ennsylvania Youth Survey

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this survey. The survey asks your opinion about a number of things in your life, including your friends, your family, your neighborhood and your community. Your answers to these questions will be <u>confidential</u>. This means your answers will stay secret. Your name will never be asked. Please <u>do not</u> write your name on this survey form.

This survey is completely voluntary. You may skip any question you don't want to answer.

Other students have said they enjoy taking part in these surveys. We hope you will, too. <u>Be sure to read the instructions before you mark any answers</u>. Thank you very much.

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- 1. This is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers.
- 2. Each question should be answered by marking only one of the answer spaces. If you don't find an answer that fits exactly, use one that comes closest. If any question does not apply to you, or you are not sure of what it means, just leave it blank.
- 3. Your answers will be read by a computer. Please follow these instructions carefully.
 - Use a #2 pencil only.
 - Make heavy marks inside the circles.
 - · Completely erase any answer you want to change.
 - Make no other markings or comments on the answer pages.
- 4. Some of the questions have the following format:

Please fill in the circle for the word that best describes how you feel.

EXAMPLE: Pepperoni pizza is one of my favorite foods.

Mark (the Big) NO! if you think the statement is <u>definitely not</u> true for you. Mark (the little) no if you think the statement is <u>mostly not true</u> for you. Mark (the little) yes if you think the statement is <u>mostly true</u> for you. Mark (the Big) YES! if you think the statement is <u>definitely true</u> for you.

In the example above, the student marked yes because he or she thinks the statement is <u>mostly true</u>. (Please mark only one answer for each question or statement.)

NO!

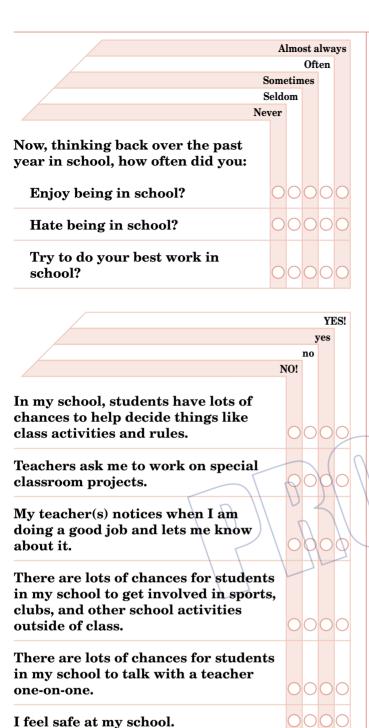
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YES!

	at school.
	Putting them all together, what were your
Iow old are you?	grades like last year?
) 10	O Mostly F's
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	Mostly D's
12	O Mostly C's
) 13	O Mostly B's
14	O Mostly A's
) 15	
) 16	During the LAST FOUR WEEKS, how many whole
) 17	days have you missed because you skipped or "cut"
18	O None
19 or older	
	○ 2
	○ 3
hat grade are you in?	<u> </u>
6th	○ 6-10
7th	11 or more
) 8th	
) 9th	How often do you feel that the schoolwork you
) 10th	are assigned is meaningful and important?
) 11th	Almost always
12th	Often
	Sometimes
	Seldom
e you:	Never Never
Female	
	How interesting are most of your courses to you?
	Very interesting and stimulating
	O Quite interesting
hat do you consider yourself to be?	
	Fairly interesting
choose all that apply)	O Slightly dull
○ White	◯ Very dull
Black or African American	
American Indian/Native American, Eskimo or Aleut	How important do you think the things you are
) Spanish/Hispanic/Latino	learning in school are going to be for your later
Asian or Pacific Islander	life?
Other (Please specify:)	O Very important
	 Quite important
Vhat is the language you use most often at home?	 Fairly important
) English	Slightly important
	O Not at all important
Spanish Another language (Please specify:)	

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The school lets my parents know when I have done something well.

My teachers praise me when I work hard in school.

Are your school grades better than the grades of most students in your class?

