

# School Survey on Crime and Safety (SSOCS) 2016 and 2018

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Appendix B – SSOCS 2016 Questionnaire

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# **SCHOOL SURVEY ON CRIME AND SAFETY**

### PRINCIPAL QUESTIONNAIRE 2015–16 SCHOOL YEAR

This survey is designed to be completed by the principal or the person most knowledgeable about school crime and policies to provide a safe environment at your school.



(Please correct any errors in name, address, and ZIP Code.)

#### THIS SURVEY HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY:



Your answers may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law [Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA 2002) 20 U.S.C., § 9573]. Reports of the findings from the survey will not identify participating districts, schools, or staff. Individual responses will be combined with those from other participants to produce summary statistics and reports.

#### **PLEASE RESPOND BY:**

FORM **SSOCS-1** (7-14-2015)



#### **DEFINITIONS**

The following words are bolded and marked by an asterisk (\*) wherever they appear in the questionnaire. Please use these definitions as you respond.

**Active shooter** – an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearm(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.

At school/at your school – activities happening in school buildings, on school grounds, on school buses, and at places that hold school-sponsored events or activities. Unless otherwise specified, this refers to normal school hours or to times when school activities/events were in session.

**Bullying** – any unwanted aggressive behavior(s) by another youth or group of youths who are not siblings or current dating partners that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated.

**Cyberbullying** – occurs when willful and repeated harm is inflicted through the use of computers, cell phones, or other electronic devices.

**Diagnostic assessment** – an evaluation conducted by a medical or mental health professional that identifies whether an individual has one or more medical and/or mental health diagnoses. This is in contrast to an educational assessment, which does not focus on clarifying a student's diagnosis.

**Evacuation** – a procedure that requires all students and staff to leave the building. While evacuating to the school's field makes sense for a fire drill that only lasts a few minutes, it may not be an appropriate location for a longer period of time. The evacuation plan should encompass relocation procedures and include backup buildings to serve as emergency shelters, such as nearby community centers, religious institutions, businesses, or other schools. Evacuation also includes "reverse evacuation," a procedure for schools to return students to the building quickly if an incident occurs while students are outside.

**Firearm/explosive device** – any weapon that is designed to (or may readily be converted to) expel a projectile by the action of an explosive. This includes guns, bombs, grenades, mines, rockets, missiles, pipe bombs, or similar devices designed to explode and capable of causing bodily harm or property damage.

**Gang** – an ongoing loosely organized association of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, that has a common name, signs, symbols, or colors, whose members engage, either individually or collectively, in violent or other forms of illegal behavior.

**Gender identity** – means one's inner sense of one's own gender, which may or may not match the sex assigned at birth. Different people choose to express their gender identity differently. For some, gender may be expressed through, for example, dress, grooming, mannerisms, speech patterns, and social interactions. Gender expression usually ranges between masculine and feminine, and some transgender people express their gender consistent with how they identify internally, rather than in accordance with the sex they were assigned at birth.

**Hate crime** – A committed criminal offense that is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias(es) against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity; also known as bias crime.

**Lockdown** – a procedure that involves occupants of a school building being directed to remain confined to a room or area within a building with specific procedures to follow. A lockdown may be used when a crisis occurs outside of the school and an evacuation would be dangerous. A lockdown may also be called for when there is a crisis inside and movement within the school will put students in jeopardy. All exterior doors are locked and students and staff stay in their classrooms.

**Mental health disorders** – collectively, all diagnosable mental disorders or health conditions that are characterized by alterations in thinking, mood, or behavior (or some combination thereof) associated with distress and/or impaired functioning.

Mental health professionals – mental health services are provided by several different professions, each of which has its own training and areas of expertise. The types of professionals who may provide mental health services include psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioners, psychiatric/mental health nurses, clinical social workers, and professional counselors.

**Physical attack or fight** – an actual and intentional touching or striking of another person against his or her will, or the intentional causing of bodily harm to an individual.

Rape – forced sexual intercourse (vaginal, anal, or oral penetration). This includes sodomy and penetration with a foreign object. Both male and female students can be victims of rape. [Counts of attempted rape should be added to counts of rapes in your reporting of item 26a.]



### **DEFINITIONS** – Continued

The following words are bolded and marked by an asterisk (\*) wherever they appear in the questionnaire. Please use these definitions as you respond.

**Restorative circle** – a formal mediation process led by a facilitator that brings affected parties of a problem together to explore what happened, reflect on their roles, find a solution, and ultimately restore harmony to individual relationships and the larger community.

**Robbery** (taking things by force) – the taking or attempting to take anything of value that is owned by another person or organization, under confrontational circumstances by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear. A key difference between robbery and theft/larceny is that robbery involves a threat or assault.

