











Broward County Public Schools Youth Health & Climate Questionnaire –

Full Sample

2014 & 2016 Descriptive Summary

August 2017



BCPS Youth Health & Climate Questionnaire Results

The Youth Health & Climate Questionnaire was developed in partnership between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Adolescent and School Health, Broward County Public Schools, and ICF. The self-administered paper-pencil questionnaire was part of the evaluation of the Broward County Public Schools Young Men's Sexual Health Project. The results of the questionnaire are presented by questionnaire topic area below. Please note that missing and invalid responses are omitted from these tables, therefore the totals vary by item. Significant differences are bolded (p-value<.05 on Pearson Chi-Square for categorical variables and p-value<.05 for independent samples t-test for indicator and continuous variables) in all the descriptive tables.

Survey administration dates: December 4–15, 2014 and December 5–15, 2016

Total number of participants: 11,681 in 2014 and 9,684 in 2016

Number of participants by school:

	2014	2016		
School	Number of Participants			
Deerfield Beach High School	1890	1867		
Flanagan High School	1590	1451		
Fort Lauderdale High School	1723	1258		
Hollywood Hills High School	1528	1224		
McArthur High School	1574	1279		
Northeast High School	1469	921		
South Plantation High School	1907	1684		
Total	11681	9684		

Section 1: Tell us about yourself

1. How old are you?

	2014				2016	
Value	N Mean SD			N	Mean	SD
Age	11581	15.84	1.24	9656	15.83	1.22

2. What is your sex?

	2014		20	16
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Female	5800	50.1%	4880	50.7%
Male	5768	49.9%	4751	49.3%
Total	11568	100.0%	9631	100.0%

3. In what grade are you?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
9th grade	3274	28.3%	2610	27.1%
10th grade	3129	27.0%	2769	28.7%
11th grade	2892	25.0%	2424	25.1%
12th grade	2257	19.5%	1832	19.0%
Ungraded or other grade	24	0.2%	13	0.1%
Total	11576	100.0%	9648	100.0%

4. [Race/Ethnicity Indicator]

	2014		2014 2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Hispanic	4707	40.3%	4035	41.7%
Black-Non Hispanic	4009	34.3%	3319	34.3%
White-Non Hispanic	1859	15.9%	1449	15.0%
Asian	302	2.6%	276	2.9%
Native American	74	0.6%	63	0.7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	105	0.9%	88	0.9%
Multiracial (one or more race-not Hispanic)	625	5.4%	391	4.0%
None of the above/refused to disclose race or ethnicity	0	0.0%	63	0.7%
Total	11681	100.0%	9684	100.0%

Note: The indicator is calculated using students' answers to "Are you Hispanic or Latino?" and "What is your race?" questions in the questionnaire.

5. Which of the following best describes you?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Heterosexual (straight)	9965	86.9%	8124	84.8%
Gay or Lesbian	247	2.2%	245	2.6%
Bisexual	765	6.7%	818	8.5%
I don't know	485	4.2%	395	4.1%
Total	11462	100.0%	9582	100.0%

Section 2: Questions about health education & related topics

6. Have you ever been taught about AIDS or HIV infection in school?

	2014		20	16
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	1335	12.1%	1073	11.6%
Yes	9717	87.9%	8146	88.4%
Total	11052	100.0%	9219	100.0%

7. Have you ever been taught in school about how to use condoms?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	6696	61.8%	4391	48.4%
Yes	4141	38.2%	4673	51.6%
Total	10837	100.0%	9064	100.0%

8. Have you seen any posters or messages related to HIV or STD prevention education in your school in the last 30 days?

	2014		20	16
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	7865	82.0%	3979	50.4%
Yes	1725	18.0%	3917	49.6%
Total	9590	100.0%	7896	100.0%

9. Have you seen any posters or messages related to HIV or STD testing <u>in your school</u> in the last 30 days?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	8788	92.1%	3927	50.5%
Yes	755	7.9%	3849	49.5%
Total	9543	100.0%	7776	100.0%

10. Have you seen any posters or messages related to HIV or STD testing <u>in your community</u> in the last 30 days?

	2014		20	16
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	5895	61.3%	4857	62.4%
Yes	3720	38.7%	2926	37.6%
Total	9615	100.0%	7783	100.0%

Section 3: Questions about sexual behavior and sexual health services

11. Have you ever had sex?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	6557	59.0%	5993	63.2%
Yes	4563	41.0%	3484	36.8%
Total	11120	100.0%	9477	100.0%

12. [Sexual Attraction Indicator]

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count
Opposite Sex	10434	89.3%	8338	87.2%
Same Sex	311	2.7%	325	3.4%
Both	936	8.0%	898	9.4%
Total	11681	100.0%	9561	100.0%

Note: The indicator is calculated using answers to "What is your sex?" and "Who would you say you are attracted to?"