I have lots of chances to be part of class discussions or activities.

These questions ask about your feelings and experiences in other parts of your life.

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None

Think of your <u>four best friends</u> (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many of your best friends have:

Smoked cigarettes?

Tried beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin) when their parents didn't know about it?

Used marijuana?

Used LSD, cocaine, amphetamines, or other illegal drugs?

Been suspended from school?

Carried a handgun?

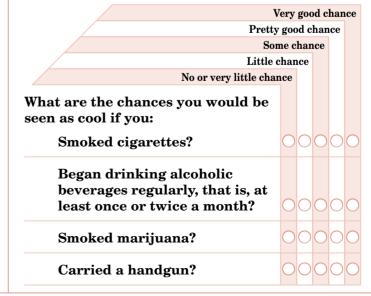
Sold illegal drugs?

Stolen or tried to steal a motor vehicle such as a car or motorcycle?

Been arrested?

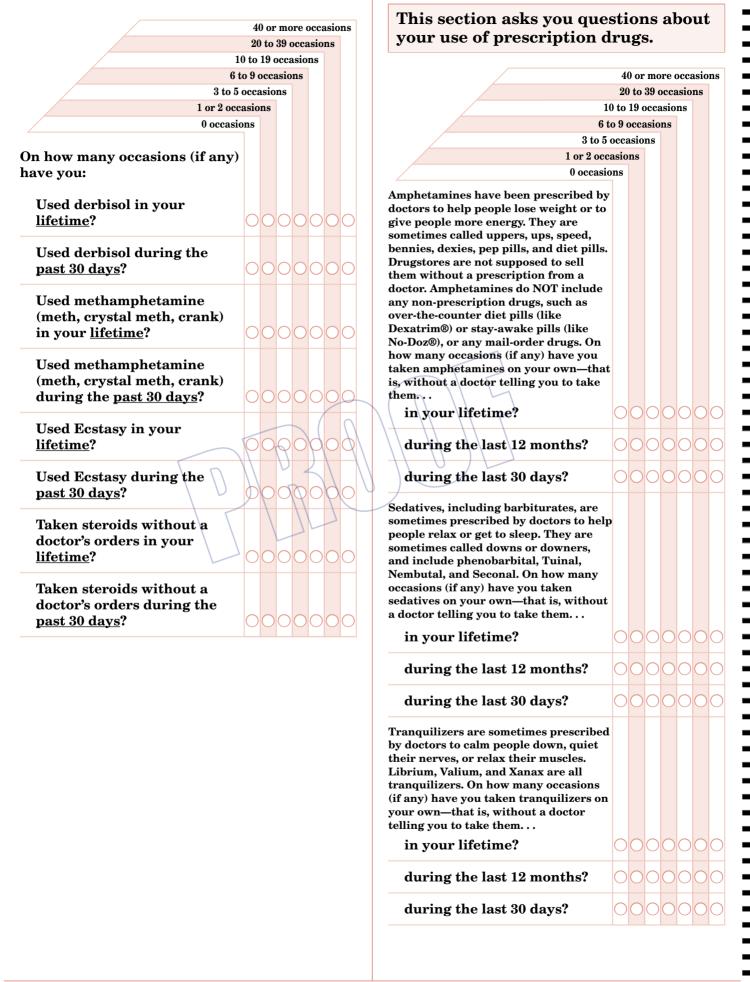
Dropped out of school?

Been members of a gang?