**Sexual assault** – an incident that includes threatened rape, fondling, indecent liberties, or child molestation. Both male and female students can be victims of sexual assault. Classification of these incidents should take into consideration the age and developmentally appropriate behavior of the offender(s).

**Sexual harassment** – conduct that is unwelcome, sexual in nature, and denies or limits a student's ability to participate in or benefit from a school's education program. The conduct can be carried out by school employees, other students, and non-employee third parties. Both male and female students can be victims of sexual harassment, and the harasser and the victim can be of the same sex. The conduct can be verbal, nonverbal, or physical.

**Sexual orientation** – means one's emotional or physical attraction to the same and/or opposite sex

**Shelter-in-place** – a procedure similar to a lockdown in that the occupants are to remain on the premises; however, shelter-in-place is designed to use a facility and its indoor atmosphere to temporarily separate people from a hazardous outdoor environment. Everyone would be brought indoors and building personnel would close all windows and doors and shut down the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system (HVAC). This would create a neutral pressure in the building, meaning the contaminated air would not be drawn into the building.

**Special education student** – a child with a disability, defined as mental retardation, hearing impairments (including deafness), speech or language impairments, visual impairments (including blindness), serious emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments, or specific learning disabilities, who needs special education and related services and receives these under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

**Specialized school** – a school that is specifically for students who were referred for disciplinary reasons, although the school may also have students who were referred for other reasons. The school may be at the same location as your school.

**Theft/larceny** (taking things worth over \$10 without personal confrontation) – the unlawful taking of another person's property without personal confrontation, threat, violence, or bodily harm. This includes pocket picking, stealing a purse or backpack (if left unattended or no force was used to take it from owner), theft from a building, theft from a motor vehicle or of motor vehicle parts or accessories, theft of a bicycle, theft from a vending machine, and all other types of thefts.

**Threat assessment team** – a formalized group of persons who meet on a regular basis with the common purpose of identifying, assessing, and managing students who may pose a threat of targeted violence in schools.

**Treatment** – a clinical service addressed at lessening or eliminating the symptoms of a disorder. In mental health, this may include psychotherapy, medication treatment, and/or counseling.

**Vandalism** – the willful damage or destruction of school property, including bombing, arson, graffiti, and other acts that cause property damage. This includes damage caused by computer hacking.

**Violence** – actual, attempted, or threatened fight or assault.

**Weapon** – any instrument or object used with the intent to threaten, injure, or kill. This includes look-alikes if they are used to threaten others.



#### **SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- For most questions, please mark the box that best reflects your school's circumstances. Please mark your response with an "X".
- Some questions ask for counts or percents of items. Please place an "X" in the None box, rather than leaving the item blank, if the number of such items at your school is zero.
- It is not necessary to consult any records for items 9 and 39. Please provide estimates for these questions.
- Definitions are available for many terms on pages 2 and 3. Defined terms are bolded and marked with an asterisk (\*) throughout the survey.
- Some questions refer to the 2015–16 school year. Please report for the school year to date.
- Please have this questionnaire filled out by the person most knowledgeable about school crime and policies to provide a safe environment.
- Please keep a copy of the completed questionnaire for your records.

#### WHERE SHOULD I RETURN MY COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE?

Please return your completed questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or mail it to:

U.S. Census Bureau ATTN: DCB/PCSPU, Building 60A 1201 E. 10th Street Jeffersonville IN 47132-0001

If you have any questions about this questionnaire, please contact the U.S. Census Bureau at: 1-888-595-1332 or at addp.education.surveys@census.gov.

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## **School Practices and Programs**

- 1. During the 2015–16 school year, was it a practice of your school to do the following?
  - If your school changed its practices during the school year, please answer regarding your most recent practice.

