

SHARP SURVEY

STUDENT HEALTH AND RISK PREVENTION SURVEY - WHAT IS IT & WHY COMPLETE IT

PURPOSE

- Data is used to apply for grants.
- Data gathered helps determine the needs for our community which helps program planning.
- Comparing the data from the surveys helps evaluate the effectiveness of current prevention and intervention efforts.
- It gives youth an opportunity for their voice to be heard.

FACTS

Founded in 2003 through a collaborative effort of three state agencies:

- Utah Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
- Utah Department of Health
- Utah State Board of Education

Offered at no-cost to all schools with students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12.

Office of Substance Use and Mental Health, Prevention Department pays for the administration of the Survey in full. This is the only Survey in the State of Utah that gathers risk and protective factor data.

Parental consent is needed for students to participate.

Administered every other year, latest administered March 2021.

Initiated with the goal of gathering local-level data to aid in prevention efforts.

It takes approximately 50 minutes to complete, most schools administer it online.

Student participation is anonymous and confidential.

Standard administration protocols and validity checks are designed to ensure honest responses from participants.

SURVEY TOPICS

- Underage drinking, illegal substance use, and treatment needs
- Mental health issues and treatment needs
- Suicide ideation and suicide prevention
- Bullying (including cyberbullying)
- Antisocial behaviors
- School and community safety/violence
- Sources and places of substance use
- Impacts of parental involvement on youth behaviors
- Career and college readiness
- Health issues (exercise, diet, sleep, asthma, diabetes, etc.)

WHO USES THE DATA

- Summit County Health Department
- Communities That Care
- North Summit School District
- South Summit School District
- Park City School District
- Live like Sam
- Utah State University Extension Summit County
- CONNECT Summit County
- Park City Police and Summit County Sheriff Department
- Mental Wellness Alliance
- Park City Community Foundation