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40 or more occasions The next section asks about your 20 to 39 occasions experience with tobacco, alcohol, and 10 to 19 occasions other drugs. Please fill in the circle 6 to 9 occasions for the answer that best describes 3 to 5 occasions how often you use or have used each 1 or 2 occasions drug. Remember, your answers are 0 occasions confidential. This means your answers will stay secret. On how many occasions (if any) have you: Use about every day Use about once or twice a week Had beer, wine, or hard liquor in your <u>lifetime</u>? Use about once or twice a month Use about once or twice a year Used before, but not in the past year Had beer, wine, or hard liquor 00000 during the past 30 days? Never used Used marijuana in your BEER (beer, ale, malt liquor) lifetime? 000000 WINE (wine, champagne) Used marijuana during the past 30 days? LIQUOR (vodka, whiskey, etc.) Sniffed glue, breathed the contents of an aerosol spray can, or inhaled other gases or sprays in order to Have you ever used smokeless tobacco (chew, get high in your <u>lifetime</u>? 0000000 snuff, plug, dipping tobacco, chewing tobacco)? Never Sniffed glue, breathed the Once or twice contents of an aerosol spray Once in a while but not regularly can, or inhaled other gases or Regularly in the past sprays in order to get high Regularly now during the past 30 days? How frequently have you used smokeless tobacco during the past 30 days? Used cocaine in your lifetime? 000000 O Never Once or twice Used cocaine during the Once or twice per week past 30 days? About once a day O More than once a day Used crack in your lifetime? 000000 Have you ever smoked cigarettes? Never Used crack during the Once or twice past 30 days? 000000 Once in a while but not regularly Regularly in the past Regularly now Used heroin in your lifetime? 000000 How frequently have you smoked cigarettes Used heroin during the during the past 30 days? past 30 days? O Not at all C Less than one cigarette per day Used hallucinogens (acid, LSD, One to five cigarettes per day shrooms) in your <u>lifetime</u>? 000000 About one-half pack per day About one pack per day Used hallucinogens (acid, LSD, O About one and one-half packs per day shrooms) during the past 30 days? Two packs or more per day



40 or n	more occasions 4	l0+ times
20 to 39	39 occasions 30 to 39 t	times
10 to 19 oc	ccasions 20 to 29 time	es
6 to 9 occasi	sions 10 to 19 times	
3 to 5 occasions	1s 6 to 9 times	
1 or 2 occasions	3 to 5 times	
0 occasions	1 or 2 times	
	Never	
a number of narcotics other in, such as methadone, opium, , codeine, Demerol, Vicodin, n, and Percocet. These are s prescribed by doctors. On	How many times in the past year (12 months) have you:	
occasions (if any) have you otics other than heroin on -that is, without a doctor to take them	Been suspended from school?	000
r lifetime?	Sold illegal drugs?	000
ng the last 12 months?	Stolen or tried to steal a motor vehicle such as a car or motorcycle?	000
uring the last 30 days?	Been arrested?	000
	Attacked someone with the idea of seriously hurting them?	000
estions ask about expe areas of your personal		000
	How many times in the past	
	most every day <u>30 days</u> have you brought a	
All About once or tw		
About once or twice a		000
About once or twice a y		
Before, but not in the past year	ar	
Never		
I don't drive often have you:	Have you ever belonged to a gang?	
ven a car while or shortly er drinking?	If you have ever belonged to a gang, did th	nat
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er smoking pot?		
	○ Yes	
	I have never belonged to a gang.	



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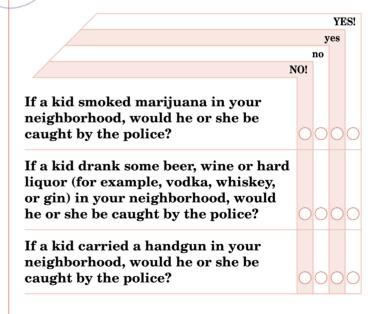
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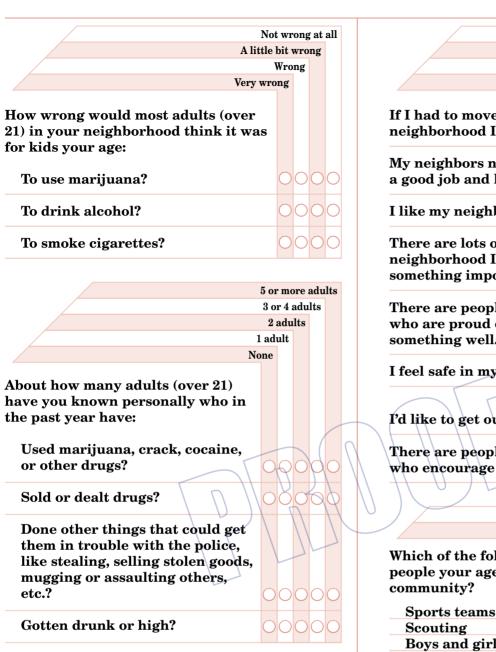
are a little dangerous.