	heck "Yes" or "No" on each line.		YES	NO
a.	Require visitors to sign or check in and wear badges	110	1	2
b.	Control access to school buildings during school hours (e.g., locked or monitored doors)	112	1	2
C.	Control access to school grounds during school hours (e.g., locked or monitored gates)	114	1	2
d.	Require metal detector checks on students every day	116	1	2
e.	Perform one or more random metal detector checks on students	120	1	2
f.	Equip classrooms with locks so that doors can be locked from the inside	121	1	2
g.	Close the campus for most or all students during lunch	122	1	2
h.	Use one or more random dog sniffs to check for drugs	124	1	2
i.	Perform one or more random sweeps for contraband (e.g., drugs or <b>weapons*</b> ), but not including dog sniffs	126	1	2
j.	Require drug testing for athletes	128	1	2
k.	Require drug testing for students in extra-curricular activities other than athletics	130	1	2
l.	Require students to wear uniforms	134	1	2
m.	Enforce a strict dress code	136	1	2
n.	Provide school lockers to students	138	1	2
0.	Require clear book bags or ban book bags on school grounds	140	1	2
p.	Have "panic button(s)" or silent alarm(s) that directly connect to law enforcement in the event of an incident	139	1	2
q.	Provide an electronic notification system that automatically notifies parents in case of a school-wide emergency	141	1	2
r.	Provide a structured anonymous threat reporting system (e.g., online submission, telephone hotline, or written submission via drop box)	143	1	2
S.	Require students to wear badges or picture IDs	142	1	2
t.	Require faculty and staff to wear badges or picture IDs	144	1	2
u.	Use one or more security cameras to monitor the school	146	1	2
٧.	Provide telephones in most classrooms	148	1	2
w.	Provide two-way radios to any staff	150	1	2
x.	Limit access to social networking websites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram) from school computers	151	1	2
у.	Prohibit <u>use</u> of cell phones and text messaging devices during school hours	153	1	2

<sup>\*</sup>Please use the definition on pages 2 and 3.



2.	Does your school	have a writter	plan that	describes	procedures	to be	performed i	n the	following
	scenarios?								

			YES	NO
a.	Active shooter*	155	1	2
b.	Natural disasters (e.g., earthquakes or tornadoes)	158	1	2
c.	Hostages	162	1	2
d.	Bomb threats or incidents	166	1	2
e.	Chemical, biological, or radiological threats or incidents (e.g., release of mustard gas, anthrax, smallpox, or radioactive materials)	170	1	2
f.	Suicide threat or incident	169	1	2
g.	Pandemic flu	173	1	2
h.	Post-crisis reunification of students with their families	167	1	2

3. During the 2015–16 school year, has your school drilled students on the use of the following emergency procedures?

Please respond to each of these according to the definitions provided on pages 2 and 3.

		YES	NO
a.	Evacuation*	1	2
b.	Lockdown* 165	1	2
C.	Shelter-in-place*	1	2

4. During the 2015–16 school year, did your school have any formal programs intended to prevent or reduce **violence\*** that included the following components for students?

• If a program has multiple components, answer "Yes" for each that applies.

	neck res of No on each line.		YES	NO
a.	Prevention curriculum, instruction, or training for students (e.g., conflict resolution, anti- <b>bullying*</b> , dating <b>violence*</b> prevention)	174	1	2
b.	Behavioral or behavior modification intervention for students (including the use of positive reinforcements)	176	1	2
C.	Counseling, social work, psychological, or therapeutic activity for students	178	1	2
d.	Individual attention/mentoring/tutoring/coaching of students by students	180	1	2
e.	Individual attention/mentoring/tutoring/coaching of students by adults	181	1	2
f.	Recreational, enrichment, or leisure activities for students	182	1	2
g.	Student involvement in peer mediation	175	1	2
h.	Student court to address student conduct problems or minor offenses	177	1	2
i.	Student involvement in <b>restorative circles*</b> (e.g., "peace circles," "talking circles," "conflict circles")	179	1	2
j.	Social emotional learning (SEL) training for students (e.g., social skills, anger management, mindfulness)	183	1	2
k.	Programs to promote a sense of community/social integration among students	186	1	2

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5.	buring the 2015–16 school year, did your school have a <b>threat assessment team*</b> or any other ormal group of persons to identify students who might be a potential risk for violent or harmful behave oward themselves or others)?	
Ţ	yes 2 No → GO TO item 7 below.	
6.	During the 2015–16 school year, how often did your school's <b>threat assessment team*</b> formally neet?	

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	Check one response.	

602	1	At least once a week
	2	At least once a month
	3	On occasion
	4	Never

- 7. During the 2015–16 school year, did your school have any recognized student groups with the following purposes?
  - Theck "Yes" or "No" on each line.

		YES	NO	
a.	Acceptance of <b>sexual orientation*</b> and <b>gender identity*</b> of students (e.g., Gay-Straight Alliance)	1	2	
b.	Acceptance of students with disabilities (e.g., Best Buddies) 606	1	2	
C.	Acceptance of cultural diversity (e.g., Cultural Awareness Club) 608	1	2	

# **Parent and Community Involvement at School**

- 8. Which of the following does your school do to involve or help parents?
  - The Check "Yes" or "No" on each line.

			YES	NO
a.	Have a formal process to obtain parental input on policies related to school crime and discipline	190	1	2
b.	Provide training or technical assistance to parents in dealing with students' problem behavior	192	1	2
C.	Have a program that involves parents <b>at school*</b> helping to maintain school discipline	194	1	2

9. What is your best estimate of the percentage of students who had at least one parent or guardian participating in the following events during the 2015–16 school year?

