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# Attachment 1:

BJS authorizing statute; Title 42, United States Code, Section 3732

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42 USC Sec. 3732 01/26/98

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TITLE 42 - THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

CHAPTER 46 - JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

SUBCHAPTER III - BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS

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Sec. 3732. Bureau of Justice Statistics

-STATUTE-

(a) Establishment

There is established within the Department of Justice, under the general authority of the Attorney General, a Bureau of Justice Statistics (hereinafter referred to in this subchapter as "Bureau").

(b) Appointment of Director; experience; authority; restrictions

The Bureau shall be headed by a Director appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Director shall have had experience in statistical programs. The Director shall have final authority for all grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts awarded by the Bureau. The Director shall report to the Attorney General through the Assistant Attorney General. The Director shall not engage in any other employment than that of serving as Director; nor shall the Director hold any office in, or act in any capacity for, any organization, agency, or institution with which the Bureau makes any contract or other arrangement under this Act.

(c) Duties and functions of Bureau

The Bureau is authorized to -

- (1) make grants to, or enter into cooperative agreements or contracts with public agencies, institutions of higher education, private organizations, or private individuals for purposes related to this subchapter; grants shall be made subject to continuing compliance with standards for gathering justice statistics set forth in rules and regulations promulgated by the Director;
- (2) collect and analyze information concerning criminal victimization, including crimes against the elderly, and civil disputes;
- (3) collect and analyze data that will serve as a continuous and comparable national social indication of the prevalence, incidence, rates, extent, distribution, and attributes of crime, juvenile delinquency, civil disputes, and other statistical factors related to crime, civil disputes, and juvenile delinquency, in support of national, State, and local justice policy and decisionmaking;
- (4) collect and analyze statistical information, concerning the operations of the criminal justice system at the Federal, State, and local levels;
- (5) collect and analyze statistical information concerning the prevalence, incidence, rates, extent, distribution, and attributes of crime, and juvenile delinquency, at the Federal, State, and local levels;
  - (6) analyze the correlates of crime, civil disputes and juvenile delinquency, by the use of statistical information,

about criminal and civil justice systems at the Federal, State, and local levels, and about the extent, distribution and attributes of crime, and juvenile delinquency, in the Nation and at the Federal, State, and local levels:

- (7) compile, collate, analyze, publish, and disseminate uniform national statistics concerning all aspects of criminal justice and related aspects of civil justice, crime, including crimes against the elderly, juvenile delinquency, criminal offenders, juvenile delinquents, and civil disputes in the various States;
- (8) recommend national standards for justice statistics and for insuring the reliability and validity of justice statistics supplied pursuant to this chapter;
- (9) maintain liaison with the judicial branches of the Federal and State Governments in matters relating to justice statistics, and cooperate with the judicial branch in assuring as much uniformity as feasible in statistical systems of the executive and judicial branches;
- (10) provide information to the President, the Congress, the judiciary, State and local governments, and the general public on justice statistics;
- (11) establish or assist in the establishment of a system to provide State and local governments with access to Federal informational resources useful in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs under this Act;
  - (12) conduct or support research relating to methods of gathering or analyzing justice statistics;
- (13) provide for the development of justice information systems programs and assistance to the States and units of local government relating to collection, analysis, or dissemination of justice statistics;
- (14) develop and maintain a data processing capability to support the collection, aggregation, analysis and dissemination of information on the incidence of crime and the operation of the criminal justice system;
- (15) collect, analyze and disseminate comprehensive Federal justice transaction statistics (including statistics on issues of Federal justice interest such as public fraud and high technology crime) and to provide technical assistance to and work jointly with other Federal agencies to improve the availability and quality of Federal justice data;
- (16) provide for the collection, compilation, analysis, publication and dissemination of information and statistics about the prevalence, incidence, rates, extent, distribution and attributes of drug offenses, drug related offenses and drug dependent offenders and further provide for the establishment of a national clearinghouse to maintain and update a comprehensive and timely data base on all criminal justice aspects of the drug crisis and to disseminate such information;
- (17) provide for the collection, analysis, dissemination and publication of statistics on the condition and progress of drug control activities at the Federal, State and local levels with particular attention to programs and intervention efforts demonstrated to be of value in the overall national anti-drug strategy and to provide for the establishment of a national clearinghouse for the gathering of data generated by Federal, State, and local criminal justice agencies on their drug enforcement activities;
- (18) provide for the development and enhancement of State and local criminal justice information systems, and the standardization of data reporting relating to the collection, analysis or dissemination of data and statistics about drug offenses, drug related offenses, or drug dependent offenders;
- (19) provide for research and improvements in the accuracy, completeness, and inclusiveness of criminal history record information, information systems, arrest warrant, and stolen vehicle record information and information systems and support research concerning the accuracy, completeness, and inclusiveness of other criminal justice record information;
- (20) maintain liaison with State and local governments and governments of other nations concerning justice statistics;

- (21) cooperate in and participate with national and international organizations in the development of uniform justice statistics;
- (22) ensure conformance with security and privacy requirement of section 3789g of this title and identify, analyze, and participate in the development and implementation of privacy, security and information policies which impact on Federal and State criminal justice operations and related statistical activities; and
  - (23) exercise the powers and functions set out in subchapter

VIII of this chapter.

- (d) Justice statistical collection, analysis, and dissemination to insure that all justice statistical collection, analysis, and dissemination is carried out in a coordinated manner, the Director is authorized to -
- (1) utilize, with their consent, the services, equipment, records, personnel, information, and facilities of other Federal, State, local, and private agencies and instrumentalities with or without reimbursement therefor, and to enter into agreements with such agencies and instrumentalities for purposes of data collection and analysis;
  - (2) confer and cooperate with State, municipal, and other local agencies;
- (3) request such information, data, and reports from any Federal agency as may be required to carry out the purposes of this chapter;
- (4) seek the cooperation of the judicial branch of the Federal Government in gathering data from criminal justice records; and
- (5) encourage replication, coordination and sharing among justice agencies regarding information systems, information policy, and data.
- (e) Furnishing of information, data, or reports by Federal agencies Federal agencies requested to furnish information, data, or reports pursuant to subsection (d)(3) of this section shall provide such information to the Bureau as is required to carry out the purposes of this section.
- (f) Consultation with representatives of State and local government and judiciary In recommending standards for gathering justice statistics under this section, the Director shall consult with representatives of State and local government, including, where appropriate, representatives of the judiciary.

#### -SOURCE-

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, Sec. 302, as added Pub. L. 96-157, Sec. 2, Dec. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 1176; amended Pub. L. 98-473, title II, Sec. 605(b), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2079; Pub. L. 100-690, title VI, Sec. 6092(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4339; Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXIII, Sec. 330001(h)(2), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2139.)

## -REFTEXT-

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsecs. (b) and (c)(11), is Pub. L. 90-351, June 19, 1968, 82 Stat. 197, as amended, known as the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3711 of this title and Tables.

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## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3732, Pub. L. 90-351, title I, Sec. 302, June 19, 1968, 82 Stat. 200; Pub. L. 93-83, Sec. 2, Aug. 6, 1973, 87 Stat. 201; Pub. L. 94-503, title I, Sec. 110, Oct. 15, 1976, 90 Stat. 2412, related to establishment of State planning agencies to develop comprehensive State plans for grants for law enforcement and criminal justice purposes, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 96-157.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

1994 - Subsec. (c)(19). Pub. L. 103-322 substituted a semicolon for period at end.

1988 - Subsec. (c)(16) to (23). Pub. L. 100-690 added pars. (16) to (19) and redesignated former pars. (16) to (19) as (20) to (23), respectively.

1984 - Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-473, Sec. 605(b)(1), inserted provision requiring Director to report to Attorney General through Assistant Attorney General.

Subsec. (c)(13). Pub. L. 98-473, Sec. 605(b)(2)(A), (C), added par. (13) and struck out former par. (13) relating to provision of financial and technical assistance to States and units of local government relating to collection, analysis, or dissemination of justice statistics.

Subsec. (c)(14), (15). Pub. L. 98-473, Sec. 605(b)(2)(C), added pars. (14) and (15). Former pars. (14) and (15) redesignated (16) and (17), respectively.

Subsec. (c)(16). Pub. L. 98-473, Sec. 605(b)(2)(A), (B), redesignated par. (14) as (16) and struck out former par. (16) relating to insuring conformance with security and privacy regulations issued under section 3789g of this title.

Subsec. (c)(17). Pub. L. 98-473, Sec. 605(b)(2)(B), redesignated par. (15) as (17). Former par. (17) redesignated (19).

Subsec. (c)(18). Pub. L. 98-473, Sec. 605(b)(2)(D), added par. (18).

Subsec. (c)(19). Pub. L. 98-473, Sec. 605(b)(2)(B), redesignated former par. (17) as (19).

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 98-473, Sec. 605(b)(3)(A), inserted ", and to enter into agreements with such agencies and instrumentalities for purposes of data collection and analysis".

Subsec. (d)(5). Pub. L. 98-473, Sec. 605(b)(3)(B)-(D), added par. (5).

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-473 effective Oct. 12, 1984, see section 609AA(a) of Pub. L. 98-473, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3711 of this title.

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## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 5603 of this title.

# Attachment 2:

2017 SCS questionnaire

	2017 SCHOOL CRIM	E SU	PPLEMENT
INTRO_1		s the c	experiences at school. We estimate the survey ollection of this data and requires us to keep all onfidential.
	SCREEN QUESTIONS F	OR SU	PPLEMENT
	IDSCHOOL Did you attend school at any time this school year?	006	1 □ Yes 2 □ No - <i>SKIP</i> to <i>END</i>
-	SCHOOL During that time, were you ever homeschooled? That is, did you receive ANY of that schooling at home, rather than in a public or private school?	092	1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No - <b>SKIP</b> to <b>E_DIFFSCHOOL_ATTENDED</b>
E_ALLHO	DMESCHOOL		
	Was all of your schooling this school year homeschooling?	007	1 □ Yes - <b>SKIP</b> to <b>END</b> 2 □ No
E_DIFFS	CHOOL_ATTENDED		
1d.	How many different schools have you attended this school year?	18550	CS 1 □ One school 2 □ Two schools 3 □ Three or more schools
	Include your homeschooling as one school.  (only asked if student answered "yes" to being homeschooled)		
	m: if student was not homeschooled (1b, E_HOMESCHO omeschooled (1c, E_ALLHOMESCHOOL = "No") continu		
F HOME	SCHOOLGRADE		
2a. I	During the time you were homeschooled this school year, what grade would you have been in if you were in a public or private school?	093	0 ☐ Fifth or under - <b>SKIP</b> to <b>END</b> 1 ☐ Sixth 2 ☐ Seventh 3 ☐ Eighth 4 ☐ Ninth 5 ☐ Tenth 6 ☐ Eleventh 7 ☐ Twelfth
			8 Other - Specify
E_HOME	SCHOOLGRADE_OTHER		9 ☐ College/GED/Post-graduate/ Other noneligible – <b>SKIP</b> to <b>END</b>
E_WHAT	GRADE		
2b. W	/hat grade are you in?	800	0 ☐ Fifth or under - <b>SKIP</b> to <b>END</b>
E_WHAT	GRADEOTHER		1 □ Sixth 2 □ Seventh 3 □ Eighth 4 □ Ninth 5 □ Tenth 6 □ Eleventh 7 □ Twelfth 8 □ Other - Specify
			9 ☐ College/GED/Post-graduate/ Other noneligible - <b>SKIP</b> to <b>END</b>

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FIELD REPRESENTATIVE - Read introduction only if any of the bo	oxes 1-8 are marked in item 2a E_HOMESCHOOLGRADE.
INTRO_2 -The following questions pertain only to your attend homeschooled.	ance at a public or private school and not to being
E_WHATMONTH  3. In what month did your current school year begin?	009 1  August 2  September 3  Other - Specify
E_WHATMONTHOTHER	1
ENVIRONMENTAL	QUESTIONS
F_SCHOOLSTATE, F_SCHOOLCOUNTY, F_SCHOOLCITY 4b. In what State, County and City is your school located?  F_NAMEOFSCHOOL	015 State 014 County 013 City
What is the complete name of your school?	012 School Name
F_PUBLICORPRIVATE 5a. Is your school public or private?	016 1 ☐ Public – ASK F_REGULARSCHOOL 2 ☐ Private - SKIP to F_CHURCHRELATED
F_REGULARSCHOOL  5b. Is this the regular school that most of the students in your neighborhood attend?	017 1 □ Yes 2 □ No SKIP to F_GRADES_LOW
F_CHURCHRELATED  5c. Is your school affiliated with a religion?	018 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No 3 ☐ Don't know

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6. What grades are taught in your school?		Grades:
Pre-K or Kindergarten 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 H.S. Senior 13 Post-graduate 20 All ungraded 30 All Special Ed		TO (highest) F_GRADES_HIGH
F_GETTOSCHOOL  7. How do you get to school most of the time the school year?  FIELD REPRESENTATIVE - If multiple modes are used, the mode in which the student spends the most time.  F_GETTOSCHOOL_SPECIFY  Enter the other way that the respondent gets to school.		<ul> <li>1 □ Walk</li> <li>2 □ School bus</li> <li>3 □ Public bus, subway, train</li> <li>4 □ Car</li> <li>5 □ Bicycle, motorbike, or motorcycle</li> <li>6 □ Some other way – Specify</li> </ul>
F_HOMEFROMSCHOOL  8. How do you get home from school most of the this school year?  FIELD REPRESENTATIVE - If multiple modes and code the mode in which the student spends the retime.  F_HOMEFROMSCHOOL_SPECIFY  Enter the other way that the respondent gets home school.	re used, nost	1 □ Walk 2 □ School bus 3 □ Public bus, subway, train 4 □ Car 5 □ Bicycle, motorbike, or motorcycle 6 □ Some other way - Specify

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9.	During this school year, have you participated in any of			
	the following activities sponsored by your school:		Yes	No
F_A	CTIVITIES_ SPORTS a. Athletic teams at school?	120	1 🗆	2 🗆
F_A	CTIVITIES_ SPIRIT b. Spirit groups, for example, Cheerleading, Dance Team, or Pep Club?	121	1 🗆	2 🗆
F_A	c. Performing arts, for example, Band, Choir, Orchestra, or Drama?	122	1 🗆	2 🗆
F_A	d. Academic clubs, for example, Debate Team, Honor Society, Spanish Club, or Math Club?	123	1 🗆	2 🗆
F_A	e. Student government?	124	1 🗆	2 🗆
F_A	f. [IF GRADES 6, 7, or 8 ASK] Volunteer or community service clubs sponsored by your school, for example, Peer Mediators, Ecology Club, or Recycling Club?	125	1 🗆	2 🗆
	[IF GRADES 9, 10, 11, or 12 ASK] Volunteer or community service clubs sponsored by your school, for example, Peer Mediators, Ecology Club, Key Club, or Interact? Do not include community service hours required for graduation.			
F_A	g. Other school clubs or school activities?	126	1 🗆 <b>y</b>	2 🗆
F_A	CTIVITIES_OTHER_SPECIFY What are the other school clubs or school activities you participate in?		Specify	

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10. The next questions are about security measures that					
some schools take.					
Does your school have:		Yes	No	Don't know	School does not
F SAFETY POLICE					have lockers
a. Security guards or assigned police officers?					
F_SAFETY HALLSTAFF	028	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
b. Other adults supervising the hallway, such as	000	4 🗖	۰. ٦	0. 🗖	
teachers, administrators, or parent volunteers?	029	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
F_SAFETY_ METAL_DETECTORS					
c. Metal detectors, including wands?	030	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
(The definition for the term 'metal detector' is a device used to		· <del>-</del>		<b>~</b> —	
check for weapons students might be trying to bring onto school					
property. The metal detector may be in a form of a doorframe,					
which you are asked to walk through. It may also be in the form of a hand-held metal detector that looks like a wand or paddle,					
which is moved around your body.)					
F_SAFETY_DOORS_LOCKED					
d. Locked entrance or exit doors during the day?	004	4 🗖	۰. 🗆	٥. 🗆	
F_SAFETY_SIGN_IN	031	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
e. A requirement that visitors sign in AND wear	032	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
visitor badges or stickers?	002		2 ⊔	3 🗖	
F_SAFETY_LOCKER_CHECKS					
f. Locker checks?	033	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_SAFETY_STUDENT_ID					
g. A requirement that students wear badges or picture identification?	094	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
F_SAFETY_CAMERAS					
h. One or more security cameras to monitor	005	4 -			
the school?	095	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
F_SAFETY_CODE_OF_CONDUCT					
i. A code of student conduct, that is, a set of	096	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
written rules or guidelines that the school	000	. —		0 🗖	
provides you?					
F_REPORT					
11. If you hear about a threat to school or student safety,		Yes	No	Don't kno	)W
do you have a way to report it without having to give	167	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
your name?	107		_ L L	<u> </u>	
F_DISTRACTED	156	1 □ <b>Ne</b>	ver		
12. In your classes, how often are you distracted from	100	2 ☐ Almost never 3 ☐ Sometimes			
doing your schoolwork because other students are misbehaving, for example, talking or fighting?					
	4 ☐ Most of the time				
(READ CATEGORIES.)		4 LI IVIC	ost Of t	ne une	

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13. Thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following  F_RULES_FAIR a. The school rules are fair.  F_PUNISHMENT_SAME b. The punishment for breaking school rules is the same no matter who you are.  F_RULES_ENFORCED c. The school rules are strictly enforced. (Strictly enforced rules means that the school consistently carries out disciplinary actions against any students who break school rules.)  F_PUNISHMENT_KNOWN d. If a school rule is broken, students know what kind of punishment will follow.  F_TEACHERS_RESPECT e. Teachers treat students with respect.	035 036 037	Strongly Agree  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1  1	Agree 2	Disagree 3	4 □ 4 □ 4 □
14. Still thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following	121	Strongly Agree	2 □ Agree	3 □  Disagre	4 □ Strongly e Disagree
There is a TEACHER or other ADULT at school who  F_ADULT_REALLYCARES  a. Really cares about you.  F_ADULT_LISTENS  b. Listens to you when you have something to say.  F_ADULT_GOOD_JOB  c. Tells you when you do a good job.	173SC 175SC 176SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆 2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆 4 🗆
15. Still thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
There is a STUDENT at school who  F_STUDENT_REALLYCARES  a. Really cares about you.		S 1□ S 1□	2 🗆 2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆 4 🗆
F_STUDENT_LISTENS  b. Listens to you when you have something to say. F_STUDENT_SUCCESS  c. Believes that you will be a success.	188SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
16. Thinking about the neighborhood where YOU LIVE, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
F_CRIME_NEIGHBORHOOD  There is a lot of crime in the neighborhood where YOU LIVE.	212SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
17. Thinking about the neighborhood where YOUR SCHOOL is located, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
F_CRIME_NEIGHBORHOOD_SCHOOL  There is a lot of crime in the neighborhood where YOU go to SCHOOL.	213SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆

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18. Thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		trongly gree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
F_SAFE_IN_SCHOOL You feel safe in your school	189SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
SCS_INTRO 3 Now I have some questions about things that includes the school building, on school prop school. Your answers will not be given to an	erty, on a				
19. The following question refers to the availability of drugs and alcohol at your school.					
Is it possible for students at your school to get  F_ALCOHOL		Yes	No		
a. Alcoholic beverages?	040	1 🗆	2 🗆		
F_MARIJUANA b. Marijuana, also known as pot, weed or mary jane?	041	1 🗆	2 🗆		
F_PRESCRIPTION_DRUGS  c. Prescription drugs illegally obtained without a prescription, such as Oxycontin, Ritalin, or Adderall?	159	1 🗆	2 🗆		
F_OTHER_ILLEGAL d. Other illegal drugs, such as cocaine, uppers, or heroin?	209SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
F_KNOW_DRUGS_OR_ALCOHOL  20. During this school year, did you see another student who was under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol while they were at school?	210SCS		□ Yes □ No		
FIGHTING, BULLYING ANI	D HATE BE	HAVIO	RS		
G_FIGHT_AT_SCHOOL 21a. During this school year, have you been in one or more physical fights at school?			<i>SKIP</i> to: G_BULLY_	MADE_FUN	
G_FIGHT_HOW_OFTEN  21b. During this school year, how many times have you been in a physical fight at school?	104		(Number o	f times)	

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22. Now I have some questions about what students do at school that make you feel bad or are hurtful to you. We often refer to this as being bullied. You may include events you told me about already. During this school year, has any student bullied you?	
That is, has another student	
(Read each category a-g.)  G_BULLY_MADE_FUN	Yes No
a. Made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way?  G_BULLY_RUMOR	134 1 🗆 2 🗆
b. Spread rumors about you or tried to make others dislike you?	135 1 🗆 2 🗆
G_BULLY_THREAT  c. Threatened you with harm?	136 1 🗆 2 🗆
G_BULLY_CONTACT d. Pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you?	137 1 🗆 2 🗆
G_BULLY_COERCED  e. Tried to make you do things you did not want to do, for example, give them money or other things?	138 1 🗆 2 🗆
G_BULLY_EXCLUDED f. Excluded you from activities on purpose?	139 1 🗆 2 🗆
G_BULLY_DESTROYED_PROP g. Destroyed your property on purpose?	140 1 □ 2 □ If all categories a-g are marked "No" <b>SKIP</b> to G_HATE
G_BULLY_DAY_PLUS 23a. During this school year, how many days were you bullied?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)	214SCS  1 □ One day - Go to G_BULLY_TIMES  2 □ Two days SKIP to G_BULLY_
	3 ☐ Three to ten days ☐ HAPPEN_AGAIN 4 ☐ More than ten days ☐
G_BULLY_TIMES 23b. In that one day, how many times would you say other students did those things that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES 1-4)	215SCS  1 □ Once 2 □ Two to ten times 3 □ Eleven to fifty times 4 □ More than fifty times 5 □ Too many times to count 6 □ Don't know
G_BULLY_HAPPEN_AGAIN 24. Did you think the bullying would happen again?	216SCS 1

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25. Ti	Y_MULTI_PERS hinking about the [time/times] you were bullied this school year, did more than one person do this/these things] to you?		I □ Yes	KIP to: G_BULLY_STRONGI	ER
26. E	Y_HOW_ACT Did these people act alone, together as a team, or both?	3	S I □ Alone 2 □ Togethe 3 □ Both 4 □ Don't kn		
ti {  [	Now I have some additional questions about the ime [another student/ other students] {behavior <sub>1</sub> }, behavior <sub>2</sub> }, and {behavior <sub>x</sub> }. Thinking about the person/ people] who did [this/these things] to you his school year,				
a. [ <b>W</b>	Y_STRONGER /as this person/ Were any of these people/ Was		Yes	No	
	nyone in the group] physically bigger or stronger an you?	219SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
b. [ <b>W</b>	Y_POPULAR  /as this person/ Were any of these people/ Was  nyone in the group] more popular than you?	220SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
c. <b>[D</b>	Y_MONEY id this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone the group] have more money than you?	221SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
d. [ <b>D</b> <b>in</b>	Y_INFLUENCE id this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone the group] have the ability to influence what other udents think of you?	222SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
e. [ <b>D</b> in	Y_OTHER_POWER id this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone the group] have more power than you in another ay?	223SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
28. Si bi	Y_WHERE1 through G_BULLY_WHERE8 till thinking about all of the times that you were ullied, where did the bullying occur? Did it occur  (READ CATEGORIES) Mark (X) all that apply Y_WHERE_SPECIFY Where is the other place where bullying occurred?	143 168 169 173 146 144	2 □ In a ha 3 □ In a ba 4 □ In a ca 5 □ Some buildir 6 □ Outsi 7 □ On th	assroom at school? allway or stairwell at school athroom or locker room at so where else inside the school ag? – Specify de on school grounds? e way to or from school sue I bus or at a bus stop?	school? chool? ool
		211SCS		e or by text?	
29. D	/_ADULT_TOLD Did you tell a teacher or some other adult at school about being bullied?		I□Yes 2□ No		

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30. This school year, how much has bullying had a NEGATIVE effect on: (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)		Not at all	Not very much	Somewhat	A lot
G_SCHOOL_WORK  a. YOUR school work.	196SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
G_RELATION_FRIEND_FAMILY b. YOUR relationships with friends or family.	197SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
G_ABOUT_YOURSELF  c. How you feel about YOURSELF.	198SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
G_PHYSICAL_HEALTH d. YOUR physical health for example, caused injuries, gave you headaches or stomach aches.	199SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
31. When you were bullied in school this year, did you ever think it was related to		Yes	No		
G_BULLY_RACE a. YOUR race? G_BULLY_RELIGION	200SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
b. YOUR religion?	201SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLY_ETHNIC_ORIGIN					
c. Your ethnic background or national origin - for example, people of Hispanic origin?	202SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLYING_DISABILITY  d. Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental, or developmental disabilities?	203SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLYING_GENDER e. YOUR gender?	204SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLYING_ORIENTATION  f. YOUR sexual orientation - by this we mean gay, lesbian, bisexual, or straight?	205SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLYING_APPEARANCE g. YOUR physical appearance?	206SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_HATE 32. During this school year, has anyone called you an insulting or bad name at school having to do with your race, religion, ethnic background or national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation? We call these hate-related words.		□ Yes □ No - <b>S</b> F	<b>⟨IP</b> to <mark>G_HA</mark>	TE_WORDS	

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33. Were any of the hate-related words related to  G_HATE_RACE		Yes	No	Don't know
a. Your race?	107SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_RELIGION b. Your religion?	108SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_ETHNICITY  c. Your ethnic background or national origin- for example, people of Hispanic origin?	109SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_DISABILITY d. Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental, or developmental disabilities?	110SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_GENDER e. Your gender?	111SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_SEXUAL_ORIENTATION  f. Your sexual orientation – by this we mean gay, lesbian, bisexual or straight?	112SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_WORDS  34. During this school year, have you seen any hate-related words or symbols written in school classrooms, school bathrooms, school hallways, or on the outside of your school building?		l Yes l No		
AVOIDA	NCE			
35. During this school year, did you ever STAY AWAY from any of the following places because you thought someone might attack or harm you there?				
from any of the following places because you		Yes	No	
from any of the following places because you	068	Yes 1 □	<b>No</b> 2 □	
from any of the following places because you thought someone might attack or harm you there?  H_AVOID_SHORTCUT  a. For example, did you ever stay away from the shortest route to school, because you thought someone might attack or harm you?  H_AVOID_ENTRANCE		1 🗆		
from any of the following places because you thought someone might attack or harm you there?  H_AVOID_SHORTCUT  a. For example, did you ever stay away from the shortest route to school, because you thought someone might attack or harm you?  H_AVOID_ENTRANCE  b. The entrance into the school?  H_AVOID_HALLWAYS	069	1 🗆	2 🗆	
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from any of the following places because you thought someone might attack or harm you there?  H_AVOID_SHORTCUT  a. For example, did you ever stay away from the shortest route to school, because you thought someone might attack or harm you?  H_AVOID_ENTRANCE  b. The entrance into the school?  H_AVOID_HALLWAYS  c. Any hallways or stairs in school?  H_AVOID_CAFETERIA  d. Parts of the school cafeteria or lunchroom?  H_AVOID_RESTROOMS  e. Any school restrooms?  H_AVOID_OTHER_PLACES  f. Other places inside the school building?  H_AVOID_PARKING_LOT  g. School parking lot?  H_AVOID_OTHER_SCHOOL	069 070 071 072 073	1	2	

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H_AV 36b.	OID_CLASSES  Did you AVOID any classes because you thought someone might attack or harm you?	077	1 □ Ye 2 □ No	
H_ST. 36c.	AY_HOME  Did you stay home from school because you thought someone might attack or harm you in the school building, on school property, on a school bus, or going to or from school?	078	1 □ Ye 2 □ No	
	FEAR			
I_IN	TRO_FEAR: Sometimes, even if you can't avoid a place,	you m	ay still be	afraid of what might happen there.
1_AFI 37a.	How often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you in the school building or on school property?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES.)	079	3 □ <b>So</b> n	ost never
3 <del>7</del> b.	RAID_ON_BUS  How often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you on a school bus or on the way to and from school?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)	080	3 □ <b>Sor</b>	nost never
	(NEAD ANSWER CATEGORIES)			
I_AFF 37c.	RAID_NONSCHOOL  Besides the times you are in the school building, on school property, on a school bus, or going to or from school, how often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you?	081	3 □ <b>Sor</b>	nost never
	(READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)			
	WEAPO	NS		
In the	FRO_WEAPON next series of questions we are going to ask you about lential and will not be shared with anyone.	weapo	ns at you	r school. All your responses are strictly
	Some people bring guns, knives, or objects that can be used as weapons to school for protection. During this school year, did you ever bring the following to school or onto school grounds?			
	(READ CATEGORIES.)		Yes	No
J_WE	APONS_GUN a. A gun?	082	1 🗆	2 🗆
J_WE	APONS_KNIFE b. A knife brought as a weapon?	083	1 🗆	2 🗆
	APONS_OTHER c. Some other weapon?	084	1 🗆	2 🗆
J_GU 39a.	N_OTHERS  Do you know of any other students who have brought a gun to your school during this school year?	085	1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No	- <b>SKIP</b> to J_GET_GUN

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J_SEE_GUN 39b. Have you actually seen another student with a gun at school during this school year?	986 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No 3 ☐ Don't know				
J_GET_GUN  40. During this school year, could you have gotten a loaded gun without adult permission, either at school or away from school?	13 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No				
GANG					
K_INTRO_GANG INTRO 4 - Now, we'd like to know about gangs at your schoo crews, or something else. Gangs may use commo are interested in all gangs, whether or not they are are confidential.	names, signs, symbols, or colors.	For this survey, we			
K_GANGS 41a. Are there any gangs at your school?	158 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No - <i>SKIP</i> to L_GRADES 3 ☐ Don't know - <i>SKIP</i> to L_GF	RADES			
K_GANG_FIGHTS 41b. During this school year, how often have gangs been involved in fights, attacks, or other violence at your school?  (READ CATEGORIES 1-5)	089 1 ☐ Never 2 ☐ Once or twice this school year 3 ☐ Once or twice a month 4 ☐ Once or twice a week, or 5 ☐ Almost every day				
(1.2.2.3.1.2.3.1.3)					
<ul><li>K_GANG_DRUGS</li><li>41c. Have gangs been involved in the sale of drugs at your school during this school year?</li></ul>	90 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No 3 ☐ Don't know				
STUDENT CHARA	TERISTICS				
L_GRADES 42. During this school year, across all subjects have you gotten mostly -  (READ CATEGORIES 1-5)	16 1 A's 2 B's 3 C's 4 D's 5 F's 6 School does not give grade equivalent	des/no alphabetic			
L_SKIP_CLASSES  43a. During the last 4 weeks of school, did you skip any classes? Again, we would like to remind you that all your responses are strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone.	14 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No - <b>SKIP</b> to <b>L_SCHOOL</b> 3 ☐ Don't know - <b>SKIP</b> to <b>L_SCHOOL</b> _	_AFTER_SCHOOL AFTER_SCHOOL			
L_SKIP_CLASS_DAYS 43b. During the last 4 weeks of school, on how many days did you skip at least one class?	15 Number of days)				
44. Thinking about the future, do you think you will  L_SCHOOL_AFTER_SCHOOL  a. Attend school after high school, such as a college or technical school?	Yes         No         Don't           17         1 □         2 □ END         3 □				
L_GRADUATE_4YR b. Graduate from a 4-year college?	18 1 🗆 2 🗆 3 🗆	1			

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# Attachment 3:

2015 SCS questionnaire

NOTICE - We are conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Section 8. Section 9 of this law requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential. We may use this information only for statistical purposes. Also, Title 42, Section 3732, United States Code, authorizes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice, to collect information using this survey. Title 42, Sections 3789g and 3735, United States Code also requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential. FORM SCS-1 ASK OF ALL PEOPLE AGES 12-18 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Economics and Statistics Administration We estimate that it will take from 5 to 15 minutes to complete this interview with 10 minutes U.S. Census Bureau being the average time. If you have any comments regarding these estimates or any other ACTING AS COLLECTING AGENCY FOR THE aspect of this survey, send them to the Associate Director for Finance and Administration, **BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS** Room 2027, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington DC 20233, or to the Office of Information and U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no such persons are required to respond to a collection SCHOOL CRIME SUPPLEMENT of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. TO THE NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY Control number 2015 PSU Segment/Suffix Sample Designation/Suffix Serial/Suffx HH No.Spinoff QUESTIONNAIRE Indicator A. FR Code **B.** Respondent Line No. Age Name 003 🗆 🗆 002 001 FIELD REPRESENTATIVE - Complete an SCS-1 form for all D. Reason for SCS noninterview NCVS interviewed people ages 12-18. Do NOT complete an SCS-1 form for Type Z noninterview people or for people in 2 ☐ Refused – Respondent refused Type A noninterview households. For themselves 3 ☐ Not available C. Type of SCS Interview 4 ☐ NCVS completed in a Language other than SKIP to END **English or Spanish** 004 1 Personal - Self 5 ☐ Unknown reason (Internal 2 ☐ Telephone - Self 3 ☐ Personal - Proxy category created for post data 4 ☐ Telephone - Proxy collection processing) 5 ☐ Noninterview - SKIP to ITEM D 6 ☐ Refused - Parent or other Person refused for respondent INTRO 1 -Now, I would like to ask some questions about your experiences at school. We estimate the survey will take about 10 minutes. The law authorizes the collection of this data and requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential. E. SCREEN QUESTIONS FOR SUPPLEMENT **E\_ATTENDSCHOOL** Did you attend school at any time this school year? 1a. 006 1 ☐ Yes 2 □ No - **SKIP** to **END E\_HOMESCHOOL** 1b. During that time, were you ever homeschooled? 092 1 ☐ Yes That is, did you receive ANY of that schooling at 2 □ No - **SKIP** to 1d, **E\_DIFFSCHOOL\_ATTENDED** home, rather than in a public or private school? **E\_ALLHOMESCHOOL** 1c. Was all of your schooling this school year 007 1 ☐ Yes - SKIP to END homeschooling? 2 □ No **E\_DIFFSCHOOL\_ATTENDED** 185SCS 1 ☐ One school 1d. How many different schools have you attended this school year? 2 ☐ Two schools 3 

Three or more schools

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Include your homeschooling as one school. (only asked if student answered "yes" to being

homeschooled)

Check Item: if student was not homeschooled (1b, E_HOMESCHOoled partially homeschooled (1c, E_ALLHOMESCHOOL = "No") continued to the control of the control	
E_HOMESCHOOLGRADE  2a. During the time you were homeschooled this school year, what grade would you have been in if you were in a public or private school?  E_HOMESCHOOLGRADE_OTHER	093 0   Fifth or under - SKIP to END  1   Sixth 2   Seventh 3   Eighth 4   Ninth 5   Tenth 6   Eleventh 7   Twelfth 8   Other - Specify 9   College/GED/Post-graduate/
E_WHATGRADE	Other noneligible – <b>SKIP</b> to <b>END</b>
2b. What grade are you in?	008 0
E_WHATGRADEOTHER	9 ☐ College/GED/Post-graduate/ Other noneligible - <i>SKIP</i> to <i>END</i>
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE - Read introduction only if any of the bo	oxes 1-8 are marked in item 2a E_HOMESCHOOLGRADE.
INTRO_2 -The following questions pertain only to your attendate homeschooled.	ance at a public or private school and not to being
E_WHATMONTH  3. In what month did your current school year begin?  E_WHATMONTHOTHER	009 1 ☐ August 2 ☐ September 3 ☐ Other - Specify
F. ENVIRONMENTA	L QUESTIONS
F_SCHOOLCOUNTY, F_SCHOOLCITY, F_SCHOOLSTATE 4b. In what State, County and City is your school located?  F_NAMEOFSCHOOL What is the complete name of your school?	015 State 014 County 013 City 012 School Name
F_PUBLICORPRIVATE 5a. Is your school public or private?	016 1 ☐ Public – ASK F_REGULARSCHOOL 2 ☐ Private - SKIP to F_CHURCHRELATED
F_REGULARSCHOOL  5b. Is this the regular school that most of the students in your neighborhood attend?	017 1 □ Yes 2 □ No SKIP to F_GRADES_LOW
F_CHURCHRELATED  5c. Is your school affiliated with a religion?	018 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No 3 ☐ Don't know

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6.	What grades are taught in your school?		Grades:
	Pre-K or Kindergarten 00 01 02	020	TO (lowest) F_GRADES_LOW
	03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 H.S. Senior 13 Post-graduate 20 All ungraded 30 All Special Education	021	(highest) F_GRADES_HIGH
F_GET 7.	TOSCHOOL  How do you get to school most of the time this school year?	022	<ul> <li>1 □ Walk</li> <li>2 □ School bus</li> <li>3 □ Public bus, subway, train</li> <li>4 □ Car</li> </ul>
the mo	REPRESENTATIVE - If multiple modes are used, code de in which the student spends the most time.  TOSCHOOL_SPECIFY  the other way that the respondent gets to school.		<ul> <li>5 □ Bicycle, motorbike, or motorcycle</li> <li>6 □ Some other way - Specify</li> </ul>
8.	How do you get home from school most of the time this school year?  FIELD REPRESENTATIVE - If multiple modes are used, code the mode in which the student spends the most time.  MEFROMSCHOOL_SPECIFY  Enter the other way that the respondent gets home from school.	024	1 □ Walk 2 □ School bus 3 □ Public bus, subway, train 4 □ Car 5 □ Bicycle, motorbike, or motorcycle 6 □ Some other way - Specify