Not wrong at all A little bit wrong Wrong Very wrong How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to: Take a handgun to school? Steal anything worth more than \$5? Pick a fight with someone? Attack someone with the idea of seriously hurting them?)()()Stay away from school all day when their parents think they are at school? $\bigcirc \bigcirc$ Drink beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin) regularly? **Smoke cigarettes?** Smoke marijuana? Use LSD, cocaine, amphetamines or another illegal drug? Great risk Moderate risk Slight risk No risk How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they: Smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day? OOCTry marijuana once or twice? Smoke marijuana regularly? Take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day?

These questions ask about the neighborhood and community where you live.

	Verg	y easy
Se	ort of ea	sy
Sort	of hard	
Very h	ard	
If you wanted to get some beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin), how easy would it be for you to get some?	00	00
If you wanted to get some cigarettes, how easy would it be for you to get some?	00	00
If you wanted to get a drug like cocaine, LSD, or amphetamines, how easy would it be for you to get some?	00	00
If you wanted to get some marijuana, how easy would it be for you to get some?	00	00
If you wanted to get a handgun, how easy would it be for you to get one?	00	00





YES! yes no NO! If I had to move, I would miss the neighborhood I now live in. My neighbors notice when I am doing a good job and let me know. I like my neighborhood. There are lots of adults in my neighborhood I could talk to about something important. There are people in my neighborhood who are proud of me when I do something well. I feel safe in my neighborhood. I'd like to get out of my neighborhood. There are people in my neighborhood who encourage me to do my best. Yes No Which of the following activities for people your age are available in your **Sports teams** Boys and girls clubs 4-H clubs

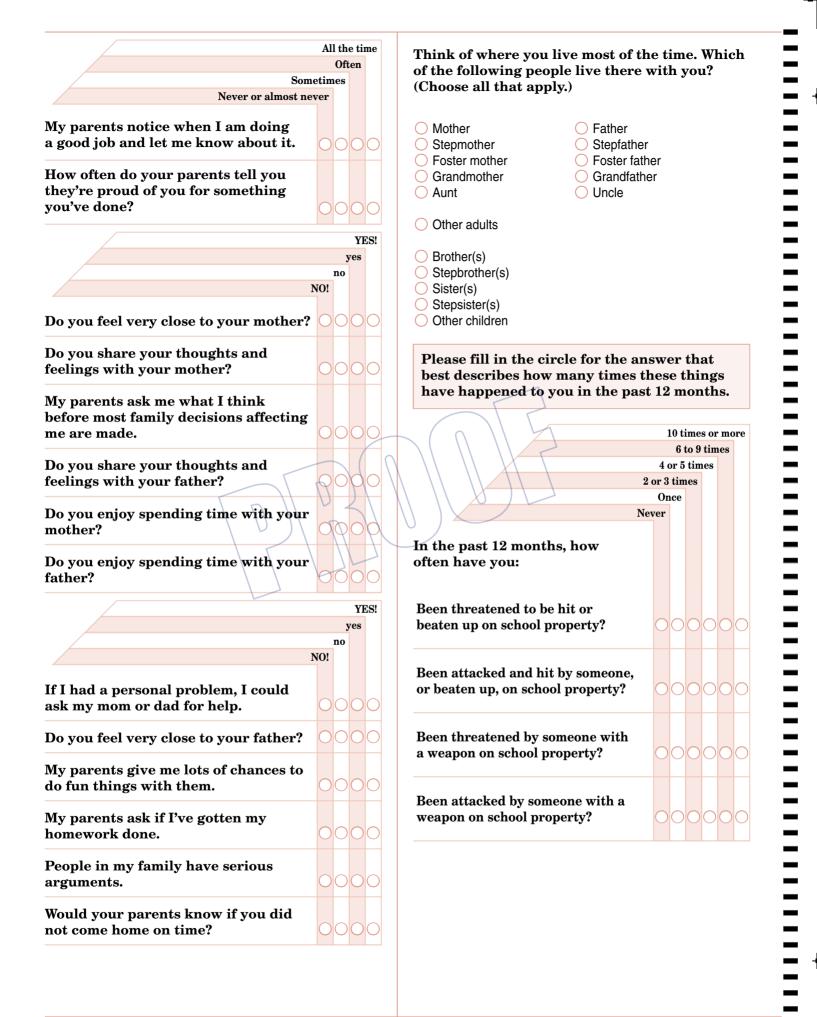
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		yes		
	NO!	no		
How much do each of the following statements describe your neighborhood:	NU:			
Crime and/or drug selling	0	0	0	С
Fights	0	0	0	С
Lots of empty or abandoned buildings	0	0	0	С
Lots of graffiti	0	0	\bigcirc	С