13. [Sex of Sexual Partner Indicator]

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Opposite Sex	4012	88.7%	3010	87.6%
Same Sex	177	3.9%	182	5.3%
Both	334	7.4%	243	7.1%
Total	4523	100.0%	3435	100.0%

Note: The indicator is calculated among sexually-experienced students using answers to "What is your sex?" and "During your life, with whom have you had sex?"

14. The last time you had sex, did you or your partner use a condom?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	1476	32.8%	1251	36.4%
Yes	3018	67.2%	2187	63.6%
Total	4494	100.0%	3438	100.0%

Note: The sample is limited to sexually-experienced students.

15. Have you ever been tested for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS? (Do not count tests done if you donated blood.)

	2014		2016		
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	
All students					
No	8637	85.3%	6715	78.2%	
Yes	1486	14.7%	1873	21.8%	
Total	10123	100.0%	8588	100.0%	
Sexually-experienced studen	ts				
No	3122	73.7%	2055	62.6%	
Yes	1112	26.3%	1230	37.4%	
Total	4234	100.0%	3285	100.0%	

16. Have you ever been tested for other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) such as genital herpes, chlamydia, syphilis, or genital warts?

	2014		2016		
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	
All students					
No	9080	87.8%	7448	86.5%	
Yes	1264	12.2%	1166	13.5%	
Total	10344	100.0%	8614	100.0%	
Sexually-experienced studen	ts				
No	3232	77.1%	2394	74.4%	
Yes	961	22.9%	824	25.6%	
Total	4193	100.0%	3218	100.0%	

17. During this school year, did a staff member at your school (such as a teacher, counselor, nurse, coach or other school staff) provide you with a referral to <u>HIV</u> testing services or treatment?

	2014		2016			
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent		
All students						
No	10939	98.8%	9046	94.9%		
Yes	138	1.2%	489	5.1%		
Total	11077	100.0%	9535	100.0%		
Sexually-experienced studen	ts					
No	4292	97.7%	3132	91.9%		
Yes	99	2.3%	275	8.1%		
Total	4391	100.0%	3407	100.0%		

18. Did you receive HIV testing because of this referral?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	86	64.7%	322	68.7%
Yes	31	23.3%	123	26.2%
I don't want to say	16	12.0%	24	5.1%
Total	133	100.0%	469	100.0%

Note: The sample is limited to students who received a referral.

19. Did that person check to see that you received HIV testing?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	73	55.3%	314	67.4%
Yes	36	27.3%	112	24.0%
I don't want to say	23	17.4%	40	8.6%
Total	132	100.0%	466	100.0%

20. During this school year, did a staff member at your school (such as a teacher, counselor, nurse, coach or other school staff) provide you with a referral to <u>STD</u> testing services or treatment?

	2014		2016		
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	
All students					
No	10523	99.2%	8939	97.3%	
Yes	88	0.8%	249	2.7%	
Total	10611	100.0%	9188	100.0%	
Sexually-experienced studen	ts				
No	4042	98.5%	3098	95.7%	
Yes	60	1.5%	138	4.3%	
Total	4102	100.0%	3236	100.0%	

21. Did you receive STD testing because of this referral?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	47	56.6%	159	66.0%
Yes	24	28.9%	63	26.1%
I don't want to say	12	14.5%	19	7.9%
Total	83	100.0%	241	100.0%

22. Did that person check to see that you received STD testing?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	46	55.4%	163	67.6%
Yes	26	31.3%	57	23.7%
I don't want to say	11	13.3%	21	8.7%
Total	83	100.0%	241	100.0%

Note: The sample is limited to students who received a referral.

23. During this school year, did a staff member at your school (such as a teacher, counselor, nurse, coach or other school staff) provide you with a referral to <u>other sexual health services</u> such as contraceptives like condoms or pills or HPV vaccine?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	10678	98.2%	8658	92.9%
Yes	201	1.8%	665	7.1%
Total	10879	100.0%	9323	100.0%

24. Did you receive other sexual health services because of the referral?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count Percent		Count	Percent
No	112	59.3%	442	69.8%
Yes	49	25.9%	151	23.9%
I don't want to say	28	14.8%	40	6.3%
Total	189	100.0%	633	100.0%

25. Did that person check to see that you received other sexual health services?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count Percent		Count	Percent
No	114	60.0%	483	76.7%
Yes	51	26.8%	91	14.4%
I don't want to say	25	13.2%	56	8.9%
Total	190	100.0%	630	100.0%

Note: The sample is limited to students who received a referral.

26. During this school year, did a staff member at your school (such as a teacher, counselor, nurse, coach or other school staff) provide you with a referral to counseling, psychological, or social services?

