes or forced you to touch them sexually?	Yes	2%	4%	2%	7%	5%	8%
	No	98%	96%	98%	93%	95%	92%
Has any older/stronger member of your family touched you sexually or had you touch them sexually?	Yes	2%	1%	1%	5%	3%	4%
	No	98%	99%	99%	95%	97%	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	50%	51%	30%	23%	31%	37%
	1-2 years ago	30%	30%	53%	58%	46%	40%
	3-4 years ago	7%	5%	10%	12%	15%	17%
	More than 4 years ago	4%	4%	4%	2%	4%	6%
	I have never had a physical exam	10%	9%	3%	4%	4%	1%
Have you ever been treated for an alcohol or other drug problem? *	No			96%	98%	93%	97%
	Yes			4%	2%	7%	3%
Do you have a mental or physical health problem that has lasted at least 12 months?	No	89%	84%	85%	85%	87%	85%
	Yes	11%	16%	15%	15%	13%	15%
In the past 12 months, how often have you blacked out because someone hit you in the head?	Never	92%	93%	92%	96%	94%	99%
	Once	6%	8%	6%	3%	3%	0%
	Two times or more	2%	0%	2%	1%	3%	1%
In the past 12 months, how often have you blacked out because you fell or were accidentally hit in the head?	Never	80%	85%	85%	86%	92%	96%
	Once	15%	13%	11%	10%	5%	3%
	Two times or more	6%	2%	4%	4%	3%	1%

* 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				9%	25%	15%	23%
	No				91%	75%	85%	77%
At the present time, do you think you are...	Underweight		11%	10%	13%	10%	12%	6%
	About the right weight		74%	77%	69%	62%	72%	61%
	Overweight		15%	14%	19%	28%	16%	33%
During the last 12 months, have you done any of the following to lose or control weight? (Mark all that apply) *	Exercise	Yes			65%	79%	49%	73%
		No			35%	21%	51%	27%
	Fast or skip meals	Yes			18%	50%	13%	44%
		No			82%	50%	87%	56%
	Smoke cigarettes	Yes			6%	11%	12%	15%
		No			94%	89%	88%	85%
	Use diet pills or speed	Yes			2%	8%	4%	13%
		No			98%	92%	96%	87%
	Vomit on purpose after eating	Yes			1%	9%	2%	8%
		No			99%	91%	98%	92%
	Use laxatives	Yes			1%	1%	2%	2%
		No			99%	99%	98%	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	5%	9%	13%	13%	19%	30%
	1 day	6%	8%	5%	8%	11%	17%
	2 days	14%	17%	7%	12%	15%	20%
	3 days	18%	16%	8%	16%	9%	11%
	4 days	13%	17%	13%	12%	12%	9%
	5 days	15%	13%	22%	23%	16%	6%
	6 days	5%	7%	11%	8%	7%	4%
	7 days	23%	14%	21%	10%	11%	4%
On how many of the last 7 days were you physically active for a combined total of at least 30 minutes?	0 days	7%	6%	6%	9%	12%	22%
	1 day	6%	5%	2%	7%	10%	17%
	2 days	11%	15%	6%	11%	15%	21%
	3 days	17%	18%	8%	10%	6%	10%
	4 days	16%	20%	12%	11%	13%	8%
	5 days	12%	13%	26%	28%	15%	6%
	6 days	7%	8%	10%	11%	12%	5%
	7 days	24%	14%	29%	14%	18%	11%