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<ol><li>During this school year, have you participated in any of the following activities sponsored by your school:</li></ol>		Yes	No
F_ACTIVITIES_ SPORTS a. Athletic teams at school? F_ACTIVITIES_ SPIRIT	120	1 🗆	2 🗆
b. Spirit groups, for example, Cheerleading, Dance Team, or Pep Club?	121	1 🗆	2 🗆
F_ACTIVITIES_ ARTS c. Performing arts, for example, Band, Choir, Orchestra, or Drama?	122	1 🗆	2 🗆
f_ACTIVITIES_ ACADEMIC d. Academic clubs, for example, Debate Team, Honor Society, Spanish Club, or Math Club?	123	1 🗆	2 🗆
F_ACTIVITIES_ GOVT  e. Student government?	124	1 🗆	2 🗆
f. [IF GRADES 6, 7, or 8 ASK] Volunteer or community service clubs sponsored by your school, for example, Peer Mediators, Ecology Club, or Recycling Club?	125	1 🗆	2 🗆
[IF GRADES 9, 10, 11, or 12 ASK] Volunteer or community service clubs sponsored by your school for example, Peer Mediators, Ecology Club, Key Club, or Interact? Do not include community service hours required for graduation.  F_ACTIVITIES_ OTHER	1		
g. Other school clubs or school activities?	126	1 🗆 <b>¥</b>	2 🗆
F_ACTIVITIES_OTHER_SPECIFY What are the other school clubs or school activities you participate in?		Specify	<u></u>

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10. The next questions are about security measures that					
some schools take.					
Deep your asheel have		Yes	No	Don't know	School does not
Does your school have:					have lockers
F_SAFETY_POLICE					
a. Security guards or assigned police officers?	028	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
F_SAFETY HALLSTAFF					
b. Other adults supervising the hallway, such as	029	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
teachers, administrators, or parent volunteers?					
F_SAFETY_ METAL_DETECTORS					
c. Metal detectors, including wands?	030	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
(The definition for the term 'metal detector' is a device used to					
check for weapons students might be trying to bring onto school					
property. The metal detector may be in a form of a doorframe,					
which you are asked to walk through. It may also be in the form of	f				
a hand-held metal detector that looks like a wand or paddle,					
which is moved around your body.)					
F_SAFETY DOORS LOCKED					
d. Locked entrance or exit doors during the day?	031	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
F_SAFETY SIGN IN			. –	. –	
e. A requirement that visitors sign in AND wear	032	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
visitor badges or stickers?					
F_SAFETY LOCKER CHECKS					
f. Locker checks?	033	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_SAFETY STUDENT ID					
g. A requirement that students wear badges or			. –	. –	
picture identification?	094	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
F_SAFETY_CAMERAS					
h. One or more security cameras to monitor	005	4 🗖	۰. 🗖	0. 🗖	
the school?	095	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
F_SAFETY CODE OF CONDUCT					
<ol> <li>A code of student conduct, that is, a set of</li> </ol>	000	4 🗖	۰. 🗆	2 🗆	
written rules or guidelines that the school	096	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
provides you?					
F PERCOT	-				
F_REPORT	1			<b>.</b>	
11. If you hear about a threat to school or student safety,	1	Yes	No	Don't kno	OW
do you have a way to report it without having to give	167	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
your name?	107		2 ⊔	0 🗖	
F_DISTRACTED	156	1 🗆 <b>N</b> e	wor		
12. In your classes, how often are you distracted from	156				
doing your schoolwork because other students are		2 🗆 Al			
misbehaving, for example, talking or fighting?	1	3 □ <b>S</b> c	metim	es	
(READ CATEGORIES.)	1	4 □ <b>M</b> (	ost of t	he time	
()					

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13. Thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the					
following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
F_RULES FAIR		Agree	Agree	Disagree	Disagree
a. The school rules are fair.  F_PUNISHMENT_SAME	035	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
b. The punishment for breaking school rules is the same no matter who you are.	036	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_RULES ENFORCED  c. The school rules are strictly enforced.  (Strictly enforced rules means that the school consistently carries out disciplinary actions against any students who break school rules.)  F_PUNISHMENT KNOWN	037	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
d. If a school rule is broken, students know what kind of punishment will follow.	038	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_TEACHERS_RESPECT e. Teachers treat students with respect.	127	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
14. Still thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagre	Strongly e Disagree
There is a TEACHER or other ADULT at school who					
F_ADULT_REALLYCARES					
a. Really cares about you.	173SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_ADULT_LISTENS  b. Listens to you when you have something to say.	175SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_ADULT_GOOD_JOB  c. Tells you when you do a good job.	176SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
15. Still thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
There is a STUDENT at school who  F_STUDENT_REALLYCARES	186SC	S 1□	2 🗆	3 □	4 □
a. Really cares about you.  F_STUDENT_LISTENS	187SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
b. Listens to you when you have something to say.  F_STUDENT_SUCCESS  c. Believes that you will be a success.	188SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
16. Thinking about the neighborhood where YOU LIVE, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
F_CRIME_NEIGHBORHOOD  There is a lot of crime in the neighborhood where YOU LIVE.	212SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆

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17. Thinking about the neighborhood where YOUR SCHOOL is located, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following  F_CRIME_NEIGHBORHOOD_SCHOOL There is a lot of crime in the neighborhood	,	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
where YOU go to SCHOOL.	213SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
18. Thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following  F_SAFE_IN_SCHOOL		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
You feel safe in your school	189SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
SCS_INTRO 3 - Now I have some questions about thing includes the school building, on school Your answers will not be given to anyone.	l property	-		-	
19. The following question refers to the availability of drugs and alcohol at your school.					
Is it possible for students at your school to get		Yes	No		
F_ ALCOHOL  a. Alcoholic beverages?	040	1 🗆	2 🗆		
F_MARIJUANA b. Marijuana, also known as pot, weed or mary jane? F_PRESCRIPTION_DRUGS	041	1 🗆	2 🗆		
c. Prescription drugs illegally obtained without a prescription, such as Oxycontin, Ritalin, or Adderall?	159	1 🗆	2 🗆		
F_OTHER_ILLEGAL d. Other illegal drugs, such as cocaine, uppers, or heroin?	209SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
F_KNOW_DRUGS_OR_ALCOHOL 20. During this school year, did you see another student who was under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol while they were at school?	210SCS	1 🗆 Y 2 🗆 N			
G. FIGHTING, BULLYING	AND HATE	BEHAVIO	ORS		
G_FIGHT AT SCHOOL 21a. During this school year, have you been in one or more physical fights at school?			G_BULLY_M	IADE_FUN (If G	
G_FIGHT HOW OFTEN 21b. During this school year, how many times have you been in a physical fight at school?	104		(Number o	f times)	

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here with questions 22 G_BULLY_MADE_FUN, subparts a-g, and G_BULLY_DEFINITION below.	quodiloi			, ,	
22. Now I have some questions about what students do at school that make you feel bad or are hurtful to you. We often refer to this as being bullied. You may include events you told me about already. During this school year, has any student bullied you?					
That is, has another student					
(Read each category a-g.)  G_BULLY_MADE_FUN		Yes		No	
<ul> <li>a. Made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way?</li> </ul>	134	1 🗆		2 🗆	
G_BULLY_RUMOR  b. Spread rumors about you or tried to make others dislike you?	135	1 🗆		2 🗆	
G_BULLY_THREAT c. Threatened you with harm?	136	1 🗆		2 🗆	
G_BULLY_CONTACT d. Pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you?	137	1 🗆		2 🗆	
G_BULLY_COERCED  e. Tried to make you do things you did not want to do, for example, give them money or other things?	138	1 🗆		2 🗆	
G_BULLY_EXCLUDED  f. Excluded you from activities on purpose?	139	1 🗆		2 🗆	
G_BULLY_DESTROYED_PROP					
g. Destroyed your property on purpose?	140	1 🗆		2 ☐ If all categories a-g are marked "No" <b>SKIP</b> to G_HATE	
g. Destroyed your property on purpose?  G_BULLY_OVER_AND_OVER			1 □ Voc	marked "No" <b>SKIP</b> to	
		SCS	1 □ Yes 2 □ No	marked "No" <b>SKIP</b> to	
G_BULLY_OVER_AND_OVER  23a. When you were bullied this school year, did it happen over and over, or were you afraid it would		SCS		marked "No" <b>SKIP</b> to	
G_BULLY_OVER_AND_OVER  23a. When you were bullied this school year, did it happen over and over, or were you afraid it would happen over and over?	190	SCS		marked "No" <b>SKIP</b> to	
G_BULLY_OVER_AND_OVER  23a. When you were bullied this school year, did it happen over and over, or were you afraid it would happen over and over?  G_BULLY_MORE_POWER  23b. When you were bullied this school year, were you ever bullied by someone who had more power or strength than you? This could be because the person was bigger than you, was more popular, had more money, or had more power than you in another	190	SCS	2 □ No 1 □ Yes	marked "No" <b>SKIP</b> to	

The Bully Questions (22, 23 and 22ALT) have two alternate forms, designed for split-half administration. Version 1 starts

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G\_BULLY\_DEFINITION here.

G_BULLY_DEFINITION	
ALT 22. Now I have some questions about bullying at school. Bullying happens when one or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove or hurt another student. It is not bullying when students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way. Bullies are usually stronger, or have more friends or more money, or some other power over the student being bullied. Usually, bullying happens over and over, or the student being bullied thinks it might happen over and over.  By this definition, have you been bullied at school, by another student this school year?	192SCS 1 □ Yes 2 □ No − <b>SKIP</b> to <b>G_HATE</b>
G_BULLY_VERBAL ALT22a. Was any of the bullying verbal – that is, did it involve making fun of you, calling you names, or spreading rumors about you?	193SCS 1. □ Yes 2. □ No
G_BULLY_PHYSICAL  ALT22b. Was any of the bullying physical – that is, did it involve hitting, shoving, tripping, or physically hurting you in some way, or the threat of hurting you in some way?	194SCS 1. □ Yes 2. □ No
G_BULLY_SOCIAL ALT22c. Was any of the bullying social – that is, did it involve ignoring you or excluding you from activities on purpose in order to hurt you?	195SCS 1. □ Yes 2. □ No
G_BULLY_HOW_OFTEN  24. During this school year, how often were you bullied?  (READ CATEGORIES 1-4.)	142 1 ☐ Once or twice this school year 2 ☐ Once or twice a month 3 ☐ Once or twice a week, or 4 ☐ Almost every day
G_BULLY_WHERE1 through G_BULLY_WHERE8 25. Still thinking about all of the times that you were bullied, where did the bullying occur? Did it occur  (READ CATEGORIES) Mark (X) all that apply  G_BULLY_WHERE_SPECIFY  Where is the other place where bullying occurred?	143 1 □ In a classroom at school? 168 2 □ In a hallway or stairwell at school? 169 3 □ In a bathroom or locker room at school? 173 4 □ In a cafeteria or lunch room at school? 146 5 □ Somewhere else inside the school building? - Specify  144 6 □ Outside on school grounds? 145 7 □ On the way to or from school such as on a school bus or at a bus stop? 211SCS 8 □ Online or by text?
G_BULLY_ADULT_TOLD  26. Did you tell a teacher or some other adult at school about being bullied?	147 1 □ Yes 2 □ No

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27. This school year, how much has bullying had a NEGATIVE effect on: (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)		Not at all	Not very S much	Somewhat	A lot
G_SCHOOL_WORK a. YOUR school work.	196SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
G_RELATION_FRIEND_FAMILY b. YOUR relationships with friends or family.	197SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
G_ABOUT_YOURSELF  c. How you feel about YOURSELF.	198SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
G_PHYSICAL_HEALTH  d. YOUR physical health for example, caused injuries, gave you headaches or stomach aches.	199SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
28. When you were bullied in school this year, did you ever think it was related to		Yes	No		
G_BULLY_RACE a. YOUR race?	200SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLY_RELIGION b. YOUR religion? G_BULLY_ETHNIC_ORIGIN	201SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
c. Your ethnic background or national origin - for example, people of Hispanic origin?	202SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLYING_DISABILITY  d. Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental, or developmental disabilities?	203SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLYING_GENDER e. YOUR gender?	204SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLYING_ORIENTATION  f. YOUR sexual orientation - by this we mean gay, lesbian, bisexual, or straight?  G_BULLYING_APPEARANCE	205SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
g. YOUR physical appearance?	206SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_HATE 29. During this school year, has anyone called you an insulting or bad name at school having to do with your race, religion, ethnic background or national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation? We call these hate-related words.		] Yes ] No - <i>SK</i>	I <b>P</b> to G_HAT	E_WORDS	

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30. Were any of the hate-related words related to		Yes	No	Don't know
G_HATE_RACE a. Your race?	107SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □
G_HATE_RELIGION b. Your religion?	108SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □
G_HATE_ETHNICITY  c. Your ethnic background or national origin- for example, people of Hispanic origin?	109SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_DISABILITY  d. Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental, or developmental disabilities?	110SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_GENDER e. Your gender?	111SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_SEXUAL_ORIENTATION  f. Your sexual orientation – by this we mean gay, lesbian, bisexual or straight?	112SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_WORDS 31. During this school year, have you seen any hate-related words or symbols written in school	066 1 🗆	Yes		
classrooms, school bathrooms, school hallways, or on the outside of your school building?		] No		
H. AVOIDA	NCE			
32. During this school year, did you ever STAY AWAY from any of the following places because you thought someone might attack or harm you there?				
II AVOID GUODTOUT		Yes	No	
H_AVOID_SHORTCUT  a. For example, did you ever stay away from the shortest route to school, because you thought someone might attack or harm you?	068	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_ENTRANCE b. The entrance into the school?	069	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_HALLWAYS  c. Any hallways or stairs in school?	070	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_CAFETERIA d. Parts of the school cafeteria or lunchroom?	071	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_RESTROOMS  e. Any school restrooms?	072	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_OTHER_PLACES  f. Other places inside the school building?	073	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_PARKING_LOT g. School parking lot?	074	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_OTHER_SCHOOL h. Other places on school grounds?	075	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_SCHOOL_BUS_STOP  i. School bus or bus stop?	208SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_ACTIVITIES  33a. Did you AVOID any activities at your school because you thought someone might attack or harm you?		] Yes ] No	2000	
H_AVOID_CLASSES  33b. Did you AVOID any classes because you thought someone might attack or harm you?		] Yes ] No		

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H_STAY_HOME  33c. Did you stay home from school because you thought someone might attack or harm you in the school building, on school property, on a school bus, or going to or from school?	078	3 1 □ Yes 2 □ No			
I. FEAR					
I_INTRO_FEAR: Sometimes, even if you can't avoid a place, you may still be afraid of what might happen there.					
I_AFRAID 34a. How often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you in the school building or on school property?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES.)	079	1  Never 2  Almost never 3  Sometimes 4  Most of the time			
I_AFRAID_ON_BUS 34b. How often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you on a school bus or on the way to and from school?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)	080	1  Never 2  Almost never 3  Sometimes 4  Most of the time			
I_AFRAID_NONSCHOOL  34c. Besides the times you are in the school building, on school property, on a school bus, or going to or from school, how often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you?	081	1 ☐ Never 2 ☐ Almost never 3 ☐ Sometimes 4 ☐ Most of the time			
I (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)	J. WEAPONS				
(READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)  J. WEAP	ONS				
J. WEAP  J_INTRO_WEAPON In the next series of questions we are going to ask you about		oons at your school. All your responses are strictly			
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J_GET_GUN 37. During this school year, could you have gotten a loaded gun without adult permission, either at school or away from school?	113 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No		
K. GANGS			
K_INTRO_GANG INTRO 4 - Now, we'd like to know about gangs at your school. You may know these as street gangs, fighting gangs, crews, or something else. Gangs may use common names, signs, symbols, or colors. For this survey, we are interested in all gangs, whether or not they are involved in violent or illegal activity. Your responses are confidential.			
K_GANGS 38a. Are there any gangs at your school?	058 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No - <b>SKIP</b> to <b>L_GRADES</b> 3 ☐ Don't know - <b>SKIP</b> to <b>L_GRADES</b>		
K_GANG_FIGHTS 38b. During this school year, how often have gangs been involved in fights, attacks, or other violence at your school?  (READ CATEGORIES 1-5)	089 1 ☐ Never 2 ☐ Once or twice this school year 3 ☐ Once or twice a month 4 ☐ Once or twice a week, or 5 ☐ Almost every day		
K_GANG_DRUGS  38c. Have gangs been involved in the sale of drugs at your school during this school year?	090 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No 3 ☐ Don't know		
L. STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS			
L_GRADES 39. During this school year, across all subjects have you gotten mostly -  (READ CATEGORIES 1-5)	116 1 ☐ A's 2 ☐ B's 3 ☐ C's 4 ☐ D's 5 ☐ F's 6 ☐ School does not give grades/no alphabetic grade equivalent		
L_SKIP_CLASSES 40a. During the last 4 weeks of school, did you skip any classes? Again, we would like to remind you that all your responses are strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone.	114 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No - <b>SKIP</b> to L_SCHOOL_AFTER_SCHOOL 3 ☐ Don't know - <b>SKIP</b> to L_SCHOOL_AFTER_SCHOOL		
L_SKIP_CLASS_DAYS 40b. During the last 4 weeks of school, on how many days did you skip at least one class?	115		
41. Thinking about the future, do you think you will  L_SCHOOL_AFTER_SCHOOL  a. Attend school after high school, such as a college or technical school?	Yes         No         Don't know           117         1 □         2 □ END         3 □		
L_GRADUATE_4YR b. Graduate from a 4-year college?	118 1 🗆 2 🗆 3 🗆		

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# Attachment 4:

Cognitive Pretesting of the 2017 School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey Final Report

# COGNITIVE PRETESTING OF THE 2017 SCHOOL CRIME SUPPLEMENT TO THE NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY

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# 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents findings from the cognitive testing of the 2017 School Crime Supplement (SCS) to the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). Researchers conducted 30 cognitive interviews over three iterative rounds of testing. Cognitive testing focused on the section of questions about students' experiences with bullying in schools. Respondents included 16 students who were victims of bullying within the last school year, and 14 individuals who did not experience bullying in the past school year (see Section 5.1.1 Respondent Selection for recruitment details). For the purposes of this study, students were classified as bullying victims or non-victims based on their discussion of their experiences during the interviews, rather than their answers to screening questions or self-identification.

