

Hot Topics

Sexuality Attitudes & Behaviors Survey

Public schools are held to a high degree of accountability in many aspects of our children's education. Sound data, such as standardized test scores, are often used to show improvements. There are other sources of data that schools use to make curricular decisions to improve education. In the area of health education, student surveys are often used. There are several reasons for this; the first is that standardized tests do not cover health curriculum. The second and actually more important reason is that when we want to evaluate the impact of our health curriculum and programs, we don't really want to measure just the students' knowledge of health, we want to know if their health knowledge will actually help them make healthier decisions.

The Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) has used the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Survey since 1993 to measure student's attitudes, beliefs and behaviors. It is this data that led to the change in curriculum from DARE to Life Skills in grades 6-8. In response to reports of increased sexual behavior of adolescents, MCCSC participated in a survey to measure sexual attitudes, knowledge and behaviors.

We will use this data to better improve our curriculum and to better provide parents with the resources so they feel prepared to talk to their children about this difficult issue.

Survey on Sexual Attitudes Beliefs and Behaviors

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Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs

Life Skills by Dr. Gilbert Botvin is the curriculum that is used by MCCSC for all 6th – 8th graders. 6th graders get 15 lessons either taught by their classroom teacher or by Bloomington Police Officer Jim Graft. 7th graders receive 10 lesson and 8th graders receive 5 lessons. Both taught by their Middle school Health teach

Youth In Action- Sponsored by Monroe County Asset Building Coalition through a federal grant offers middle school coalitions at each school to help create a positive school climate. The high School offers one combined Youth In Action Coalition that coordinates healthy activities for Teen agers.

For a link to Monroe County Events sponsored by the Asset Building Coalition and other community agencies, go to www.monroecountykidscount.org