	2014		20	16
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	10130	94.5%	8738	94.1%
Yes	587	5.5%	550	5.9%
Total	10717	100.0%	9288	100.0%

27. Did you receive counseling, psychological, or social services because of the referral?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count Percent		Count	Percent
No	244	44.2%	264	50.3%
Yes	254	46.0%	206	39.2%
I don't want to say	54	9.8%	55	10.5%
Total	552	100.0%	525	100.0%

28. Did that person check to see that you received counseling, psychological, or social services?

	20	14	2016	
Value	Count Percent		Count	Percent
No	244	44.6%	243	46.9%
Yes	242	44.2%	206	39.8%
I don't want to say	61	11.2%	69	13.3%
Total	547	100.0%	518	100.0%

Section 4: Experiences at school

29. I feel close to people at this school.

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree, or Strongly disagree	5956	52.1%	5202	54.1%
Agree or Strongly agree	5468	47.9%	4420	45.9%
Total	11424	100.0%	9622	100.0%

30. I am accepted and feel like I belong at this school.

	20	14	2016		
Value	Count Percent		Count	Percent	
Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree, or Strongly disagree	4727	41.2%	4223	43.8%	
Agree or Strongly agree	6734	58.8%	5416	56.2%	
Total	11461	100.0%	9639	100.0%	

31. I feel happy at this school.

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree, or Strongly disagree	5727	50.0%	4949	51.4%
Agree or Strongly agree	5731	50.0%	4680	48.6%
Total	11458	100.0%	9629	100.0%

32. Staff (such as a teacher, counselor, nurse, coach or other school staff) at this school treats students fairly.

	20	14	2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree, or Strongly disagree	6586	57.6%	5503	57.2%
Agree or Strongly agree	4840	42.4%	4118	42.8%
Total	11426	100.0%	9621	100.0%

33. Staff (such as a teacher, counselor, nurse, coach or other school staff) at this school care about me.

	20	14	2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree, or Strongly disagree	6092	53.3%	5230	54.3%
Agree or Strongly agree	5327	46.7%	4399	45.7%
Total	11419	100.0%	9629	100.0%

34. [School Connectedness Mean Score]

	2014				2016	
Value	N	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD
School connectedness mean score	11502	3.32	0.76	9666	3.31	0.76

Note: The score is calculated based on students' responses to questions 29-33.

35. Do you feel safe at your school?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	2326	20.8%	1817	19.0%
Yes	8846	79.2%	7745	81.0%
Total	11172	100.0%	9562	100.0%

36. Do you feel unsafe at your school because of your sexual orientation?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	1927	89.0%	742	89.7%
Yes	238	11.0%	85	10.3%
Total	2165	100.0%	827	100.0%

Note: The sample is limited to students feel unsafe at school.

37. Do you avoid spaces at school because you feel uncomfortable or unsafe in the space?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	7772	82.9%	6884	82.9%
Yes	1606	17.1%	1417	17.1%
Total	9378	100.0%	8301	100.0%

38. Which of the following spaces do you avoid because you feel uncomfortable or unsafe in the space?

	2014		20)16
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Cafeteria or lunch room	537	35.6%	383	29.0%
Locker rooms	364	24.1%	313	23.7%
Hallways/stairwells	458	30.3%	382	29.0%
School athletic fields or facilities	197	13.0%	174	13.2%
School buses	278	18.4%	198	15.0%
Physical Education (PE) or gym class	227	15.0%	195	14.8%
School grounds, not including athletic fields (example: parking lots)	296	19.6%	218	16.5%
Another space not listed above	625	41.4%	418	31.7%
I don't avoid anywhere at school because of feeling uncomfortable or unsafe	199	13.2%	179	13.6%
Total	3181	N/A	2460	N/A

Notes: The sample is limited to students who avoid spaces at school because they feel uncomfortable or unsafe in the space. Each student could select multiple options.

39. How often do you avoid school functions (dances, assemblies, etc.) because you feel uncomfortable or unsafe?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Some of the time or Never	9792	87.4%	8118	85.5%
Most of the time or Always	1408	12.6%	1373	14.5%
Total	11200	100.0%	9491	100.0%

40. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you not go to school?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than 4 days	9796	87.1%	8312	86.8%
4 or more days	1455	12.9%	1266	13.2%
Total	11251	100.0%	9578	100.0%

41. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you not go to school because you felt unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 days	6381	92.6%	5069	91.7%
At least 1 day	512	7.4%	457	8.3%
Total	6893	100.0%	5526	100.0%

Note: The sample is limited to students who missed at least one day at school.