In 2014, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) partnered with other government agencies, including NCES, and external stakeholders to form a steering committee that examined federal guidelines and existing research on bullying. After finding that assessment tools used to measure bullying used inconsistent definitions and measurement strategies, the committee created a uniform definition of bullying to make gathering scientific data and establishing comparable trends over time easier. According to the uniform definition, bullying includes two components not measured prior to the 2015 SCS: the bullying behaviors must be repeated or highly likely to be repeated, and there must be an observed or perceived power imbalance between the perpetrator(s) and the victim. The 2015 SCS included a split-ballot experiment that tested two different strategies of integrating this definition into the survey, and cognitive testing focused on one of those strategies: continuing the use of a historic item to capture unwanted, aggressive behaviors, with additional follow-up items to measure the added components of repetition and power imbalance.

The findings from this study indicate that the historic questions in the bullying section for the SCS generally performed well. Most questions were easy for interviewers to administer, and easy for respondents to understand and answer. These questions required no revisions. Of those questions that required revisions, some were minor modifications. For one question, which is intended to measure the likelihood of bullying behaviors being repeated, an ambiguous phrase was replaced with a clear one to reduce the likelihood of measurement error due to varying interpretations by respondents (see Section 6.2.2 for results). A second question with a minor revision was modified to include an additional response option (see Section 6.3.1).

The question measuring multiple dimensions of a power imbalance, a key component of the CDC uniform definition, was of particular interest. The Round 1 question included sub-items measuring three dimensions of power, as well as a fourth item as a catch-all asking if the bully had "more power than you in another way." Students' responses to probes indicated that the question would benefit from a new item measuring another

dimension of power the original item did not ask about: the ability to influence what other students think of them (see section 6.3.2 for results).

Another question of interest was the frequency question, as it is also used to measure repetition, which is also a key component of the CDC definition. Respondents had trouble answering the Round 1 version of the question. Multiple versions of the question were included for testing in each round. In addition to answering the questions about their own experiences, respondents were also given a vignette and asked to answer the questions for the scenario outlined in the vignette. This was done to see how well the questions worked for situations in which the bullying is limited to a specific time frame, rather than occurring regularly throughout the school year. Ultimately, the decision was made to use the version of the question that a majority of the students said was the easiest to answer and chose as their preferred version of the question. A follow up question was added to determine if students who reported experiencing bullying behaviors on only one day experienced multiple repeated behaviors throughout that single day. This question, though not tested in this study, was modeled after a question that was cognitively tested for the NCVS's 2016 Supplemental Victimization Survey. A third tested question on the topic of repetition asked respondents whether they believed the bullying behaviors would happen again.

While the scope of this cognitive testing study was limited due to time constraints dictated by the next production date for the survey, Interviewers probed on most of the bullying questions to identify questions of concern for future testing. We identified an issue with the bullying prevalence question (Q22) where most students are not thinking about cyberbullying when answering it. While no changes were made to this question in an effort to preserve the trend, this issue will be examined further in future cognitive testing.

# 2 INTRODUCTION

At the request of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), the Center for Survey Measurement (CSM) conducted cognitive testing of the School Crime Supplement (SCS) to the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). The SCS was first collected in 1989. It was collected again in 1995 and 1999, and has been collected every two years since 1999.

The supplement is used to collect data on students' perspectives on school climate including a variety of topics such as the availability of drugs and alcohol, fighting, bullying, and hate related behaviors, and students' perception of how safe they feel in their school. The cognitive testing discussed in this report focused on the section of questions about being bullied in schools.

Questions measure various characteristics of bullying experiences, including – but not limited to- the prevalence of bullying behaviors against the student, the frequency of being bullied, the location of the bullying, and whether the incident(s) was reported to an adult (see Attachment C for full list of questions in the bullying section).

Researchers conducted three iterative rounds of cognitive testing. The purpose of this cognitive research was to test new and revised questions for the 2017 School Crime Supplement to the NCVS. The results of these cognitive interviews will help inform the final version of the SCS questionnaire, which will be administered in 2017. This report presents the findings from the thirty cognitive interviews that CSM conducted between May 2016 and July 2016.

# 3 BACKGROUND

The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) is a self-report survey collected annually by the Census Bureau on behalf of the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). Approximately 90,000 households in the United States, totaling 160,000 persons are sampled and asked about their experiences with victimization over the past six months. The survey is completed by persons age 12 or older, and provides data on the characteristics of crime, the offender, and the victim's experience with the criminal justice system after a crime occurs. Eligible participants are interviewed every six months, and remain in the sample for three years.

# 3.1 History of the School Crime Supplement

The School Crime Supplement (SCS) is administered every two years as a supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) to respondents ages 12 through 18 enrolled in school. The first data collection for the SCS was in 1989, providing student level data on alcohol and drug availability, victimization, school rules and punishment, gun and weapon carrying as well as other topics. Although the 1989 and 1995 instruments did not include items on bullying, they did include victimization items that could get at bullying experiences. It was not until 1999 that the first item was added to the questionnaire to specifically measure the prevalence of bullying in schools. In 2005, an entire section consisting of several items devoted to questions on bullying were added to the questionnaire for the first time. The questions in this section had a reference period of the "last 6 months" to examine if students have been recently bullied. However, in 2007, the reference period was changed to "this school year."

With advancement in technology and its widespread use by youth, the SCS was modified to include new items that capture cyberbullying in acknowledgement that bullying can occur not only in a school environment, but through electronic communication like text

and instant messaging. The cyberbullying items in each of the subsequent administrations in 2009, 2011, and 2013 were updated in order to stay current with all the potential ways one could mistreat another via electronic means. Questions continued to address behaviors around text messaging and email, and additionally captured bullying through social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), online gaming and the sharing of private information. Between the 2013 and 2015 administrations of the SCS, it was determined that cyberbullying is a means of bullying rather than a distinct type of bullying. As a result, the separate cyberbullying item was removed prior to the administration of the 2015 survey and a new sub-item was added to the follow-up item asking about the location of the bullying incident. The new sub-item in this question asks if the bullying occurred "online or by text?"

In 2014 the uniform bullying definition was created, shedding light on the components of repetition and power imbalance. The Department of Education ensured that the 2015 SCS included bullying items that aligned with the repetition and power imbalance requirement.

For the 2015 SCS, extensive work was completed to evaluate the information collected on bullying during past SCS administrations and modify the survey to better align with the CDC definition of what constitutes bullying. This included developing two versions of CDC definition-aligned items and cognitive testing of these items by researchers in CSM. The two versions were collected by using a split sample design incorporated in the 2015 SCS instrument. Based on the results of the 2015 split sample analysis, the decision was made to revert to a single version of bullying questions in the 2017 SCS that would include the historic bullying question series, as well as follow-up questions on power imbalance and repetition. In a continuing effort to better understand the different components of bullying included in the CDC definition, the NCES, BJS, and Census agreed to conduct additional testing in order to revise the bullying questions for the 2017 SCS.

# 4 LITERATURE REVIEW

# 4.1 What is bullying?

The violence occurring in school systems in the United States with highly publicized incidents of school shootings such as Columbine has led to conversations around the potential impacts of bullying amongst adolescents (Espelage & Swearer, 2011). These tragic incidents have created a call to action amongst not only teachers and school counselors, but politicians as well. Bullying can take place in an array of settings from at school, to in the workplace, or the neighborhood where you live, by both peers and adults. There are inconsistencies in literature about when bullying peaks. Dr. Dan Olweus (1990) argues that bullying is more likely to take place in primary schools than

secondary schools. Alternatively, other research suggests that after elementary school, bullying peaks during middle school, and declines during high school (Gallo & Milsom, 2006). While both genders commit acts of bullying, females' behaviors are more psychological, whereas males commit acts that are more physical.

Although bullying is a newly researched field, there have been several definitions developed by researchers and practitioners. Due to inconsistencies across these definitions used in the field, a uniform definition was developed for federal agencies. In a 2014 publication, the CDC defined bullying as "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. Bullying may inflict harm or distress on the targeted youth including physical, psychological, social, or educational harm." The stressors and trauma adolescents experience due to bullying behaviors can go on to affect their lives as adults (Ttofi et al., 2011).

# 4.2 CDC's 2014 Uniform Definition of Bullying

The CDC uses a four-step public health model to address bullying. They identify two modes of bullying: direct and indirect. The direct mode of bullying includes behaviors or acts that occur in the victim's presence, such as pushing or physically harming the victim. The indirect mode addresses indirect communication that may be said about the victim, such as spreading untruthful rumors. The CDC determined that the type of bullying can fall under four broad categories: physical, verbal, relational, and damage to property. Physically harming someone or taking/damaging their belongings are both direct modes of bullying. Relational bullying, for example, is intentionally excluding someone from the group or making them feel unwelcome, and is an indirect channel of bullying. Lastly, verbal bullying can be both direct and indirect.

The CDC partnered with the Department of Education, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and other external stakeholders to form a steering committee that examined federal guidelines and existing research on bullying. The committee studied the inconsistencies in existing bullying definitions and created a uniform definition to make gathering scientific data and establishing trends over time easier. The uniform definition on bullying is a technical definition, which means it should not be applied literally to questionnaires. Instead, researchers have to develop their own questions to measure the various components of bullying. The uniform definition should make it easier to distinguish between aggressive behaviors and bullying. It is important for new research to analyze if students' understanding of bullying agrees with the uniform definition. Results from the CSM's cognitive testing suggest that repetition and power imbalance are not necessary for a respondent to identify themselves as being bullied

## 4.2.1 Repetition

One key component of the new uniform bullying definition is repetition. The CDC defined repetition as "multiple incidents of aggression perpetrated by a single youth (ages 5 to 18) or group of youths over a specified time period or there is strong concern a single aggressive behavior by a youth or group of youths has a high likelihood of being followed by more incidents of aggression." This measure is designed to examine if an adolescent has experienced a form of aggressive behavior by a single student multiple times, if there have been multiple occurrences of aggressive behavior by different students which the victim feels are related, or if the aggressive behavior is suspected to reoccur in the future. If a child reports experiencing one-time aggressive behavior by several people, all of which are isolated incidents, this is not considered bullying according to the uniform definition. Although independent incidents do not meet the uniform definition of bullying, the repetition of harmful acts is important, and youth that experience single occurrences of aggressive behavior should not be taken lightly or their experience discounted as being less traumatic. In a study by Mishna, Scarcello, Pepler and Weiner (2005), they examined teachers' perceptions and understanding of bullying. An important highlight of this study is that teachers did not identify repetition as a key component for a student to have been bullied.

### 4.2.2 Power Imbalance

The second key component of the CDC's definition of bullying is the requirement of a power imbalance between the perpetrator and the victim, which would allow the perpetrator to exert control over their victim. This characteristic could be through their physical size, age, or through bullying someone with a disability. Farrington (2013) describes victims of bullying as being unpopular and rejected by their peers, individuals with low school attainment, low self-esteem, and poor social skills. Those who bully perceive youth who experience problems with socialization as being easier to dominate and control. Farrington suggests that youth who bully are characterized as individuals who are dominant, assertive, confident, and find pleasure in aggression, although, this may not always be the case. This power imbalance is more likely to take place in settings or situations where an adult is not closely monitoring the behavior of the perpetrator, allowing to take advantage of the lack of higher authority. Power imbalance is often found in other definitions on bullying. Dr. Dan Olweus (1993) defines bullying as when a person is "exposed repeatedly over time to negative actions by one or more individuals and is unable to defend him or herself, excluding cases where two children of similar physical and psychological strength are fighting."

# 5 STUDY METHODOLOGY

# 5.1 Data Collection

From May to July 2016, 30 face-to-face cognitive interviews were conducted in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area across three iterative rounds of cognitive testing. The cognitive interviewing team for these interviews consisted of seven CSM staff members. Results from each round informed any changes made to questions tested in the subsequent round. The third and final round of testing was then conducted to assess whether or not all revised questions perform as expected.

# **5.1.1** Respondent Selection

During recruitment, we targeted respondents who represented a variety of demographic characteristics, comprising race, gender, age, and grade level. Recruitment efforts concentrated on finding individuals who had experienced bullying within the past school year. Recruitment methods consisted of advertisements through Craigslist.com, flyers posted in libraries, youth centers, local YMCAs, and housing complexes, in addition to a broadcast message sent to all U.S. Census Bureau employees who work at the Suitland headquarters building. Some respondents were referred by other participants, others were told about the study by individuals who saw the advertisements and knew the student would qualify, and some were recruited using personal contacts.

In an effort to test the survey with both bullied and non-bullied students, half of the flyers used to recruit participants focused on students who had an experience they consider to be bullying in the past school year while the other half of the flyers did not mention this criteria. Parents of interested students, as well as some older teenage students, called the number provided on the flyers to answer a set of screening questions. The screener collected information about the students' demographics, as well as information about whether or not the student or parent believed the student was bullied, and if so, when the most recent experience they considered to be bullying occurred (see Appendix A for the screener questions). All interviews were conducted in person in the local metropolitan area (i.e., D.C., Maryland, and Virginia). Each respondent received \$25 cash, and parents who brought respondents to the interview received \$25 cash to compensate them for their travel time.

# **5.1.1.1** *Victims*

For the purpose of this study, we use the term "victims" to refer to students who answered the questions on bullying prevalence, repetition, and power imbalance in ways that meet the criteria set in the CDC definition of bullying. To meet the criteria of a

bullying victim for our testing, respondents must report they experienced at least one of seven bullying behaviors in the SCS, indicate that the behavior(s) either happened repeatedly or that they thought the behavior(s) would happen again, and indicate that the perpetrator(s) had more power in at least one of the power dimensions we ask about. The specific behaviors and dimensions of power included in the survey are discussed in depth in Section 6.

A total of 16 respondents were identified as victims of bullying in the past school year based on their responses to the questions measuring bullying prevalence, repetition, and power imbalances.

### **5.1.1.2** Non-victims

A total of 14 respondents were identified as non-victims based on their responses to questions in the bullying section. Using data from the screener questions, we scheduled five participants who had not experienced bullying in the past school year, but had experienced bullying in previous years. This allowed us to test whether respondents notice the time frame referenced in the bullying prevalence question. Two of the 14 non-victims self-identified as victims of bullying during the cognitive interviews. These cases are discussed further in section 7.3.

# **5.1.2** Respondent Characteristics

Our goal was to recruit a diverse group of students based on school level, sex, race and ethnicity, and socioeconomic status.

We aimed to recruit equal numbers of middle and high school students for the study and were successful, interviewing 15 students in middle school and 15 students in high school. We also had an even split for sex, with 15 males and 15 females participating in the interviews. For race, most of the respondents were either black or white, with a handful of respondents identifying as Asian, American Indian, or multi-racial. Only six respondents were Hispanic or of Spanish origin. The socioeconomic status of respondents was more evenly distributed, but leaned toward \$50,000 and above. See Table 1 for a more detailed breakdown.

Table 1. Respondent Characteristics by Round

SCS Respondent Characteristics by Round					
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total	
	Middle School (15)	5	5	5	15
Type of School	High School (15)	5	5	5	15

	Male	5	5	5	15
Sex	Female	5	5	5	15
	White	4	4	5	13
	Black	4	4	4	12
	Asian	1	1	0	2
	American Indian	1	0	0	1
	Unknown	0	0	1	1
Race	Multi Race	0	1	0	1
	Hispanic	0	3	3	6
Ethnicity	Non-Hispanic	10	7	7	24
	Less than \$25,000	2	1	3	6
Annual	More than \$25,000, less than \$50,000	0	3	3	6
Household	More than \$50,000, less than \$100,000	4	2	2	8
Income	More than \$100,000	4	4	2	10

## **5.1.3** The Cognitive Interview Protocol

The protocols used in this study focused on respondents' reactions to new and revised questions about bullying. At the start of the interview, respondents were told that the purpose of the study was to see if the changes made to questions make sense and are easy to answer. Respondents were also told that information they provided would be confidential and their anonymity would be protected. Interviewers then asked respondents to respond to the interview as if an interviewer had come to their home. In addition to the questions on bullying, a subset of SCS questions were included in the protocol to provide context and create a cognitive interview experience that closely resembles responding to the actual survey. The entire SCS questionnaire was not used due to interview time constraints.

After administering the survey questions, interviewers asked respondents probing questions that were designed to address specific testing issues for particular questions. The specific type of cognitive interview consisted of retrospective probing (Willis, 2015). Retrospective probes were asked after the full bullying series of questions were administered because asking a probing question immediately after each survey question (concurrent probing) would disrupt the flow and could lead to bias in later questions since probing questions are asked to have a respondent elaborate on things not included in the question text. There is a trade-off between probing concurrently and retrospectively. With concurrent probing, you can probe on respondent thought processes immediately after they occur, but this disrupts the flow of the survey and answering the probes may bias how they respond to subsequent survey questions. While retrospective probing avoids the disruption and potential bias, respondents have to recall their earlier thought processes after a delay, which may make recall more difficult.

While asking the survey questions, interviewers made notes of any response difficulty experienced by respondents, including question incomprehension and the inability to decide on a response. Interviewers also noted questions that were difficult to administer. Difficulty administering questions can stem from multiple factors, including question length and unnatural phrasing.

Finally, interviewers asked all respondents a set of debriefing questions at the end of the interview. The debriefing questions included items about the respondent's overall impressions of the interview and whether they found it easy or difficult. Respondents were given a chance to make any other final comments about the survey, not limited to a specific topic. See Attachment A for the debriefing questions included in the protocols for rounds one through three.

### 5.1.4 Interviewer Staffing and Training

All interviews were conducted by a team of seven experienced interviewers from the U.S. Census Bureau's Center for Survey Measurement. Interviewers were trained on the SCS protocol prior to the first round of interviews. The team went through the protocol question by question to discuss the purpose of the questions and probes. All interviewers conducted a practice interview to ensure interviewer preparedness before conducting their first interview with a respondent. After changes were made to the protocol between each round, the project lead met with interviewers to discuss all revisions and confirm that the interviewers were prepared to administer the new version of the protocol.

### 5.1.5 Interview Consent

Parents of all respondents under the age of 18 were required to sign a consent form to allow their child to be interviewed. One respondent was 18 at the time of the interview and was able to sign her own consent form. The consent form provides the rights of the student as a participant in the study and provides authorization for interviewers to audiotape the interview. The form explains that the purpose of the audiotape is to have a complete record of all comments, that it will be used to improve the questionnaire, and that only the staff directly involved in the project will have access to the tape.