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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%	14%	32%	19%	38%
	1-2 glasses	45%	50%	46%	47%	54%	46%
	3-4 glasses	33%	27%	26%	17%	19%	12%
	5 or more glasses	12%	9%	14%	4%	9%	4%
100% fruit juice	0 glasses	42%	40%	38%	42%	38%	46%
	1-2 glasses	37%	41%	45%	45%	46%	41%
	3-4 glasses	14%	13%	13%	8%	12%	11%
	5 or more glasses	7%	6%	5%	5%	4%	2%
Fruit juice drinks	0 glasses	39%	46%	44%	49%	56%	56%
	1-2 glasses	41%	41%	43%	40%	30%	40%
	3-4 glasses	12%	9%	9%	8%	10%	2%
	5 or more glasses	7%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%
Pop or soda	0 glasses	23%	38%	24%	31%	20%	36%
	1-2 glasses	45%	45%	35%	52%	34%	43%
	3-4 glasses	19%	11%	25%	10%	31%	15%
	5 or more glasses	13%	5%	16%	6%	14%	7%
Sports drinks	0 glasses	68%	83%	72%	90%	73%	93%
	1-2 glasses	20%	13%	20%	7%	17%	6%
	3-4 glasses	7%	3%	4%	3%	5%	1%
	5 or more glasses	5%	1%	3%	1%	4%	0%
Water	0 glasses	7%	11%	15%	12%	14%	10%
	1-2 glasses	27%	27%	27%	33%	39%	36%
	3-4 glasses	21%	24%	25%	28%	21%	27%
	5 or more glasses	45%	38%	33%	27%	26%	27%
How many servings of fruits, fruit juices, or vegetables did you eat yesterday?	0 servings	7%	4%	11%	9%	15%	9%
	1 serving	11%	10%	12%	18%	13%	18%
	2 servings	22%	19%	22%	18%	30%	24%
	3 servings	20%	24%	23%	23%	19%	25%
	4 servings	16%	19%	18%	18%	12%	13%
	5 or more servings	23%	25%	15%	14%	12%	11%

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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%	14%	2%
	Sometimes	20%	10%	26%	20%	25%	15%
	Often	28%	27%	28%	31%	18%	28%
	Always	48%	62%	39%	45%	43%	55%
...drive a car? *	I never do this activity			36%	44%	9%	4%
	Never			5%	2%	10%	2%
	Sometimes			6%	5%	17%	8%
	Often			7%	4%	12%	8%
	Always			46%	45%	52%	79%

* 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)	Friends or peers	30%	33%	64%	76%	76%	83%
	Parents	63%	69%	46%	52%	41%	44%
	Brothers or sisters	17%	24%	23%	29%	21%	24%
	School, teachers, or counselors	80%	86%	60%	68%	55%	58%
	Clinics, doctors, or nurses	22%	26%	12%	10%	7%	10%
	Internet	9%	9%	13%	13%	13%	8%
	TV, radio, magazines, newspapers, or books	44%	42%	47%	54%	41%	45%
	I do not know much about alcohol or drugs	2%	3%	2%	3%	5%	3%
Where have you received most of your information about sex? (Mark all that apply)	Friends or peers	27%	26%	62%	73%	75%	84%
	Parents	48%	58%	34%	44%	28%	42%
	Brothers or sisters	15%	13%	15%	18%	13%	14%
	School, teachers, or counselors	77%	77%	60%	64%	48%	51%
	Clinics, doctors, or nurses	13%	21%	11%	11%	4%	23%
	Internet	8%	4%	26%	11%	17%	7%
	TV, radio, magazines, newspapers, or books	22%	26%	37%	46%	41%	43%
	I do not know much about sex	5%	7%	1%	2%	6%	2%

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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	4%	5%	5%	10%	5%	6%
	Mostly disagree	3%	3%	8%	18%	10%	10%
	Mostly agree	42%	35%	50%	45%	44%	58%
	Agree	51%	57%	37%	27%	41%	26%
I am able to do things as well as most other people my age.	Disagree	4%	3%	6%	5%	4%	3%
	Mostly disagree	4%	3%	7%	8%	6%	4%
	Mostly agree	36%	35%	37%	40%	35%	48%
	Agree	56%	59%	50%	47%	55%	45%
On the whole, I'm satisfied with myself.	Disagree	6%	4%	5%	10%	4%	6%
	Mostly disagree	5%	4%	10%	17%	6%	9%
	Mostly agree	33%	33%	37%	43%	36%	52%
	Agree	57%	58%	48%	31%	55%	33%
I feel I do not have much to be proud of.	Agree	11%	9%	9%	13%	5%	5%
	Mostly agree	7%	7%	11%	17%	11%	12%
	Mostly disagree	24%	24%	23%	27%	25%	30%
	Disagree	58%	60%	57%	44%	59%	54%
Sometimes I think that I am no good.	Agree	14%	16%	11%	22%	8%	12%
	Mostly agree	10%	8%	13%	21%	13%	15%
	Mostly disagree	26%	27%	26%	26%	25%	35%
	Disagree	50%	49%	50%	30%	54%	38%
I feel that I can't do anything right.	Agree	11%	8%	8%	12%	7%	4%
	Mostly agree	8%	8%	9%	12%	5%	9%
	Mostly disagree	24%	25%	25%	32%	28%	37%
	Disagree	57%	59%	58%	43%	60%	50%
I feel that my life is not very useful.	Agree	9%	6%	8%	8%	4%	3%
	Mostly agree	7%	8%	10%	11%	11%	9%
	Mostly disagree	22%	24%	21%	31%	20%	25%
	Disagree	62%	63%	61%	49%	65%	63%

