



OUTCOMES

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 - Purpose & Goals of the Survey
 - Participation Benefits
 - Survey Format

2. ANALYSIS of the PROBLEM
 - Survey Registration
 - Communication

3. PROPOSED SOLUTION



Washington State
Health Care Authority



Washington State
Liquor and Cannabis Board



Washington Office of Superintendent of
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Purpose:

To measure health risk behaviors that contribute to morbidity, mortality, and social problems among youth in Washington State.

- ❖ *Alcohol, Marijuana, tobacco and other drug use*
- ❖ *Behaviors that result in intentional and unintentional injuries (e.g., violence);*
- ❖ *Dietary behaviors and physical activity;*
- ❖ *Mental health and related risk and protective factors*
- ❖ *School Climate*

HYS GOALS:



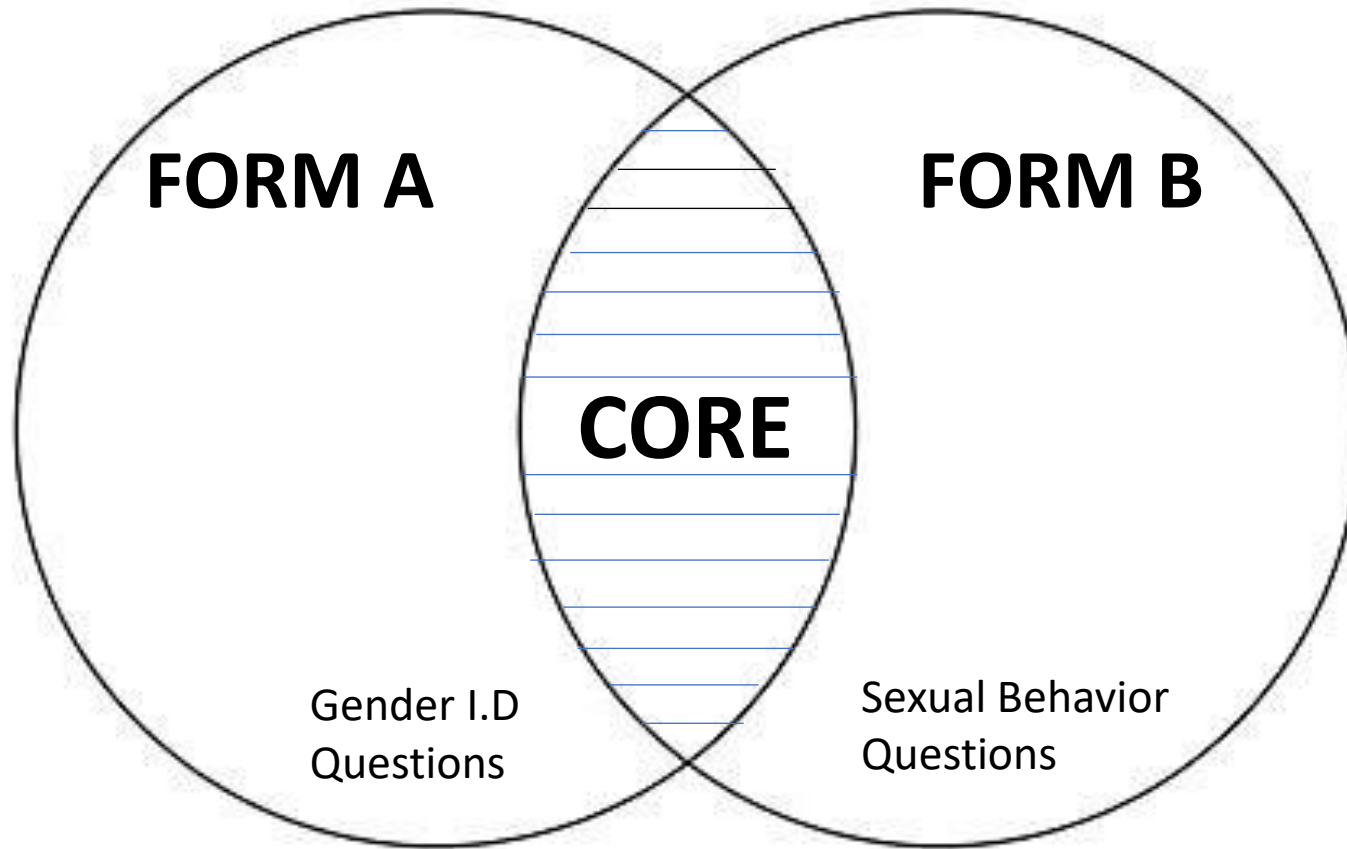
- To deliver crucial information about the prevalence of major adolescent health risk behaviors to parents, the public, school officials, public health professionals, human service agencies and policymakers.
- To identify trends and patterns in adolescent health status and risky behaviors, supporting the examination and evaluation of many different prevention, safety and health promotion initiatives.
- To guide policy formation and improve program needs assessments of state agencies, local health jurisdictions, county prevention coordinators, community mobilization coalitions, and community public health and safety networks that serve youth.

How are the HYS results used?

