

Violence

Among Oklahoma Public High School Students

What is the problem?

The 2015 Oklahoma Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) indicates that among public high school students:

Violence

- 20% carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife or club¹
- 21% were in a physical fight one or more times²
- 8% were physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend^{2,3}
- 7% experienced physical dating violence^{2,3,4}
- 9% experienced sexual dating violence^{2,3,5}
- 14% were bullied electronically²

School Violence

- 5% carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club on school property¹
- 4% did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school¹
- 5% had been threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property²
- 7% were in a physical fight on school property²
- 20% were bullied on school property²

What are schools in Oklahoma doing about it?

The 2014 Oklahoma School Health Profiles indicates that among schools with grade six or higher:

School Environment

- 93% of schools had staff that received professional development on preventing, identifying, and responding to student bullying and sexual harassment, including electronic aggression
- 96% had a designated staff member to whom students can confidentially report student bullying and sexual harassment, including electronic aggression
- 38% had ever used the School Health Index or other self-assessment tool to assess school policies, activities, and programs in injury and violence prevention
- 82% prohibited harassment based on a student's perceived or actual sexual orientation or gender identity
- 60% had a School Health Improvement Plan that included health-related objectives in healthy and safe school environment

1. On one or more of the 30 days before the survey

2. During the 12 months before the survey

3. Among students who had dated or gone out with someone

4. Includes being hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon on purpose by someone they were dating or going out with

5. Includes kissing, touching, or being physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to by someone they were dating or going out with

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