* 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	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%
	Bad	4%	4%	3%	5%	2%	3%
	Up and down a lot	49%	50%	39%	61%	36%	50%
	Very good	34%	32%	47%	28%	48%	36%
	Excellent	13%	13%	8%	5%	13%	8%
... have you felt you were under any stress or pressure?	Yes, almost more than I could take	11%	11%	10%	22%	9%	15%
	Yes, quite a bit of pressure	11%	10%	19%	27%	21%	39%
	Yes, more than usual	15%	19%	22%	20%	29%	23%
	Yes, a little	42%	46%	37%	28%	33%	20%
	Not at all	20%	14%	11%	4%	8%	4%
... have you felt sad?	All the time	1%	3%	3%	5%	2%	4%
	Most of the time	3%	8%	8%	22%	9%	8%
	Some of the time	25%	21%	26%	36%	25%	45%
	Little of the time	48%	57%	45%	31%	46%	37%
	None of the time	22%	11%	18%	5%	17%	6%
... 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	3%	4%	5%	8%	5%	5%
	Quite a bit	3%	6%	6%	17%	6%	7%
	Some, enough to bother me	11%	9%	13%	21%	12%	21%
	A little bit	31%	33%	29%	23%	27%	29%
	Not at all	52%	47%	47%	30%	50%	38%
... have you felt nervous, worried, or upset?	All the time	2%	3%	5%	7%	4%	4%
	Most of the time	5%	8%	7%	20%	8%	12%
	Some of the time	30%	34%	30%	38%	33%	36%
	Little of the time	45%	44%	42%	29%	44%	40%
	None of the time	18%	11%	15%	6%	11%	8%
... how satisfied have you been with your personal life?	Very dissatisfied	3%	4%	4%	8%	4%	4%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	13%	9%	14%	25%	15%	14%
	Satisfied	33%	33%	34%	36%	34%	44%
	Very satisfied	31%	28%	32%	25%	30%	27%
	Extremely satisfied	20%	25%	15%	5%	17%	10%

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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	82%	81%	68%	47%	65%	54%
	Yes, during the last year	10%	13%	18%	38%	20%	18%
	Yes, more than a year ago	7%	7%	14%	15%	15%	28%
Have you ever tried to kill yourself?	No	96%	96%	91%	81%	91%	83%
	Yes, during the last year	2%	4%	5%	12%	7%	4%
	Yes, more than a year ago	2%	0%	4%	7%	3%	13%

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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	53%	86%	43%	80%
	Less than once a month	22%	11%	26%	17%
	About once a month	14%	2%	16%	1%
	About once a week	6%	1%	10%	1%
	Daily	4%	0%	5%	1%
Bet on games of personal skill like pool, golf, or bowling	Not at all	52%	87%	47%	86%
	Less than once a month	21%	9%	22%	10%
	About once a month	13%	3%	17%	3%
	About once a week	10%	1%	12%	1%
	Daily	3%	0%	2%	0%
Bet money on sports teams	Not at all	61%	89%	56%	92%
	Less than once a month	20%	8%	20%	6%
	About once a month	11%	3%	18%	2%
	About once a week	6%	0%	3%	0%
	Daily	2%	0%	3%	0%
Bought lottery tickets or scratch-offs	Not at all	88%	92%	38%	60%
	Less than once a month	7%	5%	29%	24%
	About once a month	3%	2%	12%	11%
	About once a week	2%	1%	18%	4%
	Daily	0%	0%	2%	1%
Gambled in a casino	Not at all	96%	100%	57%	75%
	Less than once a month	1%	0%	27%	20%
	About once a month	1%	0%	9%	4%
	About once a week	1%	0%	4%	0%
	Daily	1%	0%	3%	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	9%	2%	12%	5%
	No	51%	23%	64%	39%
	I don't bet for money	39%	75%	24%	56%
... that you would like to stop betting money but didn't think you could?	Yes	5%	1%	5%	0%
	No	56%	24%	71%	44%
	I don't bet for money	39%	75%	24%	56%