• Check one response on each line.

	·		0–25%	26–50%	51–75%	76–100%	School does not offer
a.	Open house or back-to-school night	196	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Regularly scheduled parent-teacher conferences	198	1	2	3	4	5
C.	Special subject-area events (e.g., science fair, concerts)	200	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Volunteered <b>at school*</b> or served on a committee	202	1	2	3	4	5

10. During the 2015–16 school year, were any of the following community and outside groups involved in your school's efforts to promote safe, disciplined, and drug-free schools?

Check "Yes" or "No" on each line.

			YES	NO
a.	Parent groups	204	1	2
b.	Social service agencies	206	1	2
C.	Juvenile justice agencies	208	1	2
d.	Law enforcement agencies	210	1	2
e.	Mental health agencies	212	1	2
f.	Civic organizations/service clubs	214	1	2
g.	Private corporations/businesses	216	1	2
h.	Religious organizations	218	1	2

<sup>\*</sup>Please use the definition on pages 2 and 3.

### **School Security Staff**

- 11. During the 2015–16 school year, did you have any sworn law enforcement officers (including School Resource Officers) present **at your school\*** at least once a week?
  - Do not include security guards or other security personnel who are not sworn law enforcement in your response to this item; information on additional security staff is gathered in item 19.

610	1	Yes	
<b>1</b>	2	No <del></del>	GO TO item 19 on page 12.

- 12. Were sworn law enforcement officers (including School Resource Officers) used <u>at least once a week</u> in or around your school at the following times?
  - Do not include security guards or other security personnel who are not sworn law enforcement in your response to this item; information on additional security staff is gathered in item 19.
  - Check "Yes" or "No" on each line.

			YES	NO
a.	At any time during school hours	612	1	2
b.	While students were arriving or leaving	614	1	2
C.	At selected school activities (e.g., athletic and social events, open houses, science fairs)	616	1	2
d.	When school/school activities were not occurring	618	1	2

- 13. Did any of the sworn law enforcement officers (including School Resource Officers) **at your school\*** routinely:
  - Do not include security guards or other security personnel who are not sworn law enforcement in your response to this item; information on additional security staff is gathered in item 19.
  - Check "Yes" or "No" on each line.

			YES	NO
a.	Carry a stun gun (e.g., Taser gun)	620	1	2
b.	Carry chemical aerosol sprays (e.g., Mace, pepper spray)	622	1	2
C.	Carry a firearm*	624	1	2
d.	Wear a body camera	626	1	2

\*Please use the definition on pages 2 and 3.



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- 14. Did these sworn law enforcement officers (including School Resource Officers) participate in the following activities **at your school\***?
  - Do not include security guards or other security personnel who are not sworn law enforcement in your response to this item; information on additional security staff is gathered in item 19.
  - The Check "Yes" or "No" on each line.

			YES	NO
a.	Motor vehicle traffic control	628	1	2
b.	Security enforcement and patrol	630	1	2
C.	Maintaining school discipline	632	1	2
d.	Coordinating with local police and emergency team(s)	634	1	2
e.	Identifying problems in the school and proactively seeking solutions to those problems	636	1	2
f.	Training teachers and staff in school safety or crime prevention	638	1	2
g.	Mentoring students	640	1	2
h.	Teaching a law-related education course or training students (e.g., drug-related education, criminal law, or crime prevention courses)	642	1	2
i.	Recording or reporting discipline problems to school authorities	644	1	2
j.	Providing information to school authorities about the legal definitions of behavior for recording or reporting purposes (e.g., defining assault for school authorities)	646	1	2

- 15. During the 2015–16 school year, did your school have a sworn law enforcement officer (including School Resource Officers) present for all instructional hours every day that school was in session?
  - Include officers who are used as temporary coverage while regularly assigned officers are performing duties external to the school (such as attending court) or during these officers' personal leave time.
  - Check "No" if your school does not have officer coverage while regularly assigned officers are performing duties external to the school (such as attending court) or during these officers' personal leave time.
  - Do not include security guards or other security personnel who are not sworn law enforcement in your response to this item; information on additional security staff is gathered in item 19.

648 1 Yes

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No

16. During the 2015–16 school year, did your school or school district have any formalized policies or written documents (e.g., Memorandum of Use, Memorandum of Agreement) that outlined the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of sworn law enforcement officers (including School Resource Officers) at school?

Yes  $\longrightarrow$  CONTINUE to item 17 on page 12.

No  $\longrightarrow$  GO TO item 18 on page 12.

