



Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey (NRPFSS)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What is the NRPFSS?

A: A survey of all students in public and non-public schools in grades 8, 10, and 12 that gathers local-level data related to substance use, delinquent behaviors, bullying, and risk and protective measures that predispose youth toward or protect them against problem behaviors.

Q: How much time is needed to administer the NRPFSS?

A: The survey is expected to take about 30 minutes for students to complete. Flexible scheduling options are available to accommodate school needs.

Q: Why should schools participate in the NRPFSS?

A: The NRPFSS provides local-level reports of the survey results free of charge that can be used by schools or local partners, such as local health departments or coalitions. The survey gathers data related to substance use, delinquent behaviors, bullying, and risk and protective measures that predispose youth toward or protect them against problem behaviors.

NRPFSS data is used to...

- ✓ Secure grant funding to improve the health and wellness of Nebraska youth
- ✓ Guide school policy decisions
- ✓ Inform curriculum and program needs
- ✓ Direct prevention and intervention efforts to reduce substance abuse, delinquency and other problems while supporting improvements in health and learning
- ✓ Monitor student health and wellness
- ✓ Help with fulfilling state and federal reporting requirements
- ✓ Inform wellness committees, school boards, and community coalitions on local health trends
- ✓ Educate the community on local health trends
- ✓ Counter misperceptions about peer behavior
- ✓ Assess impacts of policies and efforts implemented
- ✓ Identify health priority areas
- ✓ Inform community needs assessments

Q: How is NRPFSS data reported?

- A: Results are provided at different levels:
- ✓ School superintendents are provided school district-level reports, with school-level reports available if requested.
 - ✓ Reports are available [online](#) at the county, health department, and behavioral health region level.
 - ✓ Individual students are never identified.
 - ✓ When data is available, reports show trends over time and differences between groups.

Q: When will the survey be administered and when will reports be available?

A: Data collection will occur between August and December 2025. NRPFSS reports summarizing results for school districts are expected to be available by May 2026. All other NRPFSS reports are estimated to be completed by Summer 2026.

Q: Who uses NRPFSS data?

- A: Several state and local organizations use Nebraska NRPFSS data; however, data is never shared by individual school or district unless the school district superintendent grants permission to do so, and individual students are never identifiable. Organizations that use the data include:
- ✓ Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)
 - ✓ Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS)
 - ✓ Legislatures
 - ✓ Statewide Groups and Coalitions
 - ✓ Local Health Departments, Organizations and Coalitions

Q: Who can I contact for more information?

A: Email sharp@unl.edu for more information or call UNL's Bureau of Sociological Research at 402-472-3672.