

TECHNICAL REPORT
5TH GRADE
2004-2005 & 2005-2006
AMADOR COUNTY

Surveying for this cycle conducted Spring 2005



Please Note: It is important to interpret these results with caution. Results can be significantly impacted by response rates, the type of parental consent used (passive or active), gender differences, regional variations, and other issues. Some answers to frequently asked questions about these issues can be found at www.wested.org/pub/docs/chks_faq_answers.html. The CHKS is only one of many data sources. Readers are encouraged to read the CHKS Data Use and Dissemination Guidebook available at www.wested.org/pub/docs/chks_guides.html for a complete interpretation of the results.

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Sample Characteristics

Note: Tables 3.1 through 5.3 include results by gender.

Table 1.1

Student Sample Characteristics

| | Grade 5 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Student Sample Size | |
| Final Sample (Number of Respondents) | 209 |

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Table 2.1

Age of Sample

| | Grade 5 | Total % |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 7 years old, or younger than 7 | 0 | |
| 8 years old | 0 | |
| 9 years old | 1 | |
| 10 years old | 32 | |
| 11 years old | 60 | |
| 12 years old | 8 | |
| 13 years old or older than 13 | 0 | |

Question ES 2, 4: How old are you? What grade are you in?

Table 2.2

Gender of Sample

| | Grade 5 | Total % |
|--------|---------|---------|
| Female | 42 | |
| Male | 58 | |

Question ES 3: Are you female or male?

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Table 2.3

Number of Times Moved, Past Year

| | Grade 5 | Total % |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| 0 times | | 62 |
| 1 time | | 16 |
| 2 times or more times | | 22 |

Question ES 5: During the past year, how many times have you moved (changed where you live)?

Table 2.4

Perceived Ability With School Work

| | Grade 5 | Total % |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| One of the best students | | 14 |
| Better than most students | | 31 |
| About the same as others | | 45 |
| Don't do as well as most others | | 10 |

Question ES 16: How well do you do in your school work?

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Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Use

Table 3.1

Ever Used Alcohol or Other Drugs, Lifetime

| | Grade 5 | | |
|--------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| | Female % | Male % | Total % |
| Alcohol, one or two sips | 42 | 30 | 35 |
| Alcohol, a full glass | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Inhalants (to get high) | 4 | 7 | 6 |
| Marijuana * | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| <i>None of the above</i> | 54 | 66 | 61 |
| <i>Any of the above</i> | 46 | 34 | 39 |

Questions ES 32, 33, 34: Have you ever drunk beer, wine, or other alcohol? Have you ever sniffed something through your nose to get "high?" Have you ever smoked any marijuana (pot, grass, weed)?

Table 3.2

Any Alcohol Use, Past Month

| | Grade 5 | | |
|------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| | Female % | Male % | Total % |
| No | | | |
| Yes, I drank one or two sips | | | |
| Yes, I drank a full glass | | | |

Question ES 39: In the past month, did you drink any beer, wine or other alcohol?

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Table 3.3

Any AOD Use Before/During School, Lifetime

| | Grade 5 | | |
|-----|----------|--------|---------|
| | Female % | Male % | Total % |
| No | 100 | 96 | 98 |
| Yes | 0 | 4 | 2 |

Question ES 35: Have you ever used alcohol or an illegal drug like marijuana before school or at school?

Table 3.4

Perception of Health Risk of Alcohol and Marijuana Use

| | Grade 5 | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| | Female % | Male % | Total % |
| Alcohol | | | |
| No, not bad | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Yes, a little bad | 29 | 29 | 29 |
| Yes, very bad | 70 | 68 | 69 |
| Marijuana | | | |
| No, not bad | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Yes, a little bad | 6 | 4 | 5 |
| Yes, very bad | 88 | 83 | 85 |
| I don't know what marijuana is | 4 | 9 | 7 |

Question ES 37-38: Do you think drinking alcohol (beer, wine, liquor) is bad for a person's health?

Do you think using marijuana (pot, grass, weed) is bad for a person's health?