42. How often do you hear the word "gay" used in a negative way (such as "That's so gay" or "You're so gay") in school?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Some of the time or Never	4246	37.9%	4196	44.5%
Most of the time or Always	6957	62.1%	5223	55.5%
Total	11203	100.0%	9419	100.0%

43. How many students do you hear make homophobic remarks?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
A few or none of students	5095	45.4%	4928	51.4%
Most or some of students	6124	54.6%	4657	48.6%
Total	11219	100.0%	9585	100.0%

44. When you hear homophobic remarks, how often does another student intervene or do something about it?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Some of the time or Never	8188	90.9%	6482	89.8%
Most of the time or Always	821	9.1%	735	10.2%
Total	9009	100.0%	7217	100.0%

Note: The sample is limited to students who have heard other students make homophobic remarks.

45. When homophobic remarks are made and a teacher or other school staff person is present, how often does the teacher or staff person intervene or do something about it?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Some of the time or Never	5565	62.5%	4616	64.5%
Most of the time or Always	3345	37.5%	2545	35.5%
Total	8910	100.0%	7161	100.0%

Note: The sample is limited to students who have heard other students make homophobic remarks.

46. How often do you hear homophobic remarks from teachers or school staff?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Some of the time or Never	10704	95.9%	9059	95.6%
Most of the time or Always	453	4.1%	412	4.4%
Total	11157	100.0%	9471	100.0%

47. How many teachers or other school staff at your school do you know who are openly lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT)?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
None	5699	50.7%	5345	56.1%
At least one	5552	49.3%	4189	43.9%
Total	11251	100.0%	9534	100.0%

48. Does your school have a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) or another type of club that addresses lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) student issues?

	2014		20	16
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No or I don't know	5403	47.7%	5014	52.1%
Yes	5925	52.3%	4609	47.9%
Total	11328	100.0%	9623	100.0%

49. This school year, have you seen a sticker or poster anywhere in your school promoting safe spaces?

	2014		20	16
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No or I don't know	9858	87.1%	7533	78.5%
Yes	1457	12.9%	2060	21.5%
Total	11315	100.0%	9593	100.0%

Section 5: Questions about harassment and bullying

50. How many times have you seen or heard of students being bullied?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 times	4234	37.4%	4322	45.1%
At least 1 time	7073	62.6%	5267	54.9%
Total	11307	100.0%	9589	100.0%

51. Do students at school bully you?

	2014		20	16
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Never	9394	82.8%	8135	84.4%
At least some of the time	1956	17.2%	1501	15.6%
Total	11350	100.0%	9636	100.0%

52. Has a teacher or other adult at school told your class about bullying this school year?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	4301	45.0%	4096	51.9%
Yes	5253	55.0%	3790	48.1%
Total	9554	100.0%	7886	100.0%

53. Do you know how to report a bullying incident?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No	2974	26.3%	2768	28.8%
Yes	8338	73.7%	6827	71.2%
Total	11312	100.0%	9595	100.0%

54. During the past 3 months, how many times on school property were you harassed or bullied?

	2014		2016	
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 times	9150	80.8%	7952	82.8%
At least 1 time	2169	19.2%	1655	17.2%
Total	11319	100.0%	9607	100.0%

55. During the past 3 months, how many times outside of school property were you harassed or bullied?

	2014		20	16
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 times	9781	86.5%	8389	87.3%
At least 1 time	1525	13.5%	1224	12.7%
Total	11306	100.0%	9613	100.0%

56. During the past 3 months, how many times did you experience cyber-bullying?

	2014		20	16
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 times	9607	85.0%	8164	85.3%
At least 1 time	1694	15.0%	1407	14.7%
Total	11301	100.0%	9571	100.0%

57. Do you think you were harassed or bullied during the past 3 months because of any of the following reasons?

	2014		201	16
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Your race or ethnicity or because people think you are of a certain race or ethnicity	1041	10.0	915	10.4
Your family's income or economic status	380	3.7	334	3.8
Your religion or because people think you are of a certain religion	422	4.1	328	3.7
Your disability or because people think you have a disability	249	2.4	248	2.8
Your gender	312	3.0	292	3.3
Your sexual orientation or what others think about your sexual orientation	475	4.6	418	4.8
How you express your gender (how traditionally 'masculine' or 'feminine' you are in your appearance or in how you act)	616	5.9	459	5.2
Other	1644	15.9	1157	13.2
None of the above	7567	73.0	6563	74.6
Total	12706	N/A	10714	N/A

Note: Each student could select multiple options.

58. A transgender person is someone whose biological sex at birth does not match the way they think or feel about themselves. Are you transgender?

	2014		2016		
Value	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	
No	10425	98.5%	8765	97.7%	
Yes	160	1.5%	206	2.3%	
Total	10585	100.0%	8971	100.0%	