Before starting the interview, students under the age of 18 were told that their parents had signed a consent form giving them permission to participate. We explained their rights as a participant using language geared towards 12-18 year-olds. Interviewers made sure the students understood their rights and asked if they were comfortable with the interview being recorded before turning on the tape recorder and beginning the interview. All respondents who participated in the cognitive interviews consented to be audiotaped.

# 6 COGNITIVE INTERVIEW FINDINGS

In this section, we present the question-by-question findings from the cognitive interviews. Each question is presented with findings from each round, highlighting any changes that occurred from one round to the next. Questions that were not problematic and did not require revisions are included in the report for context. A brief discussion of their performance during testing is included.

In the following sections, when multiple direct quotes are used to illustrate the findings, respondents are referred to using a respondent identifier that indicates which round they were interviewed in (R1, R2, or R3) and whether or not they were a victim of bullying according to the CDC definition (V or NV). For example, a student who was

interviewed in Round 1 and was a victim of bullying would have a respondent ID of R1V1, R1V2, etc., whereas a student who was interviewed in Round 2 and was not a victim of bullying would have an ID of R2NV1, R2NV2, etc.

Since both the number and order of the questions changed throughout the course of the study, the question number used in the report is the number that will be used in the final questionnaire. Questions that were included in the testing but removed from the questionnaire are referred to as, "Formerly Q\_\_". For each question, there is a sentence or two explaining the changes in the question number from round to round. To see the complete question order for each round, see Attachment A, which includes all three protocols.

# 6.1 Bullying Prevalence

Question 22 measures the types of bullying behaviors the respondent experiences. This item briefly defines bullying as things "students do at school that make you feel bad or are hurtful to you." It then asks whether they have experienced specific behaviors that make up bullying (such as making fun, spreading rumors, threatening, etc.).

Q22:	Round 1 – Round 3 and Final Recommendation (no cl	nanges	made)	
22.	Now I have some questions about what students do at school that make you feel bad or are hurtful to you. We often refer to this as being bullied. You may include events you told me about already. During this school year, has any student bullied you?			
	That is, has another student			
	(Read each category a-g.)		Yes	No
	<ul> <li>Made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way?</li> </ul>	134	1 🗆	2 🗆
	b. Spread rumors about you or tried to make others dislike you?	135	1 🗆	2 🗆
	•	136	1 🗆	2 🗆
	<ul><li>c. Threatened you with harm?</li><li>d. Pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you?</li></ul>	137	1 🗆	2 🗆
	e. Tried to make you do things you did not want to do, for example, give them money or other things?	138	1 🗆	2 🗆
	f. Excluded you from activities on purpose?	139	1 🗆	2 🗆
	g. Destroyed your property on purpose?	140	1 🗆	2 ☐ If all categories a-g are marked "No" <i>SKIP</i> to G HATE

All 30 respondents answered Q22. To get a better understanding of how students conceptualize bullying, the protocol included retrospective probes asking all respondents to define bullying in their own words and what kinds of behaviors they think count as bullying. Respondents were also asked if there are any types of bullying that should be included in Q22 that we did not ask about. For students who said "yes" to at least one item in Q22, we asked them to provide more details about the bullying behaviors they experienced. Students who said "no" to all items were asked probes to determine if they experienced any of the behaviors on the list but did not consider to be bullying.

# Findings for Victims:

All 16 victims (according to the CDC definition) were able to easily answer Q22. During retrospective probing, respondents were asked to tell the interviewer what happened in

their bullying experience(s). Based on responses to the items in Q22 and the probe about their experience(s), Q22 performs well to capture victims' experiences with bullying.

# **Findings for Non-Victims:**

Overall, non-victim respondents were able to easily answer Q22. Of the 14 non-victims who answered this question, nine of them answered "no" to all seven of the bullying behaviors. Respondents who said 'no' to all items were asked if any of the things listed in Q22 happened to them that they did not count as bullying. Three students responded yes to this probe, and all three mentioned playful teasing by friends.

R1NV2: "My friends call me names, just playing around."

**R2NV4:** "I guess it was kind of like, I don't call it bullying, but if I did something stupid like when we're doing a new sport in PE my friends would make fun of me, but nothing like I really care."

**R3NV9:** "I mean if friends do it, it's not really that bad, because it's funny."

These responses suggest that some students are able to differentiate between listed behaviors that are playful teasing between friends and those that are bullying. These students picked up on the fact that Q22 includes the phrase, "We often refer to this as being bullied," and therefore did not respond "yes" to any part of Q22.

Five non-victims said yes to experiencing one or more items in Q22. Of these, four of them were referencing one time occurrences that they did not think would happen again — being tripped in the hallway, shoved during a fight while playing football in gym class, someone spreading a rumor, and someone pulling the respondent's hair. The fifth respondent reported multiple behaviors from different individuals, such as being called a bad name, and experiencing mean behaviors from friends when they are mad at each other. Though some individuals did experience more than one behavior on different days, responses to the power imbalance question later in the survey indicated there was no imbalance between the respondents and the perpetrators.

Two of the five non-victim respondents who reported bullying behaviors self-identified as victims of bullying, even though the behaviors were not repeated and they did not think they would happen again. These cases are discussed further in section 7.3. The other three non-victims who said yes to items in Q22 do not consider their experiences to be bullying. When explicitly asked if she thought the behavior she reported experiencing was bullying, one respondent said, "Not really, I just think it was kind of mean," (R2NV5). This suggests that some students either do not notice the word

"bullied" in the stem, or they forget about it by the time they are answering each individual item.

# Respondent Definitions of Bullying:

All respondents were asked, "Can you tell me, in your own words, what it means to be bullied?" Though there were variations in what aspects students chose to focus on in their definitions, all students defined bullying in a similar way. They consider bullying to be intentionally causing harm to someone, whether it's physical, mental, or emotional harm. Respondents do think that mean and hurtful behaviors done by friends can count as bullying if the friend is doing the behavior intentionally to be hurtful. There were no noticeable differences between definitions provided by victims of bullying and those provided by non-victims.

**R2V10:** "Somebody targets a certain aspect of you, aspect of your life, aspect of what you hold in your pride, and they know to target that to make you feel weak about yourself, and to make you feel insecure about yourself."

**R2V8:** "I think like over and over someone picks on you physically, tries to get in your head, or tries to get other people... maybe they just do it for fun, or maybe they do it to try to make themselves feel better."

**R1NV3:** "Being bullied means to me like somebody is trying to hurt you in some way, or get to your feelings like emotionally, physically, or some type of way make you feel bad about yourself or make you hurt in some way through whatever they can do."

**R3NV12:** "Trying to discourage someone else so you can feel like the bigger person and be liked by other people. [Bullying is] fighting, calling people insulting names, any way to discourage someone and feel good for yourself."

When respondents were asked what kinds of behaviors they would consider bullying, they generally made comments indicating they thought the list of items included in Q22 was an appropriate list of bullying behaviors. If they did give additional examples, all but five gave variations of the items already included in Q22, or broader terms that refer to those behaviors like "physically harming someone," or "teasing." The remaining five respondents said that we should add cyberbullying or "online stuff" to this list. This suggests that some students were not thinking about possible cyberbullying incidents when responding to Q22. When probed on Q22 and what they were considering, 19 respondents said they were thinking about in-person bullying only, ten said they were thinking about both online and in-person bullying, and one respondent said that they did not know if they had been thinking about online bullying when answering Q22. Since

the majority of students were not thinking about cyberbullying when answering Q22, it is recommended to revise the question in future cognitive testing to clarify that the question is asking about both cyberbullying and in-person bullying.

# 6.2 Repetition of Bullying

Questions measuring frequency of bullying are used to establish repetition, a key component of the uniform definition. This set of questions changed the most between rounds so results are presented in sub-sections by round.

### 6.2.1 Frequency of Bullying

# 6.2.1.1 Frequency Question Included in Round 1

Original Frequency Question (Formerly Q26 & Q24):		
The original frequency question was numbered as Q26 in protocol, and replaced by the series of questions Q24-Q2		•
26. During this school year, how often were you bullied?  (READ CATEGORIES 1-4.)	142	1 □ Once or twice this school year 2 □ Once or twice a month - SKIP to: Q28 3 □ Once or twice a week, or - SKIP to: Q28 4 □ Almost every day - SKIP to: Q28

# **Round 1 Findings:**

The original frequency question in the survey was problematic for multiple reasons. The first issue was that the respondents conceptualized what constituted a bullying incident differently. When answering the original frequency question, most respondents were thinking of how many times they experienced individual incidents of the bullying behaviors listed in Q22. However, two respondents in Round 1 thought of a bullying incident as the overall set of bullying behaviors related to a specific thing. For example, someone spread a rumor about a respondent and she was bullied in multiple ways because of that rumor for multiple weeks. She answered the original frequency question as "once or twice this year," because that was all one big bullying incident in her mind. The second respondent had an almost identical situation. The behaviors lasted 2 weeks, but she made it clear that she considered it one time, even saying "I've only been bullied once in my life, ever," (R1V4) during probing.

Two alternate versions of the frequency question asked during probing helped reveal these issues. The first alternative tested was:

# "During this school year, how many times were you bullied? 1 □ One time 2 □ Two times 3 □ Three to ten times 4 □ More than ten times After the first five interviews, it became clear that there was solving how many times a student was bullied (dispussed holes).

After the first five interviews, it became clear that there was a potential issue with asking how many *times* a student was bullied (discussed below), so another alternate version of the frequency question was added to the protocol for the rest of round 1:

how many days were you bullied?
days
en days

The issue with how respondents think of a "time" of bullying raised concerns that students would be incorrectly categorized as non-victims because they would not meet the repetition requirement. Therefore, after Round 1, we added an additional question immediately preceding the original frequency question (see Added Frequency Question (Formerly Q23) in section 6.2.1.2 below).

The second issue was that some respondents had difficulty when asked to choose one of the given response options from the original version of the frequency question. Respondents who were bullied very frequently or regularly throughout the entire school year had no trouble answering this. Respondents who only experienced one incident or thought of their situation as only one incident had no trouble choosing "once or twice this school year." As noted above, some of the students selecting this response did so in error but they could easily choose a response option.

For students who experienced bullying multiple times but infrequently, this question was difficult to answer. They did their best to find a response option that fit well enough, but it may not have captured their situation. Respondents were asked why they chose their response option for each version of the question. They were also asked to compare the difficulty levels of the different versions of the question, and which version they preferred.

**R1NV3:** "It wouldn't be every month, but it wouldn't be every week, so I'd say month. So it'd be like every three months or something like that... so I said once or twice a month to say that." (This respondent experienced multiple bullying behaviors, but did not meet the criteria for bullying because there was no power imbalance. Her discussion of her experiences indicate that she was not bullied, and she does not consider herself to be a victim of bullying.)

**R1V1:** "More difficult. Because it's over the span of different timelines. Not timelines, but like school year, a month, a week. You need one to compare all of them to." **Interviewer:** "Did these options fit for you?" **R1V1:** "No."

While students were able to easily answer the "how many times" question (first alternative asked during probing), the issue of how students think of an "incident" may affect how they answer this question. To address the issue of how students think of a single bullying incident, we added in the second version of the frequency question to the probing section of the protocol to test with the final four Round 1 respondents (see above for the question wording). The four respondents asked this question during Round 1 were able to easily answer this question.

# 6.2.1.2 Frequency Questions Included in Round 2

Added Frequency Question (Formerly Q23):				
Former Q23 was added to the Round 2 protocol, number and was removed after Round 3.	red as Q23 in the Round 2 and Round 3 protocol,			
During this school year, did any of these things happen on more than one day?	1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No - <i>SKIP</i> to: Q27			
Original Frequency Question (Formerly Q26 & Q24):				
The original frequency question was numbered as Q26 in the Round 1 protocol, Q24 in the Round 2 protocol, and replaced by the series of questions Q24-Q26b in the Round 3 protocol.				
24. During this school year, how often were you bullied?  (READ CATEGORIES 1-4.)	142 1 ☐ Once or twice this school year 2 ☐ Once or twice a month - SKIP to: Q28 3 ☐ Once or twice a week, or - SKIP to: Q28 4 ☐ Almost every day - SKIP to: Q28			

# **Round 2 Findings:**

The newly added question, "During this school year, did any of these things happen on more than one day?" was included as an additional indicator of repetition. Respondents had no trouble understanding or answering this question.

The original frequency question (shown as Q24 above) was also problematic for some Round 2 respondents. Since the response options and bullying experiences do not always align, some respondents chose categories that did not fit their actual experiences with bullying. Two students answered the original frequency question as "once or twice this school year," but answered the alternate frequency questions during probing as "three to ten times," and "three to ten days." When probed on their responses, they indicated that since the bullying happened sporadically, it was difficult to answer the bullying frequency question. One respondent (R2V11) said, "It wasn't like it happened one or two times in the year, it was like in two months. It happened a couple of times in those two months, but I don't remember how many times it actually happened. I don't really know. Because it wasn't like repetitive like all the time. But it happened like every other type of day, or like once one week, and then another week it happened more."

Both of these respondents answered "yes" to the newly added question ("During this school year, did any of these things happen on more than one day?). Therefore, even though they answered the frequency question as "once or twice this school year," their response that it happened on more than one day would fulfill the repetition requirement, ensuring that they are correctly categorized as victims of bullying.

### Vignette:

In Round 2, we added a short vignette to test all three versions of the frequency questions to see how respondents would answer the questions if the bullying happened frequently for a short period of time and then stopped. Students were given a page that contained the vignette below, followed by all three versions of the frequency question. The order of the three frequency questions was rotated on the handout.

"A group of students made fun of Mark's shoes every day for the first two weeks of school. Because of this, Mark got his parents to buy him new shoes. When Mark started wearing his new shoes the third week of school, the students stopped making fun of him for the rest of the school year.

Pretend you are Mark. Answer all three questions how you think Mark would answer them."

All respondents in Round 2 received the vignette. Most students answered the alternate times and days versions of the question in a consistent manner. For example, if they

chose "3 to 10 times" for one version, they would choose "3 to 10 days" for the other version. There was some variation depending on if they counted two weeks as 14 days or realized there are only 10 school days in two weeks. A few respondents mentioned that it was harder to answer the "times" version of the question because you do not know how many times he was bullied in a day.

Answers to the original frequency question varied, and respondents had more difficulty choosing an answer. Every answer choice was chosen multiple times. Provided with the same vignette, answer choices ranged from "almost every day" to "once or twice this school year." Students were probed on why they answered the way they did for each version of the question. For the original version, many students talked through their process of elimination.

**R2NV4:** "I said once or twice this school year because it was only the first two weeks of school, meaning that it couldn't have been once or twice a month because by the second month it was over, once or twice a week because not every week was he getting bullied, and not every day, because clearly, after the first two weeks it was over."

**R2NV5:** "Again, because he was bullied for like a week. So once or twice a week, maybe like... I wouldn't say almost every day because that's probably a lot. Because it said he was being bullied for a few weeks, so I didn't pick once or twice a month because after he got his new shoes, they stopped bullying him."

In response to the difficulty respondents had when answering the original frequency question when the bullying only spanned a short period of time, we recommended a new series of questions that first established a time span, and then asked about the frequency of the bullying within that time span. The answer choices for the original frequency question did not seem sufficient, so they were revised to provide options that better aligned with possible frequencies. Two versions of the revised frequency question were created, so that students whose bullying lasted one month or less received one version of the question with an appropriate fill for their time frame and the applicable answer options, and students bullied for longer than one month received the version with fills and answer options that were applicable for their situation. See question-by-question breakdown below.

# 6.2.1.3 Frequency Questions Included in Round 3

Added Frequency Question (Formerly Q23):  Former Q23 was added to the Round 2 protocol, numbered as Q23 in the Round 2 and Round 3 protocol, and was removed after Round 3.			
During this school year, did any of these things happen on more than one day?	1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No - <i>SKIP</i> to: Q27		
Frequency Question Revision 1 (Formerly Q24):  The original frequency question was numbered as Q26 in the protocol, and replaced by the series of questions Q24-Q26b questions was removed after Round 3.	•		
24. During this school year, what month did the bullying start?  FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – If the respondent says that the bullying started before this school year, ask the respondent what month school started this year.	1		
Frequency Question Revision 1 (Formerly Q25):  The original frequency question was numbered as Q26 in the protocol, and replaced by the series of questions Q24-Q26b in questions was removed after Round 3.	•		
25. What month did the bullying stop?  IF START AND STOP MONTH ARE THE SAME, then go to Q26a. Else SKIP to	1		

The or	ency Question Revision 1 (Formerly Q26a & Q2 iginal frequency question was numbered as Q2 col, and replaced by the series of questions Q24 ons was removed after Round 3.	6 in the	•
26a. During {start/stop month} of this school year, how often were you bullied?  (READ CATEGORIES 1-4.)		142	<ul> <li>1 □ Almost every day</li> <li>2 □ About 3 to 4 times a week</li> <li>3 □ About once a week</li> <li>4 □ About once or twice in {start/stop month}</li> </ul>
SKIP to	Q27.		
26b.	Between {start month} and {stop month} of this school year, how often were you bullied?  CATEGORIES 1-5.)	142	1 ☐ Almost every day 2 ☐ About 3 to 4 times a week 3 ☐ About once a week 4 ☐ About once or twice a month, or 5 ☐ About once or twice between {start month} and {stop month}.

# **Round 3 Findings:**

The new series of frequency questions was asked during Round 3, and was only answered by the three victims of bullying who were interviewed in Round 3.

Respondents were first asked what month the bullying started, then what month the bullying stopped. This established the time span, which was used to determine which version of the revised frequency question they were asked and to populate the fills to include the time span in the question and response options. There was some concern about how students would answer these questions if the bullying started prior to the start of the current school year or if the bullying was still happening at the time of the interview, since response options are not read. Probes to address this were included in the protocol.

All three bullied students were able to easily answer the series of questions that asks when the bullying started and stopped, and the frequency of the bullying within that time frame. Their responses aligned with what they said about the situation, and they answered the new series of questions and the alternate "days" version of the frequency question in a fitting way.

It is important to note that only three bullied respondents answered these questions about their experiences. However, there was an observable range of cognitive abilities among the respondents, and none of them had trouble answering the questions. In addition, their experiences included several scenarios we were concerned about:

One respondent (R3V15) said that the bullying started in March and ended in

June "because school ended."