* 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%	93%	90%	89%	88%	94%
	Once or twice	8%	7%	9%	9%	6%	4%
	3 to 5 times	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%
	6 to 10 times	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	More than 10 times	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%
During the last 12 months, how often have you damaged or destroyed property at school or somewhere else?	Never	77%	89%	63%	84%	72%	88%
	Once or twice	18%	9%	23%	12%	20%	9%
	3 to 5 times	4%	1%	7%	3%	5%	2%
	6 to 10 times	0%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%
	More than 10 times	0%	0%	3%	0%	3%	0%
During the last 12 months, how often have you hit or beat up another person?	Never	57%	80%	61%	74%	79%	92%
	Once or twice	30%	16%	21%	18%	13%	7%
	3 to 5 times	9%	2%	10%	4%	4%	1%
	6 to 10 times	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%
	More than 10 times	1%	1%	6%	2%	4%	0%
During the last 12 months, how often have you taken something from a store without paying for it?	Never	91%	97%	72%	86%	75%	83%
	Once or twice	6%	2%	15%	10%	14%	9%
	3 to 5 times	2%	0%	5%	3%	4%	3%
	6 to 10 times	2%	0%	4%	1%	1%	1%
	More than 10 times	0%	0%	4%	1%	6%	4%
Do you get a real kick out of doing things that are a little dangerous?	Not at all	37%	58%	19%	35%	19%	42%
	A little	39%	33%	45%	51%	45%	46%
	Quite a bit	17%	5%	19%	9%	22%	10%
	Very much	8%	4%	17%	5%	15%	2%
On how many of the last 30 days did you carry a gun on school property?	0 days	99%	100%	97%	100%	94%	99%
	1 day	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%
	2 or 3 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	4 or 5 days	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	6 or more days	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	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%	90%	97%	89%	99%
	1 day	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%	1%
	2 or 3 days	1%	0%	2%	0%	3%	0%
	4 or 5 days	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
	6 or more days	1%	0%	4%	1%	4%	0%

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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	92%	97%	72%	75%	42%	54%
	Yes	8%	3%	28%	25%	58%	46%
DAILY use of any tobacco products during the past year	No	100%	100%	90%	90%	71%	80%
	Yes	0%	0%	10%	10%	29%	20%
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	99%	100%	92%	92%	64%	84%
	Yes	1%	0%	8%	8%	36%	16%
Any alcohol and/or other drug use during the past year (excluding tobacco)	No alcohol or other drug use in the past year	80%	91%	51%	48%	32%	28%
	Used only alcohol in the past year	12%	6%	29%	30%	28%	38%
	Used only other drugs in the past year	3%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%
	Used both alcohol and other drugs in the past year	6%	2%	19%	22%	37%	33%

