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Baseline Principal Survey

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Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) thank you for your willingness to participate in our study of the Safe Dates program. You are taking a leading role in allowing the CDC to gather some important information aimed at making this program more accessible to high school students across the nation.

Your perspective is very important to us.

Because of your unique role in the school, your opinions and impressions are particularly important to us. This is the first of three brief surveys we hope you will complete. This survey is expected to take about 15 minutes to complete. We know your time is precious so we've limited our questions to those considered the most important.

We are seeking your first impressions and reactions.

Please provide responses based on what you know or what you think. Feel free to use the 'don't know' option as needed. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers.

We recommend that you work quickly without puzzling or worrying about individual questions. We are aware that some questions may appear to be repetitive but it is necessary to ask a variety of questions to obtain reliable and accurate information about the topics addressed in the questionnaire.

Privacy:

All answers you provide will be kept private. Findings will be summarized in aggregated form to protect the identity of participating individuals and schools. However, we ask that you provide your name so that we can match your answers to this questionnaire with those on the subsequent two questionnaires.

Please complete your survey within 2 business days.

Feedback:

In addition to a variety of incentives that your school is receiving in exchange for participating in this study, your school also will receive an executive summary of findings from the study.

PLEASE TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF

Background Information: Please provide the following information so that we will be able a) to match your answers to this survey with the answers you provide on follow-up surveys and b) provide some general background information about survey participants. As noted on the cover sheet, the information you provide will be kept private.

1. Your name: _____
2. Your job title: _____
3. School name: _____
4. Time in current job: _____ yrs. _____ mos.
5. Tenure at this school: _____ yrs. _____ mos.
6. Years working in education: _____ yrs.
7. Your gender: _____ male _____ female
8. Highest degree earned (check one):
_____ Associates _____ Bachelors
_____ Masters _____ PhD or EdD

9. On average, how often are you in communication with teachers at this school who teach health, wellness and/or prevention classes?

- _____ never
_____ rarely
_____ sometimes
_____ often
_____ very often

10. How would you rate your level of familiarity with the health/wellness/prevention curriculum being taught at this school?

- _____ not at all familiar
_____ somewhat familiar
_____ familiar
_____ very familiar
_____ extremely familiar

11. Do you directly supervise teachers at this school who teach health, wellness, prevention or related courses?

- _____ No _____ Yes (If yes, about how many teachers do you directly supervise? _____ teachers)

YOUR SCHOOL'S DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY

12. Which of the following reasons explain why your school agreed to participate in the study? (check all that apply)

- _____ Our participation was mandated by the district or by a higher level within our educational system
- _____ We value the opportunity to participate in research
- _____ We get paid for participating
- _____ We will have access to study results
- _____ We hoped to add the Safe Dates curriculum to our health/wellness/prevention programming
- _____ The Safe Dates curriculum fits with this school's strategic goals
- _____ Other (please explain) _____
- _____ I don't know

EXISTING VIOLENCE PREVENTION POLICIES, PROGRAMS, ETC. AT THIS SCHOOL

Instructions: The actual and expected incidence of violence on school campuses varies substantially from school to school. As a result, violence prevention policies, strategies and programs (**which are referred to as ‘violence prevention initiatives’ throughout the remainder of this survey**) also vary from school to school. Please indicate which of the following **violence prevention initiatives** are currently in effect at your school? Please MARK ALL of the initiatives which are currently in effect at your school by placing an “X” on the relevant lines below.

School-wide policies and policy enforcement strategies

- _____ school-wide, formal policies related to identifying, dealing with, and minimizing the occurrence of violent behavior
- _____ staff training pertaining to implementing school-wide violence prevention and reduction policies
- _____ a review board (may involve faculty, students, administrators, etc) that makes judgments on cases of violent behavior
- _____ contracts to be signed by students (and parents) agreeing to abide by the school’s violence prevention policies
- _____ an ombudsmen (or impartial party) to whom students can confidentially report incidents of violence
- _____ monitoring by law enforcement, security officers, or other trained staff

Education/informational approaches

- _____ teacher training about the topic of violence prevention
- _____ special lectures on the topic of violence prevention
- _____ curricula addressing adolescent dating violence
- _____ other curriculum addressing adolescent violence more generally (e.g., bullying, conflict resolution, peer mediation, or student court programs)
- _____ signs etc. posted in areas visible to students related to dealing with and/or reducing violence

