

Technical Report
5TH GRADE
2007-2008
IMPERIAL COUNTY



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
Final Sample (Number of Respondents)	1584

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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	51
11 years old	42
12 years old	5
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	51
Male	49

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	53
1 time	24
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	18
Better than most students	22
About the same as others	46
Don't do as well as most others	14

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	18	24	21
Alcohol, a full glass	2	3	3
Inhalants (to get high)	2	5	3
Marijuana *	1	2	1
<i>None of the above</i>	79	71	75
<i>Any of the above</i>	21	29	25

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	92	90	91
Yes, I drank one or two sips	6	9	7
Yes, I drank a full glass	2	2	2

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	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	2	4	3
Yes, a little bad	20	26	23
Yes, very bad	78	69	74
Marijuana			
No, not bad	3	6	4
Yes, a little bad	2	3	2
Yes, very bad	82	81	81
I don't know what marijuana is	13	11	12

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 *	2	5	3
Part of a cigarette, like one or two puffs	2	3	3
A whole cigarette	0	1	1
Smoked a cigarette in the past month	1	3	2
Ever chewed tobacco or snuff	1	2	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	3	2
Yes, a little bad	3	6	5
Yes, very bad	95	91	93

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	10	8
Yes, some of the time	14	19	17
Yes, most of the time	24	20	22
Yes, all of the time *	56	51	53
Do you feel safe outside of school?			
No, never	17	17	17
Yes, some of the time	26	23	24
Yes, most of the time	28	29	28
Yes, all of the time	29	32	30

Question ES 28, 29: Do you feel safe at school? Do you feel safe outside of 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	57	43	50
Yes, some of the time	30	40	35
Yes, most of the time	8	11	9
Yes, all of the time	5	6	6
Mean rumors spread about you			
No, never	42	50	46
Yes, some of the time	42	33	38
Yes, most of the time	10	10	10
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	67	47	57
1 time	15	18	17
2 times	9	12	10
3 or more times	10	23	16
Have spread mean rumors about other kids			
0 times	67	65	67
1 time	18	18	18
2 times	6	8	7
3 or more times	8	9	9

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	77
Yes	23

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	65
Yes, some of the time	27
Yes, most of the time	5
Yes, all of the time	3

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	2
Yes, some of the time	14
Yes, most of the time	20
Yes, all of the time	64
When you ride a bicycle do you wear a helmet?	
I do not ride a bicycle	14
No, never	47
Yes, some of the time	17
Yes, most of the time	8
Yes, all of the time	14

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	25
Yes	75

Question ES 6: Did you eat breakfast this morning?

Table 6.2

Exercise During Week

	Grade 5 Total %
0 days	7
1 day	5
2 days	8
3 days	11
4 days	9
5 days	17
6 or 7 days	42

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	16
Less than 1 hour	25
About 1 hour	21
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	9
About right	73
Too fat	18
Are you doing anything to try to lose weight?	
No	46
Yes	54
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	77
Yes	23

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	60	39	1
Caring Relationships	68	30	2
High Expectations	77	22	1
Meaningful Participation	12	72	17
School Environment	40	54	6
Caring Relationships: Adults in School *	53	42	5
High Expectations: Adults in School *	53	43	4
Meaningful Participation *	11	64	25
Home Environment	76	22	2
Caring Relationships: Adults in Home	75	22	3
High Expectations: Adults in Home	88	11	1
Meaningful Participation	16	73	11
Personal School Connectedness*	57	39	5
Peer Environment			
High Expectations: Pro-social peers	46	51	3
Total Internal Assets	55	42	3
Empathy	35	55	10
Problem Solving	31	57	12
Goals and Aspirations	80	19	0

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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*	3%
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***	53%
Protective Factors	
The percentage of students that report high levels of caring relationships with a teacher or other adult at their school	53%
The percentage of students that report high levels of high expectations from a teacher or other adult at their school	53%
The percentage of students that report high levels of opportunities for meaningful participation at their school	11%
The percentage of students that report high levels of personal school connectedness	57%

**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."*