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School Health Policies and Practices Study (SHPPS)

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Key References: Publications related to this instrument

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2016). *Results from the school health policies and practices study*. Retrieved from https://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/shpps/pdf/shpps-results_2016.pdf

A list of publications using the SHPPS can be found on the CDC website

https://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/shpps/pdf/SHPPS_Journal_Articles.pdf

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

The School Health Policies and Practices Study (SHPPS), formerly the School Health Policies and Programs Study, looks at health of students at state, district, school, and classroom levels. The rationale is that students have difficulty with learning in unsafe or unhealthy environments. Schools try to promote health and safety and many of programs and policies to decrease risk taking and improve the health and wellness of students. Topics included in curriculum include crisis response, violence prevention, and prevention of substance use and abuse. Additionally, programs looking at the social and emotional health of students such as bullying prevention are included in many schools. The Healthy and Safe School Environment module addresses adolescent safety and victimization.

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

The SHPPS was first administered in 1994. Different waves of the survey have been conducted at the state, district, school, and classroom level. The 2016 version collected data at the district

level. More information about changes in the SHPPS across time can be found on the CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/shpps/pdf/2016factsheets/Trends-SHPPS2016.pdf>

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

Full information on the development and testing of this instrument can be found in the methods section on the CDC's website here <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/shpps/results.htm>

Link to Instrument: Link to the instrument if available.

https://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/shpps/files/questionnaires/2016/SHPPS_Healthy_and-Safe_School_Environment_District-corrected.pdf

Submitted by: This survey is publicly available on the CDC's website (see above).