

All districts with 6th, 8th and 11th graders have until the **end of April 2021** to take advantage of Oregon's new Student Health Survey (SHS). The SHS is a collaborative effort between the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education to improve the physical, mental and emotional health and well-being of all Oregon students to help them succeed. The SHS is a comprehensive, school-based, anonymous and voluntary health and school climate survey. It is a key part of statewide efforts to help schools and communities ensure that all Oregon youth are healthy and successful learners.

Benefits of the SHS

The comprehensive range of topics addressed in the SHS is vital to determining how communities can best support their students and provide learning environments that contribute to their Social-Emotional Learning.

SHS data can be used to:

- Help understand **the impact of COVID-19 on students and their families** and identify what stressors have been exacerbated during this time.
- Help schools and districts identify and assess needs and strengths in critical areas of focus.
- **Assist schools in preventing health risk-behaviors and promoting protective factors, resilience and well-being and fostering positive school climates for learning.**
- Obtain student feedback on **school climate**.
- Serve as **a tool for equity and social justice** by examining the Social Determinants of Health (food security, housing stability, etc.) to identify and address disparities.
- Align with the **Student Success Act (SSA)** to help communities identify disparities and measure progress towards closing the gap among SSA priority populations and other priority groups, such as:
 - Students of color
 - Those with disabilities
 - Emerging bilinguals
 - Students who identify as LGBTQ2SIA+
 - Those navigating homelessness, poverty, hunger, foster care or Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Obtain data for **Drug-Free Communities (DFC)** prevention program reporting

Sign up now: School superintendents can complete the **District Agreement Form** online at: <https://airtable.com/shrIUwyssZzIIJuHo>

How results are provided to Districts and Schools

Timely data is critical in these uncertain times. Districts and schools will receive their own data in three different ways:

1. **Preliminary summary results** of key questions **three weeks** after all schools in the district have completed the survey.
2. **Data tables** for each question in the survey and key calculated indicators (Positive Youth Development, Substance Use, Bullying, etc.) after all data collection is completed (anticipated release in late spring 2021).
3. **NEW – Interactive SHS Data Dashboard** to securely access data and conduct more in-depth analysis (anticipated release in late spring/early summer 2021).

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- Inform existing school intervention programs and student assistance programs or services to meet student needs
- Provide reliable data and information that demonstrates needs or progress for funding opportunities or reporting.

Additional details

- Survey administration [procedures have been adapted for all learning environments](#) so it can be administered via distance learning or in the classroom, with student safety and confidentiality a priority.
- [School and district-specific results are provided in multiple ways](#). See sidebar on first page for more details.
- [It's free](#). There is no cost to take advantage of the state-sponsored SHS.

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