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Tobacco Use

Table 4.1

Lifetime and Current Use of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco

| | Grade 5 | | |
|--|----------|--------|---------|
| | Female % | Male % | Total % |
| Ever smoked a cigarette * | 6 | 9 | 8 |
| Part of a cigarette, like one or two puffs | 4 | 8 | 7 |
| A whole cigarette | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Smoked a cigarette in the past month | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Ever chewed tobacco or snuff | 0 | 2 | 1 |

Questions ES 30, 40, 31. Have you... In the past month, did you...

Table 4.2

Perception of Health Risk of Cigarette Smoking

| | Grade 5 | | |
|-------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| | Female % | Male % | Total % |
| No, not bad | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Yes, a little bad | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Yes, very bad | 97 | 96 | 96 |

Question ES 36: Do you think smoking cigarettes is bad for a person's health?

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Violence and Safety

Table 5.1

Perceived Feeling Safe At or Outside of School

| | Grade 5 | | |
|--|----------|--------|---------|
| | Female % | Male % | Total % |
| Do you feel safe at school? | | | |
| No, never | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| Yes, some of the time | 18 | 11 | 14 |
| Yes, most of the time | 35 | 29 | 32 |
| Yes, all of the time * | 41 | 53 | 48 |
| Do you feel safe outside of school? | | | |
| No, never | 10 | 5 | 7 |
| Yes, some of the time | 28 | 13 | 19 |
| Yes, most of the time | 41 | 46 | 44 |
| Yes, all of the time | 21 | 36 | 30 |

Question ES 28, 29: Do you feel safe at school? Do you feel safe outside of school?

** = To be used for the CDE-Recommended SDFSC/TUPE Performance Indicator students that feel very safe at school"*

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Table 5.2

Frequency of Being Harassed on School Property

| | Grade 5 | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| | Female % | Male % | Total % |
| Been hit or pushed | | | |
| No, never | 45 | 37 | 40 |
| Yes, some of the time | 39 | 48 | 44 |
| Yes, most of the time | 9 | 7 | 8 |
| Yes, all of the time | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Mean rumors spread about you | | | |
| No, never | 25 | 39 | 33 |
| Yes, some of the time | 55 | 46 | 50 |
| Yes, most of the time | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| Yes, all of the time | 12 | 6 | 8 |

*Question ES 23, 24: Do other kids hit or push you at school when they are not just playing around?
Do other kids at school spread mean rumors or lies about you?*

Table 5.3

Frequency of Harassing on School Property, Past Year

| | Grade 5 | | |
|---|----------|--------|---------|
| | Female % | Male % | Total % |
| Have hit or pushed other kids | | | |
| 0 times | 57 | 45 | 50 |
| 1 time | 16 | 26 | 22 |
| 2 times | 6 | 12 | 9 |
| 3 or more times | 21 | 17 | 19 |
| Have spread mean rumors about other kids | | | |
| 0 times | 67 | 71 | 69 |
| 1 time | 19 | 17 | 18 |
| 2 times | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| 3 or more times | 12 | 5 | 8 |

Question ES 21, 22: During the past year, how many times have you...hit or pushed other kids at school when you were not playing around? ...spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school?

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Table 5.4

Weapons (Gun or Knife) on School Property, Past Year

| | Grade 5 | Total % |
|--|---------|---------|
| Brought weapon to school | | |
| No | | 100 |
| Yes | | 0 |
| Saw another kid with a weapon at school | | |
| No | | 72 |
| Yes | | 28 |

Question ES 25, 26: During the past year... did you ever bring a gun or knife to school? ...have you ever seen another kid with a gun or knife at school?

Table 5.5

Frequency of Being Home Without Adult Supervision

| | Grade 5 | Total % |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| No, never | | 52 |
| Yes, some of the time | | 34 |
| Yes, most of the time | | 8 |
| Yes, all of the time | | 7 |

Question ES 27: Are you home alone after school?