* 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%	98%	77%	75%	53%	55%
	Less than monthly	3%	2%	9%	9%	14%	15%
	Monthly	1%	0%	2%	3%	3%	6%
	Weekly	1%	0%	3%	4%	5%	5%
	Daily	0%	0%	9%	10%	25%	20%
During the last 30 days, on how many days did you smoke a cigarette?	0 days	97%	100%	83%	80%	61%	67%
	1 or 2 days	2%	0%	5%	5%	8%	7%
	3 to 5 days	1%	0%	0%	2%	4%	2%
	6 to 9 days	0%	0%	1%	3%	4%	4%
	10 to 19 days	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	20 to 29 days	0%	0%	2%	3%	5%	4%
	All 30 days	0%	0%	6%	5%	15%	13%
During the last 30 days, how frequently have you smoked cigarettes?	Never	96%	100%	84%	81%	63%	67%
	Less than one cigarette per day	1%	0%	6%	8%	12%	13%
	One to five cigarettes per day	2%	0%	6%	9%	9%	10%
	About one-half pack per day	0%	0%	2%	2%	7%	4%
	About one pack per day	0%	0%	1%	0%	6%	4%
	About one and one-half packs per day	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
	Two packs or more per day	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
If you have not smoked a cigarette in the last year, do you think you will during the next year?	Definitely yes	3%	0%	6%	4%	10%	6%
	Probably yes	3%	2%	6%	11%	10%	9%
	Probably not	12%	9%	18%	20%	22%	16%
	Definitely not	83%	89%	70%	65%	59%	69%

* 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	97%	100%	91%	100%	74%	97%
	Less than monthly	2%	0%	3%	0%	10%	2%
	Monthly	1%	0%	3%	0%	3%	0%
	Weekly	0%	0%	2%	0%	5%	0%
	Daily	0%	0%	1%	0%	9%	0%
During the last 12 months, how often have you used cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?	Not at all	96%	99%	83%	97%	66%	94%
	Less than monthly	3%	1%	13%	2%	22%	5%
	Monthly	1%	0%	2%	1%	7%	1%
	Weekly	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	Daily	0%	0%	2%	0%	4%	0%

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

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**TABLE 30
ACCESS TO TOBACCO**

Blue Earth County

<i>INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO USED TOBACCO IN THE LAST 30 DAYS</i>		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%	0%	34%	13%	68%	60%
	Bought it at bars or restaurants	0%	0%	9%	0%	11%	2%
	Bought it at grocery, discount, or drug stores	17%	0%	11%	3%	26%	18%
	Bought it at places like bowling alleys, video arcades, or pool halls	8%	0%	9%	0%	7%	3%
	Bought it from vending machines	25%	0%	13%	3%	3%	1%
	Bought it on the Internet *			9%	0%	3%	1%
	Got it from friends	50%	0%	55%	64%	42%	42%
	Got it from family members	0%	0%	30%	20%	11%	5%
	Got it by getting someone else to buy for me	25%	0%	43%	41%	8%	20%
	Took it from my home	17%	0%	25%	20%	7%	4%
	Took it from a friend's home	17%	0%	15%	6%	10%	1%
	Took it from stores	8%	0%	11%	0%	5%	4%

<i>INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO BOUGHT TOBACCO IN THE LAST 30 DAYS</i>		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	14%	0%	20%	0%	11%	3%
	No	86%	100%	80%	100%	89%	98%

* 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	83%	91%	51%	48%	34%	29%
	1-2	10%	8%	15%	17%	6%	13%
	3-5	3%	1%	12%	11%	6%	17%
	6-9	1%	0%	6%	11%	9%	11%
	10-19	1%	0%	7%	8%	14%	13%
	20-39	1%	0%	3%	3%	12%	9%
	40+	1%	0%	7%	2%	20%	10%
On how many occasions (if any) have you had alcoholic beverages to drink during the last 30 days?	0	91%	96%	65%	71%	43%	53%
	1-2	5%	4%	20%	14%	21%	22%
	3-5	2%	0%	7%	9%	13%	14%
	6-9	1%	0%	3%	3%	11%	7%
	10-19	0%	0%	4%	2%	9%	3%
	20-39	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	40+	0%	0%	1%	0%	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	88%	97%	55%	50%	34%	31%
	1 glass, can, or drink	8%	3%	14%	19%	4%	8%
	2 glasses, cans, or drinks	2%	0%	5%	10%	6%	14%
	3 glasses, cans, or drinks	0%	0%	6%	7%	5%	16%
	4 glasses, cans, or drinks	0%	0%	6%	5%	7%	10%
	5 glasses, cans, or drinks	0%	0%	5%	4%	8%	9%
	6 or more glasses, cans, or drinks	2%	0%	8%	5%	35%	13%
Over the last 2 weeks, how many times (if any) have you had five or more drinks in a row? *	Never			77%	86%	57%	72%
	Once			11%	5%	13%	18%
	Twice			5%	5%	14%	5%
	3 - 5 times			5%	3%	9%	4%
	6 - 9 times			1%	1%	3%	0%
	10 or more times			1%	0%	4%	0%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