- One respondent (R3V16) said that it started in February and is still happening.
  The interviewer did not need to probe or provide further guidance to determine
  that it was still happening, even though the question asks for a month and the
  answer options are read.
- For one respondent (R3V14), the bullying seemed like a consistent thing she has always experienced. She said it has happened all through middle school. As per the interviewer instructions, the interviewer asked her when the school year started and was able to easily use that information to get the start month. For the stop month, the respondent said it's still happening.

Overall, the new series of questions performed well. During probing, we continued to ask the alternate version of the frequency question, "During this school year, how many days were you bullied?" and this question continued to perform well. Therefore, the sponsors were informed that both options would work well in the final survey. We recommended thinking about what they wanted the frequency questions to measure when deciding which one they would like to use in the final version of the supplement.

# **6.2.1.4** Frequency Questions: Final Recommendation

Added Fr	Added Frequency Question (Q23a): Final Recommendation				
Q23a was asked as an alternative question during probing in all three protocols, and added as Q23a in the final questionnaire.					
	During this school year, how many days were you bullied?	1 ☐ One day - CONTINUE to: Q23b 2 ☐ Two days - SKIP to: Q24 3 ☐ Three to ten days - SKIP to: Q24 4 ☐ More than ten days - SKIP to: Q24			

### Added Frequency Question (Q23b): Final Recommendation

Q23b was not asked during cognitive testing for the School Crime Supplement. It was modeled after a question used in the NCVS Supplemental Victimization Survey, which was cognitively tested in the Fall of 2015. The question performed well for victims of stalking. The constructs of bullying and stalking have many similarities, which leads us to believe the question, modified to measure bullying behaviors, will perform well for victims of bullying.

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23b.	In that one day, how many times would you say other students did those things that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you?	1 ☐ Once 2 ☐ Two to ten times 3 ☐ Eleven to fifty times 4 ☐ More than fifty times 5 ☐ Too many times to count (do not read) 6 ☐ Don't know (do not read)

# **Final Frequency Questions:**

After the final recommendation meeting, CSM and the sponsors discussed how to proceed with the frequency questions. It was decided the alternate version of the frequency question ("During this school year, how many days were you bullied?") should be used in the final survey. This version of the question worked well, was easy for students to answer, and was the question that was most frequently chosen as the respondents' preferred version of the frequency question.

However, we were concerned about missing respondents who only experienced bullying incidents on one day, but those incidents were repeated multiple times throughout the day. To address this, a new question was added as a follow up for students who answer that they were only bullied on one day.

23b. In that one day, how many times would you say other students did those things that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you?

1 □ Once
2 □ Two to ten times
3 □ Eleven to fifty times

4 ☐ More than fifty times

5 □ Too many times to count (do not read)

6 □ Don't know (do not read)

Though this question was not cognitively tested during this study, it was modeled after a question that was cognitively tested by CSM in 2015 and used in the final version of the 2016 National Crime Victimization Survey's Supplemental Victimization Survey (SVS). The SVS is a supplement on stalking victimization. The constructs of stalking and bullying have many similarities, so both the sponsors and CSM feel confident that this question is appropriate to use in the final version of the SCS.

It is important to note that this question references "things that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you" rather than bullying. This phrase is used in Q22, followed by "we often refer to this as being bullied." The choice to use this phrase rather than "bullied" in this question is the result of two things. The first is that the stalking question it was modeled after uses the phrase "unwanted contacts or behaviors" rather than stalking. The SVS does not include the word stalking at all, and instead uses that phrase to refer to stalking behaviors throughout the supplement. Since the bullying version of the question was not cognitively tested, it is important that it resemble the stalking question as closely as possible. The second reason for this choice has to do with the fact that some students interpret "times" of bullying as the larger collection of behaviors, rather than each individual incident. While this question uses the word "times," referencing the "things that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you" that they reported in Q22 indicates that the question is asking how many times the individual behaviors occurred.

## 6.2.2 Potential Future Repetition of Bullying

This question measures one aspect of the first key component of the CDC definition. While the frequency questions measure actual repetition, this question measures the student's perception of potential future repetition. Potential future repetition can be used to meet the criteria if actual repetition did not occur. If the bullying has already occurred multiple times, potential future repetition is not a requirement to meet the repetition criteria. In Round 1, only students who answered the frequency question ("During this school year, how often were you bullied?") with "once or twice the school year" were asked Q24 ("Did you think the bullying would happen over and over?"). In rounds two and three, all respondents who reported experiencing bullying behaviors in Q22 were asked the revised version of the repetition question ("Did you think the bullying would happen again?").

Q24: Round 1				
Q24 was numbered as Q27 in the Round 1 protocol.				
24. Did you think the bullying would happen over and over?	1 □ Yes 2 □ No			
Q24 Revision 1: Round 2 – Round 3 and Final Recommendation				
Q24 was numbered as Q25 in the Round 2 protocol and Q27 in the Round 3 protocol.				
24. Did you think the bullying would happen again?	1 □ Yes 2 □ No			

# **Round 1 Findings:**

In Round 1, only three respondents were asked, "Did you think the bullying would happen over and over?" Of those, two responded "yes" and one responded "no." The student who responded "no" defined the phrase "over and over" as happening every day. Because of this, and the fact that the phrase "over and over" is open to interpretation, we recommended modifying the question by replacing "over and over" with "again" and continuing to test the original version in probing.

# Rounds 2 and 3 Findings:

In Round 2, we also changed the skip pattern so that all respondents who reported experiencing bullying behaviors were asked the question, as opposed to only asking respondents who said that the behaviors only occurred once or twice this school year.

We also asked the eight respondents in Round 2 who reported experiencing bullying behaviors both versions of the question. The revised version of the question was asked during the survey portion, and the old version of the question (containing the phrase "over and over") was asked during probing. Three of the eight respondents answered the two versions of the question differently because the phrase "over and over" was a higher threshold in their mind. When asked what "over and over" means to them, respondents said it means "forever", "happens every day," and "consistently." Even the respondent who just said it means "more than once" seemed to view "over and over" as a higher threshold, because he answered yes to the "again" version and no to the "over and over" version. Two respondents were asked if there's a specific number that comes to mind when they hear the phrase; one said 5 and the other said 3. Since students do not interpret the phrase consistently and some interpret it as a constant occurrence, using the phrase could affect the data.

In Round 3, we removed the original version of the question from the probing section, as we had sufficient data to confirm that the phrase "over and over" is too ambiguous to be answered consistently by respondents. The revised version of the question caused no problems for respondents, and performed well. Therefore, it was kept in the final version of the questionnaire.

# 6.2.3 Respondent Thoughts on Repetition as a Requirement for Bullying

Fourteen respondents were either explicitly asked about or made unprompted statements about repetition in relation to bullying. Of those, seven respondents made at least one statement saying that behaviors do not need to be repeated to be considered bullying. The recurring themes were the effect and the intent – if the behavior was intentional and "affects [the victim] a lot" or was very hurtful, they think it can be considered bullying. The other seven respondents think repetition is required, and one-off behaviors are just "picking on" or name-calling. A few of these respondents made comments about how kids will say they're being bullied when they're not. As one respondent (R1V4) said, "A lot of people take bullying out of hand. Like 'Oh my gosh, she called me a name, she's bullying me.' But it's a one time thing, she didn't bully you. She called you a name and you got mad about it." Note that respondents were not specifically asked whether suspected repetition, which fulfills the criteria for repetition under the uniform definition, was an essential part of bullying.

### **6.3** Power Imbalance

### 6.3.1 Perpetrators of Bullying

This section discusses the two questions about the perpetrators of the bullying reported by respondents. Question 25 measures whether one or more people did the bullying behaviors reported in Q22. Question 26 is a follow up question asked of respondents who report that they were bullied by more than one person; it asks whether the perpetrators acted alone, together as a team, or both. These questions address the uniform definition of bullying, as multiple, coordinated perpetrators indicate a power imbalance.

Q25: Round 1 – Round 3 and Final Recommendation (no changes made)				
Q25 was numbered as Q23 in the Round 1 protocol, Q26 in the Round 2 protocol, and Q28 in the Round				
	3 protocol.			
25.	Thinking about the [time/times] you were bullied this school year, did more than one person do these things to you?	1 □ Yes		
		2 □ No - <i>SKIP</i> to: Q27		

# **Q25 Findings:**

Twenty respondents were asked this question. Of those, 13 answered "yes," and seven answered "no." There were no probes included in the protocol for this question. Interviewers were instructed to note any difficulties respondents had when answering questions, and use an unscripted probe to determine what caused the difficulty. None of the interviewers observed respondents having trouble with this question. Based on respondents' discussions of their experience (in response to other probes), responses to this question aligned with their experiences. This suggests that respondents were able to easily understand what the question is asking. Because there were no reported issues with answering this question, no changes were suggested during testing or for the final questionnaire.

<u>Q26: Round 1</u>			
Q26 was numbered as Q24 in the Round 1 protocol.			
26 Did these months art alone or together as a team?			
26. Did these people act alone or together as a team?	1 □ Alone		
	2 ☐ Together		
	3 □ Don't know		
Q26 Revision 1: Round 2 – Round 3 and Final Recommendation			
Q26 was numbered as Q27 in the Round 2 protocol, and Q29 in the Round 3 protocol.			
26. Did these people act alone, together as a team, or	1 □ Alone		
both?	2 □ Together		
	3 ☐ Both		
	4 ☐ Don't know		

# **Round 1 Findings:**

Seven respondents answered the original version of this question in Round 1. Of those, three said the people acted alone, three said the people acted together as a team, and one responded both "alone" and "together as a team." Since it was pointed out that students can experience bullying perpetrated by individuals as well as groups working together, we revised the question to measure these occurrences.

# Rounds 2 and 3 Findings:

Seven respondents answered the revised version of this question in rounds 2 and 3. Of those, one answered "alone," one answered "together as a team," four answered "both," and one respondent said she didn't know. This respondent was upset by the series of bullying questions, as well as the probes, and answered many questions and probes, "I don't know." The distribution of responses to Q26 supports our decision to add a separate category for "both." The revised version of the question performed well, and was kept in the final version of the questionnaire.

### 6.3.2 Dimensions of a Power Imbalance

This question measures the second key component of the CDC definition. The bullying behaviors a respondent identifies in Q22 are included in the reading of this question. All respondents who report one or more bullying behaviors in Q22 are asked Q27.

Q27: Round 1				
Q27 W	as numbered as Q25 in the Round 1 protocol.			
27.	Now I have some additional questions about the time [another student/ other students] {behavior₁}, {behavior₂}, and {behaviorx}. Thinking about the [person/ people] who did these things to you this school year,			
2	[Mas this parson/Mars any of those popula/Mas	Yes	No	
a.	[Was this person/ Were any of these people/ Was anyone in the group] physically bigger or stronger than you?	1 🗆	2 🗆	
b.	[Was this person/ Were any of these people/ Was anyone in the group] more popular than you?	1 🗆	2 🗆	
C.	[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more money than you?	1 🗆	2 🗆	
d.	[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more power than you in another way?	1 🗆	2 🗆	
Q27 R	evision 1: Round 2 – Round 3 and Final Recomn	nendation		
Q27 was numbered as Q28 in the Round 2 protocol and Q30 in the Round 3 protocol.				
27. Now I have some additional questions about the time [another student/ other students] {behavior₁}, {behavior₂}, and {behavior₂}. Thinking about the [person/ people] who did these things to you this school year,				
a.	[Was this person/ Were any of these people/ Was	Yes	No	
	anyone in the group] physically bigger or stronger than you?	1 🗆	2 🗆	
b.	[Was this person/ Were any of these people/ Was anyone in the group] more popular than you?	1 🗆	2 🗆	
C.	[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more money than you?	1 🗆	2 🗆	
d.	[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have the ability to influence what other students think of you?	1 🗆	2 🗆	
e.	[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more power than you in another way?	1 🗆	2 🗆	

# **Round 1 Findings:**

Due to the specific interest in how students think about power imbalances in relation to bullying, extensive probing was done on Q27 and the different forms of power imbalances. All respondents were probed on Q27, even if they said no to all items in Q22 and skipped all other questions in the bullying section during the survey. Handouts were given to show the full text of the question to aid the retrospective probing process. See page 3 of Attachment B for the handout used during cognitive testing.

Respondents who skipped the follow up questions were shown Q27and told they would have been asked it if they had been bullied. They were informed that they did not have to answer the survey question, but that the interviewer was going to ask follow up questions about it.

The original four items in Q27 performed well in Round 1. Through probing, we confirmed that students were thinking of family wealth for Q27c ("have more money than you"). As R1NV3 put it, "Like they... have better clothes than me or better... everything than me. More money to spend and that stuff. Come to school way more upper class than me. And always have money every time they need it." Respondents either mentioned the family's economic status ("they're wealthier," "they live in a big house and their parents work for a big company"), or having nicer things ("they have better things, like guys who have the best sneakers," "they always have nice clothes on").

When asked what the phrase "have more power than you" means in Q27d, some students were unsure of how to answer. One respondent (R1NV2) simply answered, "Honestly, I don't know." Two respondents seemed unsure at first, but were able to provide appropriate responses. This suggests that even if the phrase "have more power than you" is vague, students are able to figure out what the question is asking based on the context and the other items in the question.

**R1V3:** "What do you mean by power? I think power means to me that they have more experience doing things that they do, so when you try to do it ... they'll be stronger in it. You can't stop me because I'm better than you."

**R1V6:** "At first I didn't know, but I'm trying to think about - it could either go back to A [physically bigger / stronger] or B [(more popular] and they could get people to contribute to the bullying." ... "Especially B, if they are popular, they are more liked, and they can get more people on their side to contribute."

Aside from repeating the forms of power in the Q27 items, students kept mentioning influence as another form of power. This was often tied to popularity, but seemed to be a distinct concept in their minds.

**R1V4:** "When I thought of it, when the girl was being mean to me, I thought she had more power because she had a bigger mouth. So therefore she had more power because she had more power to tell more people stuff. But now, I don't think she had more power than me now, because she just didn't. Power in the school - power and popularity and stuff. And power of how many people will believe her, power of how many people she can get to turn on you."

**R1V5**: "More power as in... they have the power like physical power, and like I said... power and ability to like say who gets this and whose team this person is on, and who gets the work in class sometimes. Who sits where in the cafeteria sometimes."

The power imbalance question resulted in a false negative in Round 1 (this case is discussed in depth in Section 7.2). Though the respondent was clearly bullied, she said no to all four items in Q27, which resulted in her being categorized as a non-victim. This, coupled with the emergence of the theme as influence as power but distinct from popularity, resulted in the addition of a new item for Q27. After Round 1, we added the following item to Q27: "[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have the ability to influence what other students think of you?"

Prior to Round 1, researchers questioned whether a group of students working together to bully an individual created a power imbalance. A probe was included to determine if students saw a group against an individual as a power imbalance. Through both responses to the specific probe and comments made when answering other probes, it was clear that all ten respondents think that a group working together creates a power imbalance. The false negative in Round 1 would not have occurred if groups working together were considered a form of a power imbalance. Therefore, we recommended considering using the indication of a group of bullies as another form of power in the criteria. We suggested continuing to probe on this in future rounds before deciding if any changes were necessary. This is discussed more below in Section 6.3.3: "Groups Working Together as a Power Imbalance."

# **Round 2 and 3 Findings:**

In Round 2, we added a probe asking students to say, in their own words, what the new item on influence was asking. Students were able to easily answer Q27d during the survey, and were able to accurately interpret what the question was asking during probing.

**R2V11:** "I think the question is asking like if what they do will influence what other people think. Like their thoughts of you, if they want to hang out with you, if they.... They'll have their own perception of you without really knowing you."

**R2NV7:** "Maybe like that bully kid telling his or her friends bad things about me, like '[R2NV7] has this or that about her,' then they'll think that too and they'll make fun of me for having whatever that is." **Interviewer:** "Can anyone do that?" **R2NV7:**"It depends on who you are. If you're popular then people will listen to you, if you say someone's weird then they'll think, 'oh, they have to be weird.' But if someone weird says something, then no one will listen, because they're weird."

Respondents in Round 2 and 3 gave similar responses as respondents in Round 1 to the probes that were used in all three rounds. They were able to easily answer and understand Q27a-e. Respondents agreed that the four specific items that we ask are ways that bullies can have power over someone. Respondents made comments like "They're good examples," (R2NV4), and "Yeah, I believe they are good questions," (R2V8).

The power imbalance question did result in one more false negative in Round 2. This respondent (R2V13) said no to all items. However, when he was giving his interpretation of Q27d (influence), he referenced his own situation, saying that his bully had the power to influence some students, just not the majority. This suggests that he applied his own threshold to the extent of influence necessary for him to answer "yes" to Q27d. This case is discussed further in Section 7.2.

No additional changes were made to Q27 after Round 1.

# **6.3.3** Groups Working Together as a Power Imbalance

Of the 30 respondents, 29 were asked probes about whether or not they think a group of students working together to bully an individual has more power over that individual. One respondent was not asked the question due to time constraints. However, this respondent mentioned "the power of numbers" many times during his interview, suggesting that he does think that a group creates a power imbalance.

Twenty-eight of the 29 respondents said that they think a group of students working together has more power over the individual. The only respondent not agreeing (R3NV14) answered, "No, because they've sunk to a lower level." The 28 respondents who answered yes were asked if they still think the group working together has more power, even if everyone in the group and the individual being bullied are about the same size, about as popular, had about the same amount of money, and the same ability to influence others. All respondents still thought that the fact that the group was working together against an individual created a power imbalance. For this reason, we recommend using responses to Q25 ("...did more than one person do these things to you?) and Q26 ("Did [they] act alone, together as a team, or both?") to determine when respondent is bullied by a group working together. This can be used as an additional

indicator of a power imbalance when a respondent answers "no" to Q27a-e, but says that more than one person bullied them and they acted together as a team (or both). This would eliminate false potential false negatives of bullying for this situation.

# 6.3.4 Respondent Thoughts on a Power Imbalance as a Requirement for Bullying

It was often hard to determine whether or not kids thought a power imbalance was necessary for bullying. Many kids made conflicting statements; comments imply that they think a power imbalance is necessary but then they say things like "anyone can bully anyone". Respondents were asked a series of probes about whether bullying could occur with various power differentials. For example, they were asked if a student could bully someone bigger or stronger than them, or if a less popular student could bully a more popular student. Multiple respondents said that anyone can bully anyone, but that it's rare for a smaller or less popular student to bully a bigger or more popular student because they'd fear retaliation. While it is possible, it is unlikely.

**R2V11:** "Have I heard that before...? No... [thinks, laughs]. I mean I think it's possible, but I haven't ever heard of that."

