

BUTTE COUNTY
COUNTY LEVEL REPORT

TECHNICAL REPORT – ELEMENTARY

FALL 2007



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	
Target Sample	2,126
Final Sample (Number of Respondents)	1005
Average Response Rate	47%

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Table 2.1

Age of Sample

	Grade 5 Total %
7 years old, or younger than 7	0
8 years old	1
9 years old	3
10 years old	76
11 years old	20
12 years old	0
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	54
Male	46

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	57
1 time	20
2 times or more times	23

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	26
Better than most students	24
About the same as others	41
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	19	29	24
Alcohol, a full glass	2	3	3
Inhalants (to get high)	2	5	3
Marijuana *	1	2	1
<i>None of the above</i>	77	67	72
<i>Any of the above</i>	23	33	28

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	94	86	90
Yes, I drank one or two sips	5	13	9
Yes, I drank a full glass	1	1	1

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

*** = CDE-Recommended SDFSC/TUPE Performance Indicator**

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Table 3.3

Any AOD Use Before/During School, Lifetime

	Grade 5		
	Female %	Male %	Total %
No	99	99	99
Yes	1	1	1

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	3	7	5
Yes, a little bad	29	36	32
Yes, very bad	67	57	63
Marijuana			
No, not bad	3	7	5
Yes, a little bad	2	6	4
Yes, very bad	77	74	75
I don't know what marijuana is	18	13	16

*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 *	4	6	5
Part of a cigarette, like one or two puffs	3	5	4
A whole cigarette	1	1	1
Smoked a cigarette in the past month	1	2	1
Ever chewed tobacco or snuff	1	4	2

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	2	2	2
Yes, a little bad	2	5	3
Yes, very bad	96	93	94

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	5	6	5
Yes, some of the time	13	14	14
Yes, most of the time	26	29	27
Yes, all of the time *	56	52	55
Do you feel safe outside of school?			
No, never	11	10	10
Yes, some of the time	18	18	18
Yes, most of the time	37	36	36
Yes, all of the time	34	36	35

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

*** = To be used for the CDE-Recommended**

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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	59	42	51
Yes, some of the time	31	41	36
Yes, most of the time	6	9	7
Yes, all of the time	4	8	6
Mean rumors spread about you			
No, never	47	50	48
Yes, some of the time	39	37	39
Yes, most of the time	9	6	7
Yes, all of the time	6	7	6

*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	75	53	65
1 time	13	17	15
2 times	6	11	8
3 or more times	6	19	12
Have spread mean rumors about other kids			
0 times	77	71	75
1 time	15	16	15
2 times	3	6	4
3 or more times	5	7	6

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	96
Yes	4
Saw another kid with a weapon at school	
No	76
Yes	24

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	60
Yes, some of the time	29
Yes, most of the time	6
Yes, all of the time	5

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	4
Yes, most of the time	13
Yes, all of the time	82
When you ride a bicycle do you wear a helmet?	
I do not ride a bicycle	11
No, never	13
Yes, some of the time	14
Yes, most of the time	19
Yes, all of the time	44

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	7
3 days	8
4 days	11
5 days	16
6 or 7 days	50

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	23
Less than 1 hour	34
About 1 hour	17
About 2 hours	16
3 or more hours	10

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	8
About right	77
Too fat	15
Are you doing anything to try to lose weight?	
No	51
Yes	49
Ever been teased about your body at school?	
No	62
Yes	38

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	80
Yes	20

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	78
Yes	22

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 High, Moderate, and Low in Assets (%)	Grade 5		
	H	M	L
Total External Assets	74	25	1
Caring Relationships	78	21	1
High Expectations	86	13	1
Meaningful Participation	20	74	6
School Environment	57	40	3
Caring Relationships: Adults in School *	64	32	3
High Expectations: Adults in School *	65	33	2
Meaningful Participation *	19	69	12
Home Environment	82	17	1
Caring Relationships: Adults in Home	79	20	1
High Expectations: Adults in Home	91	8	1
Meaningful Participation	19	75	6
Personal School Connectedness*	64	33	3
Peer Environment			
High Expectations: Pro-social peers	54	43	3
Total Internal Assets	68	30	2
Empathy	45	49	6
Problem Solving	40	54	6
Goals and Aspirations	83	17	0