17.		rcement officers (including School Resource Officers)				
	<b>Č</b> C	theck "Yes," "No," or "Don't know" on each line.		YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
	a.	Student discipline	652	1	2	3
	b.	Use of physical restraints (e.g., handcuffs, Tasers, Mace, pepper spray, or other physical or chemical restraints)	654	1	2	3
	C.	Use of <b>firearms</b> *	656	1	2	3
	d.	Making arrests on school grounds	658	1	2	3
	e.	Reporting of criminal offenses to a law enforcement agency	660	1	2	3
18.	<ul><li>If "p</li><li>D</li></ul>	many of the following were present in your school at an officer works full-time across various schools in the part-time" for your school.  o not include security guards or other security personation response to this item; information on additional security.	e distric	t, please coul	n law enfo	orcement in
	<b>b</b> If	none, please place an "X" in the None box.	at	Number your school*		
	a. School Resource Officers (Include all career sworn law enforcement officers with arrest authority, who have specialized training and are assigned to work in collaboration with school organizations.)					a Nana
		i. Full-time			236	0 None
		ii. Part-time		2	238	0 None
	b.	Sworn law enforcement officers who are not School F i. Full-time	Resourc		240	o None
		ii. Part-time		2	242	o None
<ul> <li>19. Aside from School Resource Officers or other sworn law enforcement officers, how many additional security guards or security personnel were present in your school at least once a week?</li> <li>i If a security guard or other security personnel works full-time across various schools in the district please count this person as "part-time" for your school.</li> </ul>						
		none, please place an "X" in the None box.			at	Number your school*
		Security guards or security personnel				
		i. Full-time		2	232	o None
		ii. Part-time		2	234	o None
*Ple	ase u	use the definition on pages 2 and 3.				



### **School Mental Health Services**

- 20. During the 2015–16 school year, were the following mental health services available to students under the official responsibilities of a licensed **mental health professional\***?
  - Check "Yes" or "No" for each type of service available to students, regardless of whether the service was used this school year.
  - Please respond to each of these according to the definitions provided on pages 2 and 3.

		Service was available to students						
				professiona school or dist	HOOL* tal health I* other than a rict employee, school or district	OUTSIDE O by a ment professional school or disti funded by the s	tal health I* other than a rict employee,	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	
a.	Diagnostic assessment* for mental health disorders*	662 1	2	664 1	2	666 1	2	
b.	Treatment* for mental health disorders*	668 1	2	670 1	2	672 1	2	

21. During the 2015–16 school year, to what extent did the following factors limit your school's efforts to provide mental health services to students?

Check one response on each line.

	·		Limits in major way	Limits in minor way	Does not limit
a.	Inadequate access to licensed mental health professionals*	674	1	2	3
b.	Inadequate funding	676	1	2	3
C.	Potential legal issues for school or district (e.g., malpractice, insufficient supervision)	678	1	2	3
d.	Lack of parental support in addressing their children's <b>mental health disorders*</b>	680	1	2	3
e.	Lack of community support for providing mental health services to students in your school	682	1	2	3
f.	Written or unwritten policies regarding the school's requirement to pay for the diagnostic assessment or treatment of students	684	1	2	3
g.	Reluctance to label students with <b>mental health disorders*</b> to avoid stigmatizing the child	686	1	2	3



# **Staff Training**

- 22. During the 2015–16 school year, did your school or school district provide any of the following for classroom teachers or aides?
  - Theck "Yes" or "No" on each line.

			YES	NO
a.	Training in classroom management for teachers	266	1	2
b.	Training in school-wide discipline policies and practices related to <b>violence*</b>	268	1	2
C.	Training in school-wide discipline policies and practices related to <b>cyberbullying*</b>	265	1	2
d.	Training in school-wide discipline policies and practices related to <b>bullying*</b> other than <b>cyberbullying*</b>	267	1	2
e.	Training in school-wide discipline policies and practices related to alcohol and/or drug use	269	1	2
f.	Training in safety procedures (e.g., how to handle emergencies)	270	1	2
g.	Training in recognizing early warning signs of students likely to exhibit violent behavior	272	1	2
h.	Training in intervention and referral strategies for students displaying signs of <b>mental health disorders*</b> (e.g., depression, mood disorders, ADHD)	271	1	2
i.	Training in recognizing physical, social, and verbal <b>bullying*</b> behaviors	273	1	2
j.	Training in recognizing signs of students using/abusing alcohol and/or drugs	274	1	2
k.	Training in positive behavioral intervention strategies	276	1	2
I.	Training in crisis prevention and intervention	277	1	2

<sup>\*</sup>Please use the definition on pages 2 and 3.