**R2NV5:** "She could, it probably wouldn't end very well. She could blackmail or something. I just don't see that ending well."

Students' thoughts on this requirement are unclear because there are so many dimensions of power. In addition to the four forms of power that we ask about, students talked about confidence, attitude, intelligence, relationships with teachers, among other things, as ways students can have power over someone. Respondents said that it really just depends on who the people involved are and the ways in which the different types of power intersect. For example, a less popular student can bully a more popular student if they're bigger or stronger, or a student with less power in general can bully someone if they have that attitude or willingness to be mean and do bullying behaviors.

An interesting theme that came up was bullying to gain power. Multiple students mentioned this without any probing from interviewers, specifically that kids bully to gain power and popularity. One said that students will not bully if no one else is around because it won't make them more popular. One girl gave an example of a kid who wasn't popular/had little power, but then he started being a bully, used that behavior to increase his status and popularity, and was accepted into the popular group. One student (R2V11) said that some people bully to feel like they have power over someone, even if they don't; "Yeah. I don't know if it's [to feel like they have power over someone]... people say they do it to make themselves feel better. You just want to make yourself have more power than the other person even though they're the same."

# 6.4 Location of Bullying

Q28: Round 1 - Round 3 and Final Recommendation (no changes made)				
Q28 was numbered as Q28 in the Round 1 protocol, Q29 in the Round 2 protocol, and Q31 in the Round 3				
	protocol.			
		143	1 ☐ In a classroom at school?	
28.	Still thinking about all of the times that you were	168	2 ☐ In a hallway or stairwell at school?	
	bullied, where did the bullying occur? Did it occur	169	3 ☐ In a bathroom or locker room at school?	
		173	4 ☐ In a cafeteria or lunch room at school?	
	(READ CATEGORIES) Mark (X) all that apply	146	5  Somewhere else inside the school	
			building? – Specify	
	Where is the other place where bullying occurred?	144	6 ☐ Outside on school grounds?	
	, ,	145	7  On the way to or from school such as on a	
			school bus or at a bus stop?	
		211SCS	8 ☐ Online or by text?	

# **Rounds 1 to 3 Findings:**

Across all rounds, 20 students were asked this question. All 20 respondents were able to understand what the question was asking, and were able to easily answer the question. Three respondents said yes to, "somewhere else inside the school building?" When asked where that other place was, one said in the theater, one said in the gym, and the third said outside on the track. The third respondent seemed to miss the fact that this item specifies "inside the school building."

Probes for this question focused on the final item, bullying that occurs online or by text. Respondents were asked to tell us in their own words what it means to be bullied online or by text. They were also asked probes to determine if they considered bullying online or by text that occurs when they are not at school but related to school, and if they would include those incidents in the earlier survey questions asking about bullying that happens at school.

All respondents defined bullying that happens online or by text appropriately. Many acknowledged that it is the same thing as bullying that happens in person, but it occurs on the internet. As one respondent (R1V6) put it, "It's like bullying in person except for the physical ... During online attacks it can be the same thing - they can insult you, make fun of you, have people gang up on you and do it together, throw hurtful words to you whether it is your religion, your sexuality, your nationality." Respondents think of social media apps as well as bullying via text, email, or on websites. A few respondents said that most cyberbullying occurs on social media these days, rather than in private text messages. They mentioned apps such as Kiik, Snapchat, Instagram, and Brighten, among others. Students also said it was common for cyberbullying to occur in group chats or group text messages.

Respondents considered bullying perpetrated by classmates online or by text to be related to school, even if the behaviors are done outside of school. Their comments indicate that the lines are blurred when it comes to bullying in school and online.

**R1V4:** "Well I feel like everything is tied into school because we all go to the same school, and everything happens at school, and it all goes home, and then it happens on social media. So yeah, it's all tied in to school."

**R2V10**: "Yes, it's from the same person. It carries over, from school to cyber and vice versa."

**R2NV7:** "Yeah. It's the same person, right? You know each other through school, and you're hearing about what they're doing outside of school, but it still comes back to school."

## 6.5 Reporting to Adults

Origina	Original Question Q29: Round 1 - Round 3 and Final Recommendation (no changes made)				
Q29 w	Q29 was numbered as Q29 in the Round 1 protocol, Q30 in the Round 2 protocol, and Q32 in the Round				
3 proto	3 protocol.				
29.	Did you tell a teacher or some other adult at school about being bullied?	147	1 □ Yes 2 □ No		

#### **Round 1 to 3 Findings:**

Across the three rounds, 20 respondents heard this question. No issues with answering were reported by the interviewers. Of these respondents, 10 answered 'no' to this question. The cognitive probes for this question centered on a 'no' response, to determine the reasons why a student who had experienced bullying behavior would not report it.

Of the 10 respondents that answered 'no,' six had said they hadn't told an adult because they didn't believe it would be helpful. There were multiple reasons given: (1) the adult would have no way to really help them, (2) the adult would be uninterested in helping them, or (3) the adult's help would involve telling the perpetrator's or the victim's parents, which was an unwanted outcome.

**R1V1:** "Because there's no one you really go to and trust enough. The counselor is always there but is there nothing the counselor can really do."

**R1V5:** "Because teachers don't really do nothing. They'll probably ask to talk about it with you, but they probably wouldn't do nothing. They have like a million talks and they do nothing."

**R1V6:** "I don't really talk to teachers because they just brush it off or are disrespectful generally."

**R2V8:** "Because there's no one you can really trust. The guidance counselor doesn't sound really helpful. If they went to the kid and told them someone said they were being bullied by them, then [the bully would] probably come right to me and call me a snitch and everything."

**R2V9:** "Whenever you tell an adult they are so quick to get you a mediation and that might not be what you want." This respondent also added that adults sometimes call your parents and you may not want your parents involved.

Four respondents said they prefer to handle their issues themselves. Some also felt that the bullying behaviors they experienced were not serious enough to be worth going to an adult.

**R1V1:** "...but there is nothing the counselor can really do. It's more you have to do it yourself," (continuation of quote above).

R1V3: "Because I can handle it."

**R2V10:** "No, because it's not really that big of a deal. What they say didn't really affect me too much."

**R2NV5:** "Because it really didn't get to me too much for me to tell them. If it got to me and they kept doing it, I'd probably tell someone."

Because there were no reported issues with this question, we suggest leaving it the same.

## 6.6 Effects of Bullying

#### Q30: Round 1 - Round 3 and Final Recommendation (no changes made) Q30 was numbered as Q30 in the Round 1 protocol, Q31 in the Round 2 protocol, and Q33 in the Round 3 protocol. 30. This school year, how much has bullying had a **NEGATIVE** effect on: Not Not very Somewhat A lot (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES) at all much YOUR school work. a. 4 □ 1 🗆 2 🗆 3 □ YOUR relationships with friends or b. 4 🗆 1 🗆 2 🗆 3 □ family. 1 🗆 2 🗆 3 □ 4 🗆 c. How you feel about YOURSELF. 1 🗆 2 🗆 3 🗆 4 🗆 d. YOUR physical health for example, caused injuries, gave you headaches or stomach aches.

#### **Round 1 to 3 Findings:**

Twenty respondents across three rounds heard this question. No interviewers reported issues with answering the question. Twelve respondents were asked what the phrase "had a negative effect" meant to them in the stem of this question. All 12 had a good understanding of the phrase 'negative effect,' providing variations of a definition of something that can hurt you emotionally, mentally, or physically, and noted that your emotional state can affect how well you do in school and how you relate to others. One respondent felt that being physically hurt had to do more with the perpetrator's actions toward the victim.

Five respondents said bullying affected at least one aspect of their life 'a lot.' None of them reported that bullying had affected their physical health, only school work ("I used to be a straight A student, and now, I'm just passing classes" (R1V7); "When I tried to do my schoolwork all I could think about is if all the people around me are talking about me" (R2V9)), relationships ("You're so angry that you don't want to say anything. Your friends tap you on the shoulders and you're just freaking out. It definitely affects your family life because when you come home and you're angry and you don't want to deal with anyone" (R1V1)), or their feelings towards themselves ("I mean like this is like my whole life. This is not the first time I've been bullied. People commenting on your physical appearance, that was the big one for me. That just brings you down the most... A lot is like the depression part. I mean I was depressed for a while. It can be like you don't even want to live anymore, stuff like that. That part," (R2V11)).

Because there were no reported issues with answering this question, we have no changes to suggest.

## 6.7 Hate-related Bullying

#### Q31: Round 1 - Round 3 and Final Recommendation (no changes made)

Q31 was numbered as Q31 in the Round 1 protocol, Q32 in the Round 2 protocol, and Q34 in the Round 3 protocol.

	you were bullied in school this year, did you think it was related to		Yes	No	
a.	YOUR race?	200SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
b.	YOUR religion?	201SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
c.	Your ethnic background or national origin - for example, people of Hispanic	202SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
	origin?	203SCS	1 🗆	2 □	
d.	Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental, or developmental disabilities?	204SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
e.	YOUR gender?	205SCS	1 🗆	2 □	
f.	YOUR sexual orientation - by this we mean gay, lesbian, bisexual, or straight?	206SCS		2 🗆	
g.	YOUR physical appearance?	200303	1 🗆	2 🗆	

## **Round 1 to 3 Findings:**

Twenty respondents across three rounds heard this question. No interviewers reported issues with answering the question. Ten respondents answered 'no' to all items, and the cognitive probes were created to find out why they had answered that way. Two respondents said these factors were the same for both herself and for her perpetrators. Two respondents said that these differences just did not come up during bullying, and one respondent said that her bullies must have known that picking on those factors would be mean ("Because I wouldn't think nobody in my school would talk about somebody's race or religion. I guess they know it's not nice to do that.").

The respondents who answered 'no' to all of these items were asked if they felt they would have to be absolutely certain that the incident was because they had one of these characteristics for them to say "yes". Four of the respondents said they would answer

'yes' to any of these items if they had any hunch that it was for that reason, and they knew that the bullying they experienced wasn't for any of these reasons. One respondent was unsure if they would say yes or no in that case. One respondent just knew that their bullying experience wasn't related to any of these reasons.

Because none of the respondents had issues answering, and because the majority of respondents that were asked said they wouldn't have an issue reporting 'yes' even if they only had a gut feeling that the bullying was for one of these reasons, we felt the question could be kept with no changes.

#### 7 NOTEWORTHY CASES SUPPORTING RECOMMENDATIONS

## 7.1 Overall Performance of Questions Measuring Key Components of the CDC Definition

Overall, the series of questions designed to identify victims of bullying performed well. Of the 30 interviews, the survey questions resulted in two false negatives. See section 7.2 for a full discussion of these 2 interviews. The questions that resulted in the false negatives were revised during testing to reduce the likelihood of measurement error.

The questions were effective at correctly categorizing respondents as non-victims when they did not meet the criteria for bullying victims, even when respondents indicated that they self-identified as victims through comments made during the interview. Two respondents considered themselves victims even though their discussion of their experiences made it clear that they did not meet the criteria in the official definition. These cases are discussed below in section 7.3.

Three respondents seemed to miss the phrase "We often refer to this as being bullied," in the stem of Q22 (bullying prevalence). These individuals did not consider themselves to be victims of bullying, but said 'yes' to one or more items in Q22, which asks about things other students do that were mean or hurtful to them. During probing, it became clear that the experiences they reported were not bullying, but rather things like the aftermath of a falling out with a friend, or being part of a fight during a football game in gym class. The follow up questions about repetition and power imbalances worked well to identify them as non-victims.

#### 7.2 False Negatives

#### R1V4:

This respondent (a female in 9<sup>th</sup> grade) answered "yes" to Q22a ("made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way?") and Q22b ("spread rumors about you or tried to make others dislike you?"). She said that more than one person did these things to her, and that they worked together as a team. When asked, "During this school year, how often were you bullied?" she answered "once or twice this school year." She said she did think that the bullying would happen over and over. This respondent said no to all of the power imbalance questions.

This respondent was a false negative due to her answers to the power imbalance questions. However, if a group working together as a team against an individual was considered a power imbalance, she would not have been a false negative. This student's responses and discussion of her experiences during probing highlighted the issue of some respondents thinking of a "time" or an occurrence of bullying differently than other respondents (discussed in section 6.2.1 Frequency of Bullying). Although this respondent reported multiple bullying incidents that spanned multiple weeks, she considered it a single "time" of bullying, since all of the incidents were related to the initial incident that started the bullying.

#### R2V13:

This respondent (a 10<sup>th</sup> grade male) answered yes to Q22b ("spread rumors about you or tried to make others dislike you?"). He said that the bullying occurred "once or twice a month," and was done by one other student. The student said that he did not think the bullying would happen again because he reported it to adults who intervened and put an end to it. This respondent said no to all power imbalance questions, which resulted in him being categorized as a non-victim.

When asked what Q22d ("Did this person have the ability to influence what other students think of you?) was asking, in his own words, the respondent referenced his own bullying incident. He said that his bully could influence some people, but the majority of people would not have been influenced by his bully. He said that he was thinking of the bully's close friend group when asked who his bully could influence. Although the respondent said "no" to Q22d, his comments during probing indicate that his bully did have the ability to influence what other students think of the respondent. The respondent's comments suggest that he was interpreting Q22d as asking if the bully could influence what most students or a lot of students thought of the respondent, rather than any students.

## 7.3 Self-identified Victims Who Correctly Screened Out

#### **R1NV1**:

This 10<sup>th</sup> grader considered herself a victim of bullying. She said "yes" to Q22a, has another student "made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way?" For the question asking, "During this school year, how often were you bullied?" she answered "once or twice this school year." When asked if she thought the bullying would happen over and over, she responded "no." The student said that only one student bullied her, although during probing she mentioned the main perpetrator's friends laughing and making fun of her at the time of the incident. The respondent answered "no" to the power imbalance questions about size, popularity, or power in some other way, and said, "I don't know" to the power imbalance question about having more money.

During probing, the respondent mentioned multiple times that the incident was a one-time thing. When asked about what happened, the respondent said that a girl made fun of her and pulled her hair when she walked past her in the hallway, and then the girl's friends started laughing at her as she walked past them. This upset the respondent, so she told the Dean. The Dean suspended the girl who pulled her hair "because he doesn't tolerate bullying." The fact that the Dean labeled this incident as bullying is further evidence that individual's conceptualizations of bullying vary, and that school policies and responses to bullying may not be limited to incidents that meet the CDC's criteria for bullying.

Though this respondent incorrectly self-identified as a victim based on the uniform definition, her definition of bullying aligned with other students' definitions. As previously discussed, almost half of the respondents do not think repetition is a requirement for bullying. This student's view on repetition as a requirement is what resulted in her incorrectly self-identifying as a victim. When asked what behaviors count as bullying, R1NV1 said:

"Messing with someone, calling them names, pushing them, physically harming a person and messing with them, constantly, not stopping. I feel like that's bullying. But bullying is also a one-time thing, like it's not just something that's constant. It's something that can happen maybe once to make a person feel really bad about themselves."

#### R2NV6:

This respondent (a 6<sup>th</sup> grade female) answered Q22a ("made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way?") and Q22d ("pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you?"). For the question asking, "During this school year, how often were you bullied?" she answered "once or twice this school year." When asked if she thought the bullying would happen again, she responded "no." The student said that only one student bullied her. The respondent did indicate that there was a power imbalance

between herself and the other student, saying yes to the item about being bigger or stronger, and the item about having the ability to influence what other students think of her.

When discussing the incident, the respondent said an 8<sup>th</sup> grader tripped her in the hallway and called her a name. She said the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in her school "always bully 6<sup>th</sup> graders" in this way. This respondent did not think repetition was a requirement for bullying; she thinks that behaviors that only happen once can still be considered bullying because the perpetrator is intentionally hurting someone. Though she self-identified as a victim of bullying, she did make a distinction between her experience and that of kids who get bullied consistently. She said, "Well I was bullied once, but not like that, I wasn't really bully-bullied. It's kind of difficult to remember because if you got bullied a lot, you'd remember it like that."

#### 8 TESTING THE SCHOOL CRIME SUPPLEMENT BROCHURE

During Round 3 interviews, the sponsors asked us to solicit feedback on the student version of brochure about the School Crime Supplement that is included in the advanced mailing materials for the NCVS (see pages 14-15 of Attachment B for brochure). For the final seven interviews, respondents were shown the student version of the SCS brochure and then asked a set of probing questions on their thoughts about the brochure. Respondents were asked what their first impressions of the brochure were, if they would read the brochure if a parent gave it to them, what stands out about the brochure, if there is anything they dislike about it, and what the phrase "Stay tuned!" at the bottom of the brochure means to them.

Overall, reactions to the brochure were positive. Multiple respondents said that they liked the question and answer style of the brochure because they seemed like questions someone chosen for the survey would probably ask, and the answers tell them what is about to happen in the survey. Students mentioned that the questions, "What will the survey ask me?" and "Will anyone find out what my answers are?" stood out to them as important information. When asked if they would read the brochure if their parent gave it to them, two respondents said they would not read it, one said she would "because it's colorful," three said they would "probably read it," and one said "maybe."

Only two respondents said yes when asked if there was anything they did not like about the brochure. One critique was visual, and was due to the brochure being printed on standard printer paper rather than how the official brochure would appear. The other respondent said that the answer to the question, "Why am I being asked to complete this survey?" is somewhat difficult to understand and suggested rewording it. Another respondent thought the questions were appropriately written for the intended audience (meaning in the words of 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders) but that the answers seemed like adults are answering the questions and that the answers should also be in "our own words," A

third respondent, who had just finished 10<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of the interview, thought the brochure targeted a younger audience than him. When probed on this, he was referring to visual aspects of the brochure; this student liked the content in the brochure.

Since the sponsors were particularly interested in respondents' reactions to the phrase "Stay tuned!" at the bottom of the brochure, all respondents were asked what the phrase meant to them. All respondents understood that the phrase meant that they would be hearing more about the SCS in the near future. Five of the seven respondents were asked if they liked the phrase being used in the brochure, and all five said that they did like it.

## 9 CONCLUSIONS

Overall, the findings from this study indicate that the original questions for the SCS to the NCVS were a strong start. Many of the questions performed well and required no revisions. Of the questions that required revisions, two involved minor tweaks. The phrase "over and over" was replaced with "again" in the repetition question, and the question asking if the multiple bullies were working alone or together as a team was modified to allow respondents to report that both of those occurred. Other questions had more substantial revisions. A new item was added to the power imbalance question, and the original frequency question was replaced by two new questions.

