

SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY
2012 School Health Profiles Report
Background

The School Health Profiles (Profiles) assists state and local education and health agencies in monitoring and assessing characteristics of school health education; physical education; school health policies related to HIV infection/AIDS, tobacco-use prevention, and nutrition; asthma management activities; and family and community involvement in school health programs. Data from Profiles can be used to improve school health programs.

Two questionnaires are used to collect data - one for school principals and one for lead health education teachers. The two questionnaires were mailed to 209 regular public secondary schools containing any of grades 6 through 12 in Suburban Cook County during spring 2012. One or both questionnaires were received from 82% of eligible sampled schools. Usable questionnaires were received from principals in 79% of schools and from lead health education teachers in 80% of schools. Because the response rates for these surveys were greater than or equal to 70%, the results are weighted and are representative of all regular public secondary schools in Suburban Cook County having at least one of grades 6 through 12. Results from the principal and lead health education teacher surveys are presented for the following types of schools in Suburban Cook County:

- High schools with a low grade of 9 or higher and a high grade of 10 or higher;
- Middle schools with a high grade of 9 or lower;
- Junior/senior high schools with a low grade of 8 or lower and a high grade of 10 or higher; and
- All schools.

The Profiles questionnaires were developed by the Division of Adolescent and School Health, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in collaboration with representatives of state, local, and territorial departments of health and education.