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### **Limitations on Crime Prevention**

23. To what extent do the following factors limit your school's efforts to reduce or prevent crime?

Check one response on each line. Limits in Does not Limits in limit minor way major way Lack of or inadequate teacher training in classroom 2 280 1 3 management b. Lack of or inadequate alternative 282 2 1 3 placement/programs for disruptive students C. Likelihood of complaints from parents 2 284 1 3 d. Lack of teacher support for school policies 286 2 3 Lack of parental support for school policies e. 2 3 288 f. Teachers' fear of student retaliation 2 3 290 1 Fear of litigation q. 292 2 3 h. Inadequate funds 294 2 3 Inconsistent application of school 2 3 policies by faculty or staff j. Fear of district or state reprisal 298 1 2 3 Federal, state, or district policies on 2 1 3 disciplining special education students\* Federal policies on discipline and safety other than 302 2 3 those for special education students\* State or district policies on discipline and safety m. 1 2 3 other than those for special education students\*

### **Frequency of Crime and Violence at School**

24.	During the 2015-16 school year, have any of your school's students, faculty, or staff died as a
	result of a homicide committed <b>at your school*</b> ?

306 1 Yes

2 No

25. During the 2015–16 school year, has there been at least one incident **at your school\*** that involved a shooting (regardless of whether anyone was hurt)? Please include those incidents that occurred **at school\***, regardless of whether a student or non-student used the **firearm\***.

308 1 Yes

2 No

### **Number of Incidents**

- 26. Please record the number of <u>incidents</u> that occurred **at school\*** during the 2015–16 school year for the offenses listed below. (NOTE: The number in column 1 should be greater than or equal to the number in column 2.)
  - if none, please place an "X" in the None box.

Please provide information on:

- The number of incidents, not the number of victims or offenders.
- Recorded incidents, regardless of whether any disciplinary action was taken.
- \* Recorded incidents, regardless of whether students or non-students were involved.
- incidents occurring before, during, or after normal school hours.

		Column 1				Column 2		
		Total number of recorded incidents					nber reported to police or other law enforcement	
a.	Rape* or attempted rape*	310		0	None	312	o None	
b.	Sexual assault* other than rape* (include threatened rape*)	314		0	None	316	o None	
C.	Robbery* (taking things by force)							
	i. With a <b>weapon*</b>	318		0	None	320	o None	
	ii. Without a <b>weapon*</b>	322		0	None	324	o None	
d.	Physical attack or fight*							
	i. With a weapon*	326		0	None	328	o None	
	ii. Without a <b>weapon*</b>	330		0	None	332	o None	
e.	Threats of physical attack*							
	i. With a weapon*	334		0	None	336	o None	
	ii. Without a <b>weapon*</b>	338		0	None	340	o None	
f.	<b>Theft/larceny*</b> (taking things worth over \$10 without personal confrontation)	342		0	None	344	o None	
g.	Possession of a firearm or explosive device*	346		0	None	348	o None	
h.	Possession of a knife or sharp object	350		0	None	352	o None	
i.	Distribution, possession, or use of illegal drugs	354		0	None	356	o None	
j.	Inappropriate distribution, possession, or use of prescription drugs	355		0	None	357	o None	
k.	Distribution, possession, or use of alcohol	358		0	None	360	o None	
I.	Vandalism*	362		0	None	364	o None	

<sup>\*</sup>Please use the definition on pages 2 and 3.



27.	<ul> <li>Please record the number of arrests that occurred at your school during the 2015–16 school year. Please include all arrests that occurred at school*, regardless of whether a student or non-student was arrested.</li> <li>If none, please place an "X" in the None box.</li> </ul>						
		in none, please place an X in the None box.					
	688	Number of arrests					
		o None					
28.	Du	ring the 2015–16 school year, how many hate crimes* occurred at your school	<b>*</b> ?				
	è	If none, please place an "X" in the None box.					
_	690	Number of hate crimes*					
	000	None → GO TO item 30 below.					
00	_						
29.		the best of your knowledge, were any of these <b>hate crimes*</b> motivated by the off as against the following characteristics?	ender's				
	ď	Check "Yes" or "No" on each line.					
	Ď	If a <b>hate crime*</b> was motivated by multiple characteristics, answer "Yes" for each that applies.					
		cach that applies.	YES	s NO			
а	ι.	Race or color	2 1	2			
b	).	National origin or ethnicity 69	1 1	2			
C	).	Gender 69	6 1	2			
d	l.	Religion 69	3 1	2			
е	<b>)</b> .	Disability 70	) 1	2			
1	f.	Sexual Orientation*	2 1	2			
(	g.	Gender Identity*	4 1	2			
30.	ala	ow many times during the 2015–16 school year were activities disrupted by unplannearms (i.e., false alarms)?  Do not include fire alarms due to actual emergencies.	<u>d</u> fire				
	ò	If none, please place an "X" in the None box.					
	370	·					
		o None					
31.	WE	cluding planned and unplanned fire alarms, how many times during the 2015–16 sclere activities disrupted by other actions, such as death threats, bomb threats, or chelological, or radiological threats?		r			
	Ď	If none, please place an "X" in the None box.					
	372	Number of disruptions					
		o None					
*Plea	ase	use the definition on pages 2 and 3.					

