

Violence

Among Oklahoma high school students

What is the problem?

The 2013 Oklahoma Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) indicates that among high school students:

Violence

- 6% carried a gun¹
- 8% were physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend^{2,3}
- 25% were in a physical fight one or more times²

School Violence

- 6% carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property¹
- 6% did not go to school because they felt they would be 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
- 19% were bullied on school property²
- 14% were bullied electronically²

What are the solutions?

Better health education • Safer school environments

What is the status?

The 2012 Oklahoma School Health Profiles indicates that among high schools:

Health Education

- 72% of schools' lead health education teachers tried to increase student knowledge on violence prevention, such as bullying, fighting, or dating violence
- 64% of schools' lead health education teachers received professional development in violence prevention, such as bullying, fighting, or dating violence⁴
- 50% of schools' lead health education teachers received professional development in injury prevention and safety⁴

School Environment

- 32% of schools had ever used the School Health Index or other self-assessment tool to assess school policies, activities, and programs in injury and violence prevention
- 56% of schools had a School Health Improvement Plan that included health-related objectives in healthy and safe school environment
- 37% of schools had a School Health Improvement Plan that included health-related objectives in mental health and social services

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. During the two years before the survey

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