

PETALUMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

In this binder you will find a copy of the 2005-2006 California Healthy Kids Survey module that we will administer to all 5th grade students in our district.

The single elementary school version is built around Healthy Kids Survey Core and Resilience & Youth Development items. It provides baseline data to support the implementation of comprehensive, developmentally appropriate K-12 prevention and health programs. It contains many of the same or similar items as the middle school version in order to have cross-survey comparability, though item wording is simpler and developmentally appropriate. It is focused less on assessing behavior than on the risk and resilience factors that influence behavior. This is because most risk behaviors are very uncommon among youth under grade 7.

The instrument, now required for California school districts, covers: lifetime use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and inhalants, as well as intoxication while at school, perceived harm, and availability; harassment and bullying at school, carrying weapons on campus, and perceived school safety; physical activity, diet, and body image; health-related out-of-school activities; and developmental assets, using shorter scales than the secondary school Resilience & Youth Development Module.

A copy of this survey is also available at your student's school site.

If you have any concerns or questions about this survey please call Tammy Cotter, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist, Petaluma City Schools, 778-4800