# **Disciplinary Problems and Actions**

32. To the best of your knowledge, how often do the following types of problems occur **at your school\***?

è C	Check one response on each line.						
·			Happens daily	Happens at least once a week	Happens at least once a month	Happens on occasion	Never happens
a.	Student racial/ethnic tensions	374	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Student <b>bullying*</b>	376	1	2	3	4	5
C.	Student <b>sexual harassment*</b> of other students	378	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Student harassment of other students based on sexual orientation*	381	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Student harassment of other students based on <b>gender</b> identity*	383	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Widespread disorder in classrooms	382	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Student verbal abuse of teachers	380	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Student acts of disrespect for teachers other than verbal abuse	384	1	2	3	4	5
i.	Gang* activities	386	1	2	3	4	5

33. To the best of your knowledge, thinking about problems that can occur anywhere (both at your school and away from school), how often do the following occur?

è Check one response on each line.

	need one response on each line.		Happens daily	Happens at least once a week	Happens at least once a month	Happens on occasion	Never happens
a.	<b>Cyberbullying*</b> among students who attend your school	389	1	2	3	4	5
b.	School environment is affected by <b>cyberbullying</b> *	391	1	2	3	4	5
C.	Staff resources are used to deal with <b>cyberbullying*</b>	393	1	2	3	4	5



34. During the 2015–16 school year, did your school allow for the use of the following disciplinary actions? If "yes," were the actions used this school year?

		Does you allow for u follow		If " <u>Yes</u> ," action u school	sed this
		YES	NO	YES	NO
a.	Removal with no continuing school services for at least the remainder of the school year	390 1	2	392 1	2
b.	Removal with school-provided tutoring/at- home instruction for at least the remainder of the school year	394 1	2	396 1	2
C.	Transfer to a <b>specialized school*</b> for disciplinary reasons	398 1	2	400 1	2
d.	Transfer to another regular school for disciplinary reasons	402 1	2	404 1	2
e.	Out-of-school suspension or removal for less than the remainder of the school year				
	i. With no curriculum/services provided	406 1	2	408 1	2
	ii. With curriculum/services provided	410 1	2	412 1	2
f.	In-school suspension for less than the remainder of the school year				
	i. With no curriculum/services provided	414 1	2	416 <b>1</b>	2
	ii. With curriculum/services provided	418 1	2	420 1	2
g.	Referral to a school counselor	422 1	2	424 1	2
h.	Assignment to a program (during school hours) designed to reduce disciplinary problems	426 <b>1</b>	2	428 1	2
i.	Assignment to a program (outside of school hours) designed to reduce disciplinary problems	430 1	2	432 1	2
j.	Loss of school bus privileges due to misbehavior	434 1	2	436 1	2
k.	Corporal punishment	438 1	2	440 1	2
I.	Placement on school probation with consequences if another incident occurs	442 1	2	444 1	2
m.	Detention and/or Saturday school	446 1	2	448 1	2
n.	Loss of student privileges	450 <b>1</b>	2	452 1	2
0.	Requirement of participation in community service	454 <b>1</b>	2	456 1	2

<sup>\*</sup>Please use the definition on pages 2 and 3.

- 35. During the 2015–16 school year, how many students were involved in committing the following offenses, and how many of the following disciplinary actions were taken in response?
  - if none, please place an "X" in the None box.

Please follow these guidelines when determining the number of offenses and disciplinary actions:

- If more than one student was involved in an incident, please count each student separately when providing the number of disciplinary actions.
- if a student was disciplined more than once, please count each offense separately (e.g., a student who was suspended five times would be counted as five suspensions).
- if a student was disciplined in two different ways for a single infraction (e.g., the student was both suspended and referred to counseling), **count only the most severe disciplinary action** that was taken.
- If a student was disciplined in one way for multiple infractions, record the disciplinary action for only the most serious offense.