Service clubs

	Not wro	ng at all
	A little bit w	-
Wrong		g
V	ery wrong	
How wrong do your parents feel it would be for <u>you</u> to:	;	
Drink beer, wine or hard liquor example, vodka, whiskey or gin) regularly?		
Smoke cigarettes?	0	
Smoke marijuana?	0	000
Steal anything worth more than	\$5?	000
Draw graffiti, or write things or draw pictures on buildings or of property (without the owner's permission)?		000
Pick a fight with someone?	00	$\partial \phi O$
Have you changed homes in the pa	st year?	3
O No O Yes		
How many times have you change kindergarten?	d homes	since
 Never 1 or 2 times 3 or 4 times 5 or 6 times 7 or more times 		
Have you changed schools (includ from elementary to middle and mi school) in the past year?	-	
O No O Yes		
How many times have you change (including changing from element and middle to high school) since k	ary to m	iddle
 Never 1 or 2 times 3 or 4 times 5 or 6 times 		

	rothers or sisters Yes	
	No	
ave any of your brothers or sisters er:		
Drunk beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin)?	0	oc
Smoked marijuana?	0	OC
Smoked cigarettes?	0	OC
Taken a handgun to school?	0	OC
Been suspended or expelled from school?	0	00
as anyone in your family ever had a se cohol or drug problem?	evere	÷

		YES!
The rules in my family are clear.	NO!	
People in my family often insult or yell at each other.	0	
When I am not at home, one of my parents knows where I am and who I am with.	00	
We argue about the same things in my family over and over.	00	
If you drank some beer or wine or liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) without your parents' permission, would you be caught by your parents?	00	
My family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use.	00	
If you carried a handgun without your parents' permission, would you be caught by your parents?	00	
If you skipped school, would you be caught by your parents?	00	



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drugs listed below. These are not questions about current or past use of these drugs.	○ Yes○ No
I would use it any chance I got I would like to try it or use it I'm not sure whether or not I would use it I probably wouldn't use it I would never use it	In the past year, have you often found yourself thinking about gambling or planning to gamble Yes No
ALCOHOL (beer, wine, coolers, hard liquor)	In the past year, have you ever spent more than you meant to on gambling?
MARIJUANA (pot, hash, hemp, o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o	Yes No
COCAINE (coke, snow, blow, dust)	In the past year, has your gambling ever led to
HALLUCINOGENS (acid, trip, LSD, shrooms)	Ves
NHALANTS (whippets, butane, paint thinner)	
This section asks about your gambling experiences.	
How old were you the first time you gambled (bet money or something of value on sports, a	
game of chance or skill, played the lottery, or	
game of chance or skill, played the lottery, or bet cards or dice games)? Never have gambled 10 or younger 11 12 	
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