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Table 5.6

Frequency of Seat Belt and Helmet Use

| | Grade 5 | Total % |
|--|---------|---------|
| When you ride in a car do you wear a seat belt? | | |
| No, never | | 0 |
| Yes, some of the time | | 3 |
| Yes, most of the time | | 16 |
| Yes, all of the time | | 81 |
| When you ride a bicycle do you wear a helmet? | | |
| I do not ride a bicycle | | 5 |
| No, never | | 17 |
| Yes, some of the time | | 22 |
| Yes, most of the time | | 25 |
| Yes, all of the time | | 31 |

Question ES 7, 8: When you ride in a car do you wear a seat belt? When you ride a bicycle do you wear a helmet?

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Physical Health

Table 6.1

Breakfast Consumption

| | Grade 5 | Total % |
|-----|---------|---------|
| No | | 15 |
| Yes | | 85 |

Question ES 6: Did you eat breakfast this morning?

Table 6.2

Exercise During Week

| | Grade 5 | Total % |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| 0 days | | 4 |
| 1 day | | 3 |
| 2 days | | 6 |
| 3 days | | 13 |
| 4 days | | 13 |
| 5 days | | 14 |
| 6 or 7 days | | 47 |

Question ES 50: How many days each week do you exercise, dance, or play sports?

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Table 6.3

Frequency of Daily Television Watching and Video Game Playing

| | Grade 5 | Total % |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| None, I didn't watch TV yesterday | | 18 |
| Less than 1 hour | | 25 |
| About 1 hour | | 19 |
| About 2 hours | | 18 |
| 3 or more hours | | 20 |

Question ES 53: Yesterday, how much time did you spend watching TV or playing video games?

Table 6.4

Body Image

| | Grade 5 | Total % |
|--|---------|---------|
| Do you think you are... | | |
| Too skinny | | 11 |
| About right | | 65 |
| Too fat | | 24 |
| Are you doing anything to try to lose weight? | | |
| No | | 58 |
| Yes | | 42 |
| Ever been teased about your body at school? | | |
| No | | 54 |
| Yes | | 46 |

Question ES 47-49: Do you think you are too skinny, about right, or too fat? Are you doing anything to try to lose weight? Have other kids at school ever teased you about what your body looks like?

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Table 6.5

Students with Asthma

| | Grade 5 | Total % |
|-----|---------|---------|
| No | | 81 |
| Yes | | 19 |

Question ES 52: Has a parent or some other adult ever told you that you have asthma?

Table 6.6

Asthma Symptoms While Not Exercising

| | Grade 5 | Total % |
|-----|---------|---------|
| No | | 80 |
| Yes | | 20 |

Question ES 51: When not exercising, do you ever have trouble breathing (for example, shortness-of-breath, wheezing, or a sense of tightness in your chest)?

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**Table 7.1
External and Internal Asset Scores (High, Moderate, and Low)**

| Percent of students scoring and Low in Assets (%) | High, Moderate, | Grade 5 | | |
|--|-----------------|---------|----|----|
| | | H | M | L |
| Total External Assets | | 61 | 38 | 1 |
| Caring Relationships | | 73 | 25 | 2 |
| High Expectations | | 80 | 19 | 1 |
| Meaningful Participation | | 7 | 85 | 7 |
| | | | | |
| School Environment * | | 41 | 53 | 6 |
| Caring Relationships: Adults in School * | | 60 | 35 | 5 |
| High Expectations: Adults in School * | | 51 | 47 | 2 |
| Meaningful Participation * | | 7 | 76 | 17 |
| | | | | |
| Home Environment | | 79 | 20 | 1 |
| Caring Relationships: Adults in Home | | 76 | 21 | 3 |
| High Expectations: Adults in Home | | 90 | 9 | 1 |
| Meaningful Participation | | 9 | 84 | 7 |
| | | | | |
| Personal School Connectedness | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Peer Environment | | | | |
| High Expectations: Pro-social peers | | 35 | 64 | 2 |
| | | | | |
| Total Internal Assets | | 64 | 35 | 1 |
| Empathy | | 35 | 61 | 5 |
| Problem Solving | | 34 | 60 | 6 |
| Goals and Aspirations | | 88 | 11 | 1 |

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