* = CDE-Recommended SDFSC/TUPE Performance Indicator

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Table 8.1

SDFSCA/TUPE Performance Indicators Recommended by CDE

Performance Indicator	5th Grade %
Tobacco Use	
The Percentage of students that have ever used cigarettes*	5%
Drug Use	
The percentage of students that have ever used marijuana**	1%
Safe Schools and Violence	
The percentage of students that feel very safe at school***	55%
Protective Factors	
The percentage of students that report high levels of caring relationships with a teacher or other adult at their school	64%
The percentage of students that report high levels of high expectations from a teacher or other adult at their school	65%
The percentage of students that report high levels of opportunities for meaningful participation at their school	19%
The percentage of students that report high levels of personal school connectedness	64%

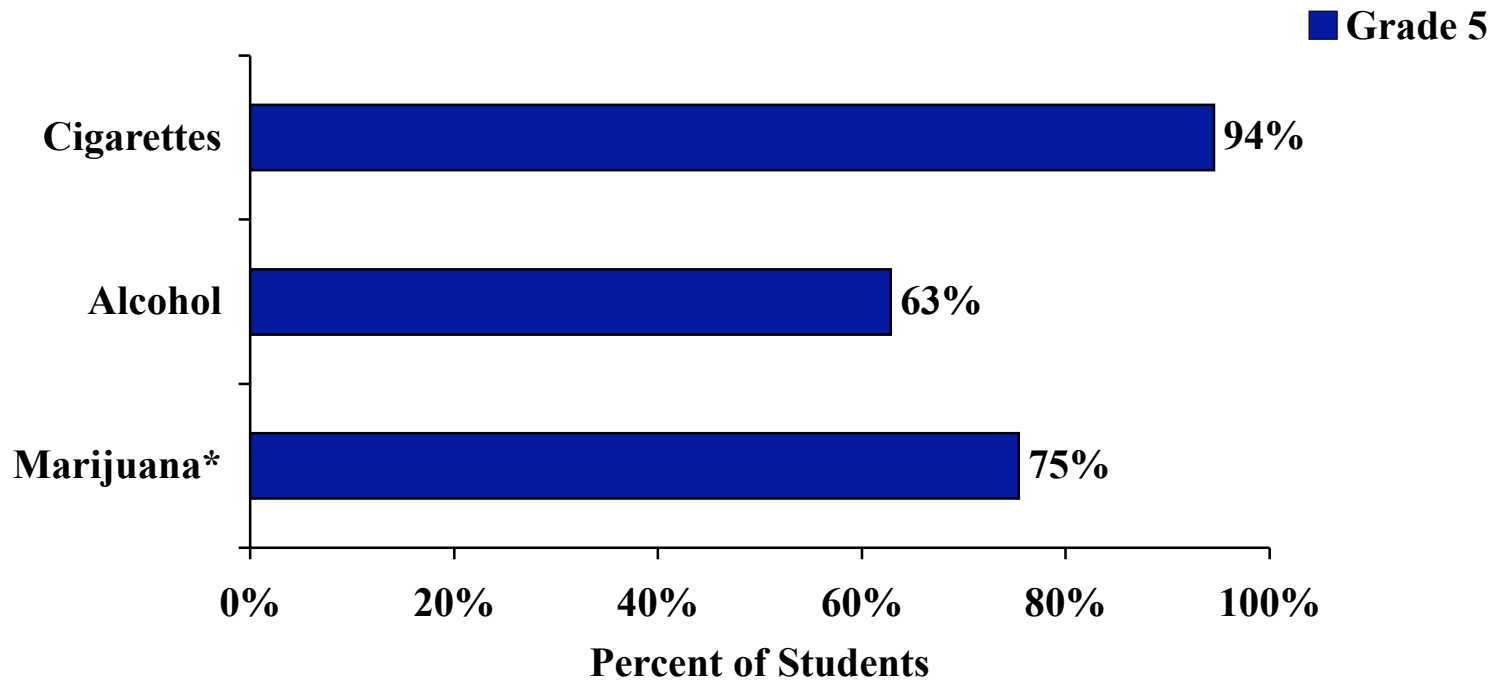
*Includes students who smoked part of a cigarette and those who smoked a whole cigarette.

**Excludes students who answered "I don't know what marijuana is"

***Elementary students are asked how often they feel safe at school rather than how safe they felt, as in the secondary survey. This table reports those students who responded, "Yes, all of the time."

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Perception that Use of Cigarettes, Alcohol, or Marijuana is Very Bad for a Person's Health



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Violence and Safety-Related Behavior and Experiences