Behaviorally – based and related approaches

- _____ systems of rewards or incentives for positive or good student behavior
- _____ classroom-management program to manage unruly, unacceptable, or violent behavior
- _____ interventions for high-risk students involving behavior modification, counseling, or case management

Other environmental approaches

- _____ metal detectors on campus
- _____ security cameras
- _____ open lockers
- _____ random unannounced searches of lockers
- _____ use of uniform or strict dress code
- _____ clear book bags or clear specifications of banned book bags,
- _____ steps to control access to the school (e.g., signs, limiting number of entry doors)
- _____ structural changes to make it easier to observe students (lighting, more windows, eliminate entrapment zones)
- _____ changes to make the school environment more warm and friendly (efforts to keep school clean, eliminate graffiti, display student work, use bright, happy colors)

Instructions: Using the scale provided below, please indicate the extent to which you agree with each of the following statements in light of what you know about this school and its existing violence prevention policies, programs, strategies, which you indicated above. Enter the number that most closely reflects your response in the space provided next to each phrase. Feel free to enter “0” if you don’t know or “9” if you believe the question does not apply to you or your school

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree		Don't Know	Not Applicable
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		0	9

- 13. The existing violence-prevention policies, strategies and programs, etc. at this school are very effective..... _____
- 14. This school's rules and programs for preventing violence seem to work very well..... _____
- 15. This school does a good job preventing fighting and other forms of violence involving students..... _____
- 16. This school's policies, programs, and approaches related to violence prevention are well-suited to our needs..... _____

Instructions: This school is among a group of schools selected to teach, on a trial basis, a dating-violence prevention curriculum called "Safe Dates" as part of a research study. The Safe Dates curriculum is designed to be taught in the form of nine, 50-minute lessons. Based on what you currently know, please answer the following questions. If you have no idea, feel free to skip an item.

17. Which of the following options best describes how the Safe Dates (SD) course is likely to be incorporated into your school's broader health or prevention curriculum?

- _____ SD will be taught as an independent course in the health or prevention curriculum
- _____ SD lessons will be an intact module within an existing course in the health/prevention curriculum
- _____ SD lessons will be interspersed among other lessons in the broader curriculum
- _____ Other (please explain: _____)

18a. I estimate that the kick-off date for the 9-lesson, Safe Dates Curriculum at this school will be: _____ month _____ year

18b. I estimate that the completion date for the 9-lesson, Safe Dates Curriculum at this school will be: _____ month _____ year

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19. This school is very willing to implement new prevention programs that have been developed by researchers..... _____
20. Offering the Safe Dates curriculum is a very good idea for this school..... _____
21. The Safe Dates curriculum must be implemented in a precise manner in order to be effective..... _____
22. I have been very supportive of this school's efforts to implement our violence prevention initiatives..... _____
23. The advantages of implementing the Safe Dates curriculum at this school will far outweigh any disadvantages..... _____
24. This school can deal with difficulties that might interfere with teaching the Safe Dates curriculum as prescribed..... _____
25. The Safe Dates curriculum addresses a need that is already being addressed by an existing program at this school..... _____
26. Scientific evidence indicates the Safe Dates course is effective in reducing dating violence..... _____
27. I had some knowledge of the Safe Dates program before this school decided to participate in this research study..... _____
28. Implementing Safe Dates will address an important unmet need of our student body _____
29. The Safe Dates course will contribute to the safety of the students who take it _____
30. This school has the resources necessary to support the ongoing implementation of our violence prevention initiatives..... _____
31. This school volunteered to implement the Safe Dates curriculum _____
32. Teachers who will be teaching Safe Dates were actively involved in the school's decision to participate in this study _____
33. Top administrators at this school don't seem to care if we implement the Safe Dates curriculum _____
34. The Safe Dates curriculum will be difficult to implement correctly..... _____
35. Teachers will have the final say about which Safe Dates lessons to cover in their classes _____
36. I am very supportive of this school's involvement in this research study _____
37. This school has strong rules and programs for preventing violence involving students _____
38. Technical assistance is available to staff responsible for implementing components of our violence prevention initiatives..... _____
39. Honestly, I really don't care if we implement the Safe Dates curriculum at this school or not _____