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TABLE 32
ACCESS TO ALCOHOL
Blue Earth County

INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO USED ALCOHOL IN THE LAST 30 DAYS *		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	14%	0%	2%	1%	6%	5%
	Bought it at stores	0%	0%	3%	5%	11%	6%
	Bought it on the Internet **			1%	0%	2%	1%
	Got it from friends	14%	13%	56%	70%	70%	70%
	Got it from family members	38%	50%	23%	37%	16%	15%
	Got it by getting someone else to buy for me	5%	0%	34%	28%	48%	47%
	Got it at parties	14%	0%	42%	70%	48%	53%
	Took it from my home	14%	13%	26%	17%	9%	7%
	Took it from a friend's home	5%	0%	13%	15%	2%	2%
	Took it from stores	0%	0%	7%	0%	3%	3%

INCLUDES ONLY THOSE WHO BOUGHT ALCOHOL IN THE LAST 30 DAYS		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	0%	0%	17%	2%	13%	2%
	No	100%	100%	83%	98%	87%	98%

* In 1998, percentages were based on only recent alcohol users who cited a source. This year, percentages are based on all recent alcohol users, even if they skipped this question. This results in small decreases in many of the 2001 results. Therefore, these percentages are not comparable to previous 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	92%	95%	59%	73%
	Once	2%	4%	11%	10%
	Twice	1%	2%	5%	3%
	3 or more times	5%	0%	25%	15%
Do you ever ride with friends after they have been using alcohol or drugs?	No	71%	66%	52%	58%
	Yes, but rarely	14%	20%	25%	29%
	Yes, often	8%	5%	21%	12%
	None of my friends use alcohol or other drugs	7%	9%	1%	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	95%	100%	80%	80%	62%	68%
	1-2	3%	0%	2%	7%	5%	8%
	3-5	0%	0%	3%	4%	5%	5%
	6-9	0%	0%	4%	2%	2%	4%
	10-19	0%	0%	3%	4%	4%	4%
	20-39	0%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%
	40+	0%	0%	6%	2%	19%	10%
... used marijuana (grass, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil) during the last 30 days?	0	98%	100%	84%	85%	71%	78%
	1-2	1%	0%	6%	9%	7%	9%
	3-5	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	6-9	0%	0%	2%	2%	3%	5%
	10-19	0%	0%	2%	1%	4%	2%
	20-39	0%	0%	2%	0%	4%	2%
	40+	0%	0%	1%	0%	8%	3%
... sniffed glue or inhaled any other gases or sprays in order to get high during the last 12 months? *	0	96%	98%	98%	96%	96%	98%
	1-2	3%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%
	3-5	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
	6-9	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10-19	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	20-39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
... taken other people's prescription drugs during the last 12 months? *	0	98%	100%	96%	94%	89%	93%
	1-2	0%	0%	2%	5%	3%	4%
	3-5	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	2%
	6-9	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10-19	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	40+	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	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%	93%	92%	93%
	1-2	1%	3%	3%	3%
	3-5	2%	3%	0%	3%
	6-9	0%	1%	1%	1%
	10-19	1%	0%	1%	0%
	20-39	0%	0%	1%	0%
	40+	0%	0%	0%	0%
... used methamphetamine (meth, speed, crank, crystal meth) by any method?	0	96%	97%	92%	96%
	1-2	2%	2%	3%	1%
	3-5	1%	1%	2%	1%
	6-9	0%	0%	1%	0%
	10-19	0%	0%	1%	1%
	20-39	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40+	0%	0%	0%	0%
... used "crack" (cocaine in chunk or rock form), or cocaine in any other form?	0	96%	98%	90%	95%
	1-2	2%	1%	5%	1%
	3-5	1%	0%	1%	1%
	6-9	0%	0%	0%	1%
	10-19	0%	0%	2%	1%
	20-39	0%	0%	0%	0%
	40+	0%	0%	1%	0%
... used MDMA ("ecstasy")?	0	97%	98%	92%	97%
	1-2	1%	2%	6%	3%
	3-5	0%	0%	0%	0%
	6-9	1%	0%	0%	0%
	10-19	1%	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	95%	97%	85%	94%
	1-2	3%	2%	5%	2%
	3-5	1%	1%	4%	1%
	6-9	0%	0%	2%	1%
	10-19	0%	0%	2%	2%
	20-39	1%	0%	1%	0%
... used heroin or any other narcotics or opiates?	0	97%	99%	93%	98%
	1-2	1%	1%	3%	2%
	3-5	0%	0%	2%	0%
	6-9	0%	0%	0%	0%
	10-19	0%	0%	1%	0%
	40+	2%	0%	1%	0%
... taken barbiturates or tranquilizers without a doctor telling you to take them?	0	97%	98%	96%	97%
	1-2	1%	1%	1%	3%
	3-5	2%	0%	1%	0%
	6-9	0%	0%	1%	0%
	10-19	0%	0%	0%	0%
	20-39	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	71%	40%	67%	50%
	Bought them from people I don't know	17%	7%	14%	13%
	Bought them on the Internet	0%	0%	5%	0%
	Got them from friends	71%	88%	77%	84%
	Got them from family members	7%	7%	11%	9%
	Got them by getting someone else to buy for me	15%	17%	17%	11%
	Got them at parties	44%	50%	36%	47%
	Took them from my home	10%	2%	5%	3%
	Took them from a friend's home	7%	17%	9%	5%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