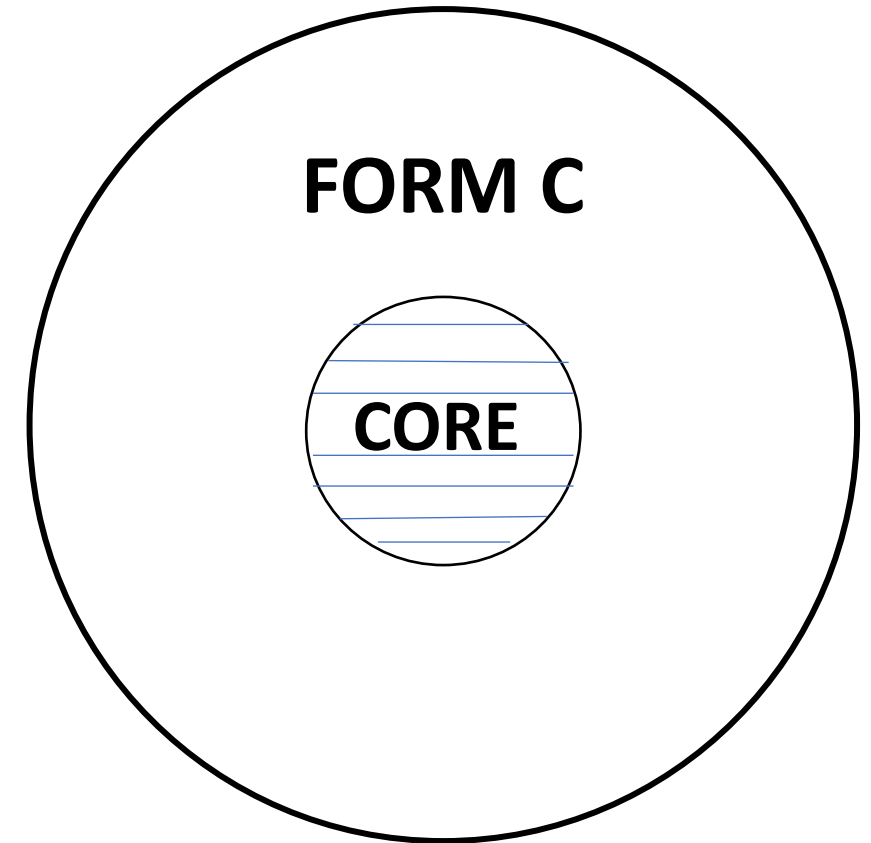


- ❖ Learn the prevalence of health-related behaviors among students
- ❖ Understand the school climate
- ❖ Contribute to the School Improvement Planning process
- ❖ Help inform other needs assessments
- ❖ Help justify new school programs, projects or staffing
- ❖ Assist with evaluating or improving existing school programs

SURVEY FORMAT: Form A, B and C



GRADES 8-12



GRADES 6-7

Root Cause

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1. REGISTRATION PROCESS

Registrant information

Your name: _____

Your School: _____

Your Position: _____

Contact information for the person at the school that will coordinate the survey

Coordinator Name: _____

Coordinator Email Address: _____

Contact Information for the School Principal:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Asking Extra Questions [Click Here](#) for information about the extra HYS questions

<https://www.askhys.net/Docs/HYS%202021%20Extra%20Questions%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Questions:

For schools with concerns about asking these questions in the main body of the survey, there is an exemption process. Please contact the Health Authority.

Exemption Questions

Sexual Orientation Question:

- Which of the following best describes you?
(Heterosexual (straight); Gay or lesbian, Bisexual; Questioning/not sure; Something else fits better; I don't know what this question is asking)
- Gender identity question:
How do you currently identify yourself ?
Select all that apply. (Male; Female, Transgender, Questioning/not sure of my gender identity, Something else fits better, I do not know what this question is asking)

State Answer

Oct. 25 12:44 pm

Emily Maughan via K12.wa.us

Barry,

While clicking on the link, **I just realized that we never did write the definition of sex in that document. That was an oversight on our part. It wasn't something that we purposely omitted and now we are aware of it we can change it.** The definition of sex was added to the survey in 2018 to clarify the questions, although the sexual behavior questions were the same in 2018 and 2021. So, the actual questions on that document are correct. Just the definition isn't on there.

You are correct if the survey coordinators had looked at Form B of the survey that was sent to the office or is online or looked at the 2018 Healthy Youth Survey, they would have seen that the definition of sex was on both of them.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,
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2. COMMUNICATION

WHEN: Information went out on September 22nd:

WHAT: HYS Form Letter “Information for Parents & Students

HOW: * WEBSITE
* SKYWARD

PARENT INFO. LETTER

<https://www.askhys.net/Docs/HYS%202021%20Parent%20and%20Student%20Information%20Letter%20English%207-30-21.pdf>



PROPOSED SOLUTION:

How do we improve the registration process and our communication to families?

- ✓ Principals review all surveys and provide recommendations to school board
- ✓ School Board reviews recommendations and makes final decision
- ✓ School Coordinator completes registration process

- ✓ All parents receive a letter in the mail regarding the HYS
- ✓ All parents receive an auto dialer message
- ✓ HYS information is posted on our website and skyward
- ✓ Email all parents the information

- ✓ Provide parents the opportunity to review the survey (hard copy) at the school upon request
- ✓ Share copies of the survey via email upon request
- ✓ Provide clear communication for OPT OUT Procedures – make this a simple call or email to the school office secretary for each building