

CENTER for VICTIM RESEARCH

Building an evidence base for victim services

Global School-based Student Health Survey (GSHS)

Author(s) of Instrument:

World Health Organization
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Key References: Publications related to this instrument

World Health Organization & Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2013). *Global school-based student health survey (GSHS) 2013 core questionnaire modules*.

https://www.who.int/ncds/surveillance/gshs/GSHS_Core_Modules_2013_English.pdf

Reports from participating countries can be found on the WHO website

<https://www.who.int/ncds/surveillance/gshs/factsheets/en/>

Primary Use/Purpose: This section describes what this instrument was designed to measure.

The Global School Health Study (GSHS) was designed to identify risk and protective factors associated with early death in students ages 13 to 17. There are 10 domains of risk examined including tobacco, drug, and alcohol use, diet, hygiene, physical and sexual activity, mental health, and violence and unintentional injury. Data are intended to be used to help schools to develop school health programs and resources to address risk factors and negative outcomes in youth. Data also allow for comparisons and trend analyses for health and behavior across and between countries.

Background and Development: How and why this instrument was developed.

The GSHS was intended to present an international perspective on the health of youth. Countries from six regions use a form of the GSHS. A two-stage sampling design is used to identify

participants by stratum and school. Countries can modify the base questionnaire to include country specific questions and areas of interest.

Psychometrics (if applicable): Any testing of this instrument.

Information can be found in the GSHS user guide

<https://www.cdc.gov/gshs/background/pdf/gshs-data-users-guide.pdf>

Link to Instrument: Link to the instrument if available.

https://www.who.int/ncds/surveillance/gshs/GSHS_Core_Modules_2013_English.pdf

Submitted by: This instrument is publicly available through the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control websites.