** In 1998, percentages were based on recent drug users. This year, 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 not directly comparable to 1998 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	2%	0%	11%	6%	20%	10%
	No	98%	100%	89%	94%	80%	90%
...during school?	Yes	2%	0%	11%	5%	20%	10%
	No	98%	100%	89%	95%	80%	90%
...right after school?	Yes	2%	0%	19%	13%	28%	17%
	No	98%	100%	81%	87%	72%	83%

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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)	To relax	18%	17%	33%	30%
	To get high or smashed	18%	14%	37%	21%
	To have fun at parties	23%	26%	46%	46%
	To escape from school, family or personal problems	6%	14%	20%	22%
	Because my parents aren't around	5%	7%	6%	5%
	Because my friends do	6%	8%	16%	13%
	Because my parents do	1%	2%	2%	1%
	Because I like the taste	12%	14%	22%	26%
	Because I'm sad, lonely, or angry	6%	8%	7%	9%
	Because it's illegal	5%	4%	12%	4%
	Because of peer pressure	4%	5%	7%	5%

* 6th grade survey did not ask this question.

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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)	My friends don't use	65%	74%
	One or both of my parents would object	63%	70%
	I have no desire to use	70%	83%
	Use is against my principles or religious beliefs	27%	30%
	Alcohol and drugs are dangerous	71%	80%
	Alcohol and drug education at school	48%	58%
	Use could affect my performance in school, sports, or other activities	69%	79%

* 9th-12th grade survey did not ask this 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	90%	91%	76%	88%
	Yes	10%	9%	24%	12%
...have you tried to cut down on your alcohol or other drug use but couldn't?	No or no use	91%	91%	87%	91%
	Yes	9%	9%	13%	9%
...has alcohol or other drug use hurt your relationships with friends or family?	No or no use	92%	88%	86%	93%
	Yes	8%	12%	14%	7%
...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	83%	84%	68%	74%
	Once	7%	5%	12%	11%
	Twice	3%	4%	6%	4%
	3 or more times	6%	7%	14%	11%
...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	91%	91%	83%	89%
	Once	4%	6%	6%	6%
	Twice	2%	2%	5%	3%
	3 or more times	3%	1%	6%	2%
...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%	86%	79%	80%
	Once	6%	7%	9%	11%
	Twice	0%	3%	5%	6%
	3 or more times	3%	4%	7%	3%