		Column number										
					:	2	3		4		5	
		ir (re	tal stud- nvolved recorde offense gardles lisciplina action)	in ed es es of ary	Removals with no continuing school services for at least the remainder of the school year		Transfers to specialized schools*		Out-of-school suspensions lasting 5 or more days, but less than the remainder of the school year		disci action susper less days, d	ther plinary (e.g., nsion for than 5 letention, tc.)
a.	Use/possession of a firearm/	458			460		462		464		466	
	explosive device*		o N	lone	0	None	0	None	0	None	0	None
b.	Use/possession of a weapon* other than a firearm/ explosive device*	468	o N	lone	470	None	472	None	474	None	476	None
C.	Distribution, possession, or use of illegal drugs	478	0 N	lone	480	None	482	None	484	None	486	None
d.	Distribution, possession, or use of alcohol	488	0 N	lone	490	None	492	None	494	None	496	None
e.	Physical attacks	498			500		502		504		506	
	or fights*		o N	lone	0	None	0	None	0	None	0	None

- 36. During the 2015-16 school year, how many of the following occurred?
  - if none, please place an "X" in the None box.

a.	Students were removed from your school without continuing services for at least the remainder of the school year <u>for disciplinary reasons</u> . (NOTE: This number should be greater than or equal to the sum of entries in item 35, column 2.)

Students were transferred to <b>specialized schools*</b> for
disciplinary reasons. (NOTE: This number should be greater than or
equal to the sum of entries in item 35, column 3.)

Tota	l number
518	
0	None
520	
0	None



# **School Characteristics: 2015–16 School Year**

37.	As	of October 1, 2015, what was your school's total enrollment?						
	522	Students						
38.		at percentage of your current students fit the following criteria? f none, please place an "X" in the None box.						
			Percent of students					
	a.	Eligible for free or reduced-price lunch	524 % 0 None					
	b.	Limited English Proficient (LEP)	526 % 0 None					
	C.	Special education students*	528 % 0 None					
	d.	Male	530 % 0 None					
39. What is your best estimate of the percentage of your current students who meet the following criteria?								
	Ď l	f none, please place an "X" in the None box.	Percent of students					
	a.	Below the 15 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests	532 % None					
	b.	Likely to go to college after high school	534 % 0 None					
	C.	Consider academic achievement to be very important	536 % 0 None					
40.		w many classroom changes do most students make in a typical day?						
	Count going to lunch and then returning to the same or a different classroom as two classroom changes. Do not count morning arrival or afternoon departure.							
	ď۱	f none, please place an "X" in the None box.						
	538	Typical number of classroom changes						
*Dla		None						
rie	ase l	use the definition on pages 2 and 3.						

41.		would you describe the crime level in the area(s) in which your students neck one response.	live?
	560 1	High level of crime	
	2	Moderate level of crime	
	3	Low level of crime	
	4	Students come from areas with very different levels of crime	
42	How	would you describe the crime level in the area where your school is loca	ted?
		neck one response.	iou.
	562 1	High level of crime	
	2	Moderate level of crime	
	3	Low level of crime	
43	\/\/hic	n of the following best describes your school?	
<del>-</del> 10.		heck one response.	
	564 <b>1</b>	Regular public school	
	2	Charter school	
	3	Has a magnet program for part of the school	
	4	Exclusively a magnet school	
	5	Other – Please specify ∠	
		665	
44.	Wha	t is your school's average daily attendance?	
			Percent of students
			present
			568 %
			0 None
45.	start actio	ng the 2015–16 school year, how many students transferred to or from y of the school year? Please report on the total mobility, not just transfers ns. (NOTE: This number should be greater than or equal to the number ferred for disciplinary reasons, as reported in item 36b.)	due to disciplinary
	<b>ò</b> If	a student transferred more than once in the school year, count each transferred more than once in the school year, count each transferred more than once in the school year, count each transferred more than once in the school year, count each transferred more than once in the school year, count each transferred more than once in the school year, count each transferred more than once in the school year, count each transferred more than once in the school year, count each transferred more than once in the school year, count each transferred more than once in the school year, count each transferred more than once in the school year, count each transferred more than once in the school year, count each transferred more than once in the school year.	nsfer separately.
	<b>è</b> If	none, please place an "X" in the None box.	
	a.	Transferred to the school	570
			o None
	b.	Transferred from the school	572
	υ.	Transierred <u>ironi</u> tre scrioor	o None



46.	Please	provide	the	following	dates:

Plea	ase provide the following dates:		Мо	nth	Day	
a.	Start date for your 2015–16 school year	574		/		/2015
b.	End date for your 2015–16 school year	576		/		/2016
c.	Date you completed the questionnaire	578		/		/2016

47. How long did it take you to complete this form, not counting interruptions?

• Please record the time in minutes (e.g., 55 minutes, 65 minutes).

580		Minutes

Please return your completed questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or mail it to:

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