



The Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP) Surveillance System is an umbrella administration of the ONLY three student health surveys endorsed by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS).

#1 Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey (NRPFS)

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 that can impact their academic success and health outcomes.

Local-level survey results are provided free of charge to your school.

NRPFS 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

#2 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

A survey of students from a random selection of Nebraska public schools in grades 9-12 that provides state-level and/or regional-level data on key health behaviors that emerge during adolescence and can significantly impact students' academic success, wellbeing, and long-term health outcomes - including mental health, substance use, personal safety, physical activity, and general wellness factors that schools and communities can help address through targeted programs and services.

#3 Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS)

A survey of students from a random selection of Nebraska public schools in grades 9-12 that provides state-level data on tobacco and nicotine use, including the use of e-cigarettes, among Nebraska's youth.

YTS and YRBS data is used to:

- ✓ Secure grant funding to improve the health and wellness of Nebraska youth
- ✓ Identify emerging health concerns
- ✓ Guide health priorities and policies
- ✓ Direct prevention efforts
- ✓ Inform statewide and regional committees and advisory boards on statewide/regional health trends
- ✓ Educate communities on statewide/regional health trends
- ✓ Assess impacts of policies and efforts implemented
- ✓ Provide comparisons with local-level data