* 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	92%	86%	77%	82%
	Once	4%	10%	10%	12%
	Twice	2%	2%	3%	3%
	3 or more times	2%	3%	9%	4%
...how many times have you missed work or school because of alcohol or other drug use?	0 times or no use	95%	96%	88%	88%
	Once	1%	2%	4%	6%
	Twice	1%	1%	3%	4%
	3 or more times	3%	1%	5%	2%
...how many times has alcohol or other drug use caused you problems with the law?	0 times or no use	95%	96%	81%	94%
	Once	3%	3%	9%	5%
	Twice	1%	0%	6%	1%
	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	93%	94%	86%	96%
	Once	3%	5%	7%	2%
	Twice	2%	0%	2%	2%
	3 or more times	2%	1%	4%	0%
...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	84%	80%	68%	71%
	Once	6%	11%	12%	18%
	Twice	3%	5%	8%	6%
	3 or more times	7%	4%	13%	5%
...how many times have you used more alcohol or other drugs than you intended to?	0 times or no use	86%	82%	66%	68%
	Once	8%	9%	12%	15%
	Twice	2%	4%	8%	7%
	3 or more times	5%	5%	15%	10%

* 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	82%	84%	53%	50%
	Yes, once or twice	9%	8%	12%	8%
	Yes, 3 times or more	9%	8%	35%	42%
During the last 12 months, with how many different male partners have you had sexual intercourse?	None	96%	84%	94%	53%
	1 person	1%	9%	2%	30%
	2 persons	0%	3%	1%	10%
	3 persons	0%	2%	2%	4%
	4 persons	0%	0%	1%	1%
	5 persons	0%	0%	0%	0%
	6 or more persons	2%	1%	2%	2%
During the last 12 months, with how many different female partners have you had sexual intercourse?	None	82%	99%	54%	100%
	1 person	6%	0%	27%	0%
	2 persons	5%	0%	6%	0%
	3 persons	1%	0%	6%	0%
	4 persons	0%	0%	3%	0%
	5 persons	1%	0%	1%	0%
	6 or more persons	4%	0%	4%	0%
How many times have you been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant?	0 times	97%	98%	93%	97%
	1 time	2%	1%	3%	2%
	2 or more times	0%	1%	2%	0%
	Not sure	1%	0%	2%	0%

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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	33%	37%	25%	20%
	Not with every partner	11%	12%	16%	15%
	At least once with every partner	56%	51%	60%	66%
Have you talked with partner(s) about preventing pregnancy? **	Never	38%	30%	16%	12%
	Not with every partner	7%	14%	18%	12%
	At least once with every partner	56%	56%	66%	76%
If you have sexual intercourse, how often do you and/or your partner use any birth control method?	Never	24%	24%	9%	9%
	Rarely	5%	7%	8%	2%
	Sometimes	17%	5%	8%	5%
	Usually	12%	12%	18%	10%
	Always	43%	51%	56%	74%
If you have sexual intercourse, how often is a condom used?	Never	7%	8%	14%	25%
	Rarely	2%	11%	16%	8%
	Sometimes	14%	11%	9%	14%
	Usually	11%	8%	14%	18%
	Always	66%	63%	48%	36%
The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?	Yes	76%	64%	63%	50%
	No	24%	36%	37%	50%

* 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, the percentages include only sexually active students. Accordingly, the results for these questions are not directly comparable to previous 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)	One or both of my parents would object	48%	66%	36%	50%
	I don't want to have sex	24%	59%	23%	56%
	Most students in my school don't have sex	13%	10%	8%	1%
	My friends don't have sex	32%	33%	9%	14%
	I don't think it's right for a person my age to have sex	53%	76%	27%	47%
	I'm afraid of getting caught	26%	30%	10%	12%
	My religious or spiritual beliefs	24%	39%	33%	42%
	Sex education at school has shown me the advantages of waiting until I'm older	33%	39%	21%	25%
	I don't want to get a sexually transmitted disease	65%	70%	48%	60%
	Fear of pregnancy **	46%	75%	56%	71%
	My parents taught me the advantages of waiting until I'm older	29%	44%	21%	38%
	I have chosen to wait until I'm married	41%	50%	39%	51%

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