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- 40. Research-based prevention programs typically don't work well in most school settings... _____
- 41. School administrators do a good job removing barriers that interfere with the implementation of our violence prevention initiatives _____
- 42. The school's decision to offer the Safe Dates curriculum is a good decision _____
- 43. Adaptations can be made in how the Safe Dates course is taught without jeopardizing its effectiveness _____
- 44. Overall, implementing the Safe Dates curriculum will be advantageous to this school _____
- 45. If unforeseen scheduling conflicts arise, the Safe Dates curriculum can still be delivered as intended _____
- 46. The Safe Dates curriculum is very similar to a course we already offer at this school _____
- 47. There is strong scientific evidence suggesting the Safe Dates course reduces violence between dating partners _____
- 48. I first heard about the Safe Dates curriculum when our school decided to participate in this research study.. _____
- 49. The administration gets regular progress reports about the implementation of this school's violence prevention initiatives _____
- 50. Safe Dates will be an important addition to the school's health curriculum..... _____
- 51. Dating violence will decrease among students who participate in the Safe Dates program. _____
- 52. Implementation of the Safe Dates curriculum at this school is mandated by a higher authority..... _____
- 53. School administrators rather than teachers made the decision to participate in this study about Safe Dates.. _____
- 54. Top administrators at this school seem committed to including Safe Dates in our health and/or prevention curriculum _____
- 55. It will be easy to prepare teachers to implement the Safe Dates curriculum as recommended by experts..... _____
- 56. Teachers will be able to decide whether or not to cover all or only some of the lessons included in the Safe Dates curriculum _____
- 57. Administrators at this school are very supportive of this school's involvement in this research study..... _____

58. This school puts a lot of effort into preventing violence of any kind among students

59. I strongly support including Safe Dates in this school's health curriculum

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- 60. Teachers are encouraged to speak openly about the strengths and weaknesses of our violence prevention initiatives _____
- 61. Teachers at this school know more than academic researchers about what makes a prevention program effective _____
- 62. The Safe Dates program is likely to be a valuable addition to this school's health/prevention curriculum..... _____
- 63. Some components of the Safe Dates curriculum have to be implemented as prescribed but others do not... _____
- 64. Implementing the Safe Dates curriculum will have more benefits than drawbacks for this school. _____
- 65. We are prepared to see that the Safe Dates curriculum is delivered as intended regardless of the obstacles that might arise _____
- 66. The Safe Dates curriculum will enhance this school's existing health and prevention programming _____
- 67. There is convincing scientific evidence that shows that Safe Dates reduces dating violence _____
- 68. This school is highly motivated to implement the Safe Dates program _____
- 69. Top administrators at this school provide encouragement to staff involved in implementing our violence prevention initiatives _____
- 70. The Safe Dates curriculum will provide students with knowledge and strategies to reduce the incidence of dating violence in the future _____
- 71. Teachers who will be teaching the Safe Dates course are doing so voluntarily _____
- 72. Teachers who will be teaching the Safe Dates course helped decide whether to participate in this study _____
- 73. Top administrators at this school are committed to ensuring that Safe Dates is part of the health/prevention curriculum _____
- 74. There are one or more reasons why it will be difficult for teachers to implement the Safe Dates curriculum at this school _____
- 75. Teachers will be required to teach every lesson included in the Safe Dates curriculum _____
- 76. Teachers are supportive of this school's involvement in this research study _____
- 77. Violence of any kind such as fighting, bullying and yelling is not allowed at this school _____

78. The school board has been very supportive of this school's efforts to implement violence prevention initiatives..... _____

79. Teaching Safe Dates exactly as it was developed by experts is critical to getting expected results.. _____

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80. This school can deal with any "bumps in the road" that may arise in the process of delivering the Safe Dates curriculum _____

81. The Safe Dates curriculum will complement existing health and prevention programming at this school. _____
82. Teachers who will be responsible for teaching Safe Dates have chosen to do so _____
83. Teachers who will be teaching Safe Dates were consulted in arriving at the decision to participate in this study _____

84. It will be easy for teachers at this school to implement the Safe Dates curriculum correctly on a consistent basis _____

85. I am committed to seeing that the Safe Dates curriculum is taught at this school _____
86. The Safe Dates course will have long-term benefits for the students who take it _____
87. Students who behave violently are not allowed to stay at this school _____
88. Staff members who are responsible for implementing this school's violence prevention initiatives have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities. _____