The frequency question was problematic and went through many revisions. Respondents had trouble answering every version of the question. Because the frequency question is so important in deciding who is considered a victim of bullying, any possible source of respondent confusion is problematic. Though the series of frequency questions tested in Round 3 appeared to work well, the question asking how often a student was bullied in a given time frame was still more difficult to answer than asking how many days a student was bullied during the school year.

Due to time constraints, this phase of testing was limited. The decision was made to focus mainly on the repetition and power imbalance questions, but to also collect data on other potential issues to identify questions of concern for future testing. While revising the bullying prevalence question (Q22) was not within the scope of this project, we identified an issue with the question where most students are not thinking about cyberbullying when answering it.

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# Appendix A: 2017 SCS/NCVS Cognitive Interview Recruitment Protocol

## SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SCHOOL CRIME SUPPLEMENT

IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD: Let's start with the oldest child first.

	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4
4. How old is that child? (Verify child is 12 -				
18)				
5. What is that child's name?				
6. Is male or female?				
7. What grade is in?				
8. Is Hispanic?				
9. Please choose one or more races that				
considers him/herself to be.				
White				
Black or African American				
Asian				
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander				
10. Does speak English fluently?				
11. What city or town does live in?				
12. Does attend public school,				
attend private school, or is [he/she]				
homeschooled?				
13. Has ever been bullied in school?				
(That you know of)				
13b.[IF YES TO 13] When did the most				
recent bullying incident occur? (their best				
guess is fine)				
14. Has ever bullied another student				
at school? (That you know of)				
15. If necessary, would you be able to bring				
to our office in Suitland, MD to be				
interviewed?				

IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD: Now let's talk about the [second/third/fourth] oldest child.

16. In	order to make sure that we recruit students	from a variety of backgrounds, my last
questi	ion is about your household's annual income.	Is your <u>household's</u> annual income

a. above \$25,000?

1 [] Yes 2 [] No - skip to conclusion

b. Is it above \$50,000?

1 [] Yes 2 [] No - skip to conclusion

c. Is it above \$100,000?

1 [ ] Yes 2 [ ] No

17. How did you hear about the survey?

## Attachment 5:

2017 SCS item description and rationale

#### 2017 SCS ITEM DESCRIPTION AND RATIONALE

#### **Background**

The School Crime Supplement (SCS), a supplement to the annual National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), is designed to obtain additional information about school-related victimizations. This information helps policymakers; academic researchers; practitioners at the federal, state, and local levels; and special interest groups concerned with crime in schools to make informed decisions about policies and programs. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), and the U.S. Census Bureau (CB) jointly designed the survey questionnaire. The first SCS was administered in 1989, and again in 1995, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2015. The 2017 SCS will be the 12<sup>th</sup> implementation of an occasional supplement to obtain specific information about school-related victimization and disorder on a national level.

Accurate information regarding the incidence of victimization at school and the school environment is needed to monitor changes in student experiences with victimization. The SCS presents questions related to students' experiences with, and perceptions of crime and safety at school. The question topics include: awareness of preventive measures employed by schools; students' participation in school activities; students' perception of school rules and enforcement of these rules; the presence of weapons, drugs, alcohol, and gangs in school; student bullying; hate-related incidents; and attitudinal questions relating to the fear of victimization at school. These responses supplement the NCVS survey instrument responses for a more complete understanding of the individual student's circumstances.

The eight sections of the questionnaire and the specific items in each section are detailed below. New and revised items for 2017 are highlighted in red.

#### 1. Screen Questions

	Questions	Rationale
1a.	Did you attend school at any time this school year?	These questions establish the eligibility of the individuals interviewed. The SCS sample universe
1b.	During that time were you ever home schooled?	is youth in households participating in the NCVS. However, the SCS is completed only by those youth ages 12–18 who were in primary or secondary education programs leading to a high school
1c.	Was all of your schooling this school year home schooling?	diploma (elementary through high school) sometime during the 6 months prior to the interview. Students exclusively home-schooled during the current
1d.	How many different schools have you attended since the start of this school year?	school year are not included in the remainder of the survey since many questions in the SCS are not relevant to their situation.
2a.	During the time you were home- schooled this school year, what grade would you have been in if you were in a public or private school? OR	
2b.	What grade are you in?	
3.	In what month did your current school year begin?	

#### 2. Environmental Questions

	Questions	Rationale
5a.	Is your school public or private?	These questions ask about school characteristics that
-1		are used in analyzing levels of school violence. <sup>1,2,3</sup>
5b.	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	
	students in your neighborhood attend?	
5c.	Is your school affiliated with a religion?	
6.	What grades are taught in your school?	
7.	How do you get to school most of the	These questions establish student exposure to school
	time this school year?	bus stops and routes, and walking routes
		immediately around schools, which are considered
8.	How do you get home from school most	part of the school environment.
	of the time this school year?	
9.	During this school year, have you participated in any of the following	This question asks about students' participation in various types of extra-curricular school activities.
	activities sponsored by your school:	various types of extra-cufficular school activities.
	detivities sponsored by your sensor.	Providing opportunities for extra-curricular
	a. Athletic teams at school?	activities is a strategy associated with programs
	b. Spirit groups, for example,	designed to reduce incidents of crime and bullying.
	Cheerleading, Dance Team, or	Research shows that high levels of involvement
	Pep Club?	within a school are correlated with increased student
	c. Performing arts, for example,	connectedness to the academic environment. <sup>4</sup>
	Band, Choir, Orchestra, or Drama?	However, some studies have shown the positive
	d. Academic clubs, for example,	effects of participation vary for different types of activities and by different student characteristics <sup>5,6</sup>
	Debate Team, Honor Society,	making this an area of interest for current research.
	Spanish Club, or Math Club?	making this air area of interest for earrest research.
	e. Student government?	
	f. [IF GRADES 6, 7, or 8 ASK]	
	Volunteer or community service	
	clubs sponsored by your school,	
	for example, Peer Mediators, Ecology Club, or Recycling	
	Club?	
	[IF GRADES 9, 10, 11, or 12 ASK]	
	Volunteer or community service clubs	
	sponsored by your school, for	
	example, Peer Mediators, Ecology	

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Questions	Rationale
Club, Key Club, or Interact? Do not include community service hours required for graduation.	
g. Other school clubs or school activities?	
10. The next questions are about security measures that some schools take.	This series of questions establishes student awareness of various security measures in their school.
Does your school have:	Between 2000 and 2010, public schools reported
<ul> <li>a. Security guards or assigned police officers?</li> <li>b. Other adults supervising the hallway, such as teachers, administrators, or parent volunteers?</li> <li>c. Metal detectors, including wands?</li> <li>d. Locked entrance or exit doors during the day?</li> <li>e. A requirement that visitors sign in and wear visitor badges or</li> </ul>	increased use of various safety and security measures and procedures. Question 10 differs from similar questions about school procedures in other school surveys such as SSOCS because it focuses on student awareness of these procedures. This awareness is relevant to researchers investigating whether the environment created by security measures in schools increases students' feelings of security and decreases incidents of school crime, or creates an atmosphere that is detrimental to learning and has little effect on school crime. 8,9,10
in and wear visitor badges or stickers?  f. Locker checks?	
g. A requirement that students wear badges or picture identification?	
h. One or more security cameras to monitor the school?	
<ul><li>i. A code of student conduct, that is, a set of written rules or guidelines that the school provides you?</li></ul>	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> For an extensive survey of current studies on this topic, see Nance, J. (2013) Students, Security and Race. *Emory Law Journal*. 63(1), 1-57. <sup>10</sup> Addington, L., & Yablon, Y. (2011). How Safe Do Students Feel at School and While Travelling to School? A Comparative Look at Israel and the United States. *American Journal of Education*, 117(4); 465-493.

	Questions	Rationale
11.	If you hear about a threat to school or student safety, do you have a way to report it without having to give your name?	This question indicates if students know their school has a secure procedure for reporting potential school crime. Organizations such as US Department of Health and Human Services <sup>11</sup> and the National Crime Prevention Council <sup>12</sup> recommend establishing anonymous hotlines or websites for students to anonymously report.
12.	In your classes, how often are you distracted from doing your schoolwork because other students are misbehaving, for example, talking or fighting?	These questions help define the environment in which crime and bullying incidents occur, <sup>13,14</sup> including determining the general level of disruption and the general level of crime students encounter in their school and home neighborhoods. <sup>15,16</sup>
13.	Thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following:	
	<ul> <li>a. The school rules are fair.</li> <li>b. The punishment for breaking school rules is the same no matter who you are.</li> <li>c. The school rules are strictly enforced.</li> <li>d. If a school rule is broken, students know what kind of punishment will follow.</li> <li>e. Teachers treat students with respect</li> </ul>	
16.	Thinking about the neighborhood where YOU LIVE, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following:	
	There is a lot of crime in the neighborhood where you live	
17.	Thinking about the neighborhood where YOUR SCHOOL IS LOCATED, would	

 $<sup>^{11}\</sup> http://www.stopbullying.gov/prevention/at-school/rules/index.html$ 

http://www.stopourlying.gov/provinted/lates/index/inde

<sup>&</sup>amp; Treatment Of Children, 22(3), 333.

14 Collins, J. J., Messerschmidt, P. P., Ringwalt, C. C., & Research Triangle, I. (1992). Relationship Between School Disruption & School Social

Control Activities: Summary Of Findings,

15 Smith, B. E., & Elstein, S. G. (1993). Effective ways to reduce school victimization: practical and legal concerns. Children's Legal Rights

Journal, 14(1-2), 22-38.

<sup>16</sup> Clay-Warner, J., Bunch, J., & James, K. (2009). Procedural Justice and School Crime. Conference Papers -- American Society of Criminology,

Questions	Rationale
you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or	
strongly disagree with the following:	
There is a last of colour in the	
There is a lot of crime in the	
neighborhood where you go to school.  18. Thinking about your school, would you	This question is designed to collect data for analysis
strongly agree, agree, disagree, or	This question is designed to collect data for analysis of the relationship between level of school crime,
strongly disagree with the following:	presence of security measures in school, and student
strongly disagree with the following.	perceptions of safety (see Rationale for question 10
You feel safe at your school.	above).
14. Still thinking about your school, would	These questions ask about relationships in school.
you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or	The presence of caring relationships has been found
strongly disagree with the following:	to be a key protective factor in multiple surveys of
There is a TEACHER or other ADULT	student experiences. Asking these questions on the
at school who	SCS allows direct comparison of these factors with
	a wide range of potential negative school
a. Really cares about you	experiences such as crime, bullying, and drug
b. Listens to you when you have	availability. <sup>17</sup>
something to say	
c. Tells you when you do a	Question 14 is adapted from the California Healthy
good job	Kids Survey—one of the most widely quoted
	surveys measuring student protective factors. It
15 There's extendent of extendent	consolidates two series of questions on relationships with adults and teachers from previous versions of
15. There is a student at school who	the SCS. The consolidated question is designed to
Deally some about you	reduce burden without losing predictive validity.
a. Really cares about you	reduce burden without losing predictive validity.
b. Listens to you when you have something to say	Question 15 asks about peer relationships in school.
c. Believes that you will be a success	Research indicates that the quality of friendship is
e. Beneves that you will be a success	related to protective factors. 18,19 This item was
	developed and tested during the cognitive lab study
	to be an indicator of reciprocal, supportive school
	friendships.
19. The following question refers to the	The availability of illegal substances is correlated
availability of drugs and alcohol at your	with the general level of school crime and the
school.	likelihood that students who use these substances
To be a constitute from the first of the fir	may be involved in crimes. <sup>20</sup>
Is it possible for students at your school to	
get	
a. Alcoholic beverages?	
a. Alcoholic beverages?	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> DeVoe, J. (2009). Pg. 2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>Espelage, D., Green Jr., H., & Wasserman, S. (2007). Statistical analysis of friendship patterns and bullying behaviors among youth. *New Directions for Child & Adolescent Development*, 2007(118), 61-75.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>Boulton, M.J., Trueman, M., Chau, C., Whitehand, C., & Amatya, K. (1999). Concurrent and longitudinal links between friendship and peer victimization: Implications for befriending interventions. *Journal of Adolescence*, 22, 461–466.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Elliott, E., & Rayne, K. (2008). Victimization rates and drug use among high school and college students. *Conference Papers -- American Society of Criminology*, 1.

Questions	Rationale
b. Marijuana, also known as pot, weed or	
mary jane?	
c. Prescription drugs illegally obtained	
without a presecription, such as	
Oxycontin, Ritalin, or Adderall?	
d. Other illegal drugs, such as cocaine,	
uppers, or heroin?	
20. During this school year, did you see	
another student who was under the	
influence of illegal drugs or alcohol	
while they were at school?	

#### 3. Fighting, Bullying, and Hate Behaviors

This section is the main focus of the SCS: the type and extent of victimization students experience in school. This information is a key addition to the data on victimization collected by the NCVS. Using weighting factors provided by the CB, these data can be used to estimate the extent of fighting, bullying, and hate crime victimization in schools nationally. This information is crucial to educators and policymakers in prioritizing funding and program development for school systems across the country.

The 2015 SCS included an embedded split-half design to test two versions of a series of questions on bullying victimization to capture information on repetition and power imbalance in bullying at school. The 2017 SCS reverts to use of a single version of the instrument, based on version 1 of the 2015 split half instrument, with modifications to the clarifying sub-questions added to the bullying victimization series in 2015 designed to collect information on repetition and power imbalance.

	Questions	Rationale
21a.	During this school year, have you been in one or more physical fights at school?	Determine exposure to physical violence in school as separate from bullying. <sup>21</sup>
21b.	During this school year, how many times have you been in a physical fight at school?	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Noe, K., & Petras, H. (2009). Peer victimization in middle and high school: An application of latent class analysis. *Conference Papers -- American Society of Criminology*, 1.

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- 22. Now I have some questions about what students do at school that makes you feel bad or is hurtful to you. We often refer to this as being bullied. You may include events you told me about already. During this school year, has any student bullied you? That is, has another student...
  - a. Made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you in a hurtful way?
  - b. Spread rumors about you or tried to make other dislike you?
  - c. Threatened you with harm?
  - d. Pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you?
  - e. Tried to make you do things you did not want to do, for example, give them money or other things?
  - f. Excluded you from activities on purpose?
  - g. Destroyed your property on purpose?

Question 22 has students identify ways in which they perceive they have been bullied. A single bullying construct is created from those answering "yes" to any of these subquestions to indicate that the student has been a victim of bullying. This question has been in use since 2005 and is the basis for the trend data NCES maintains on bullying in schools.

## Repetition:

- 23a. During this school year, how many days were you bullied?
- 23b. (If 23a is "one day") In that one day, how many times would you say other students did those things that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you?
- 24. Did you think the bullying would happen again?

#### Power Imbalance:

- 25. Thinking about the [time/times] you were bullied this school year, did more than one person do these things to you?
- 26. Did these people act alone, or together as a team?

In 2014, the US Department of Education (ED) participated in an interagency effort to develop uniform definitions for tracking and reporting bullying among youth.<sup>22</sup> This definition includes the elements of power imbalance and repetition as distinguishing "bullying" from other types of peer aggression. Previous cognitive testing of the SCS items and independent research indicate that students do not always restrict themselves to reporting incidents of bullying that include the dimensions of power imbalance and repetition, although they can identify if these dimensions are present when they are specified.<sup>23</sup>

CB, in conjunction with NCES and BJS developed additional questions to identify the elements of repetition and power imbalance in bullying reported on the SCS. Two versions of the questions were administered in a split-half design in 2015 to test the effects on the estimates of bullying. The results of the questions originally developed for the 2015 SCS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Gladden, R.M., Vivolo-Kantor, A.M., Hamburger, M.E., & Lumpkin, C.D. (2014). *Bullying Surveillance Among Youths: Uniform Definitions for Public Health and Recommended Data Elements, Version 1.0.* Atlanta, GA; National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Department of Education.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Ybarra, M.L., Espelage, D.L, & Mitchell, K.J. (2014). Differentiating Youth Who Are Bullied From Other Victims of Peer-Aggression: The Importance of Differential Power and Repetition. *The Journal of Adolescent Health: official publication of the Society for Adolescent Medicine* (Article in Press DOI: 10.1016/j.jadohealth.2014.02.009).

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- 27. Now I have some additional questions about the time [another student/ other students] {behavior<sub>1</sub>}, {behavior<sub>2</sub>}, and {behavior<sub>x</sub>...}. Thinking about the [person/ people] who did these things to you this school year,
  - a.[Was this person/ Were any of these people/ Was anyone in the group] physically bigger or stronger than you?
  - b. [Was this person/ Were any of these people/ Was anyone in the group] more popular than you?
  - c. [Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more money than you?
  - d. [Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have the ability to influence what other students think of you?
  - e. [Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more power than you in another way?

were reviewed<sup>24</sup> and the questions were further modified. Cognitive testing on the revised questions was completed by the CB Center for Survey Measurement in May-July 2016 (see attachment 4 for the full report on the cognitive testing results).

Questions 23-24 identify whether any incidents reported for question 22 include the element of repetition. The frequency questions included in the 2015 SCS on "how often" students were bullied or were afraid they would be bullied were confusing to some students. The revised questions are based on those that have been used successfully to identify repetitive stalking in the NCVS Supplemental Victimization Survey. In this version, multiple days or multiple incidents can be used as indicators of repetition.

Questions 25-27 identify whether any incidents reported include the element of power imbalance. Cognitive testing results indicated that the examples provided in the original power imbalance question were excluding two types of incidents: 1) those in which power was expressed through influence; and 2) those in which no one person appeared to be more powerful than the victim reporting the incident, but multiple people working together against one individual created a power imbalance. Affirmative answers on question 25 and 26 (multiple people working together) or on one of the items under question 27 (individuals with more power in some area) will be used to indicate the bullying reported includes a power imbalance.

- 28. During this school year, where did the bullying occur? Did it occur...
  - a. In a classroom at school?
  - b. In a hallway or stairwell at school?
  - c. In a bathroom or locker room at school?
  - d. In a cafeteria or lunchroom at school?
  - e. Somewhere else inside the school building?
    Specify\_\_\_\_\_

Noting where bullying occurs is important in determining trends and to develop strategies to monitor or prevent the incidences of bullying in those environments. <sup>25</sup> The 2011 and 2013 SCS included separate questions about cyber-bullying. Based on the Uniform Bullying Definition, cyberbullying is a format for bullying, not a separate type of incident. Cognitive testing results also indicated that students often experience cyber-bullying by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Lessne, D., and Cidade, M. (currently in review). *Methodology Report: Split-Half Administration of the 2015 School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey* (NCES 2017004). U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC. National Center for Education Statistics <sup>25</sup> Ringwalt, C. C., Messerschmidt, P. P., Graham, L. L., Collins, J. J., & Research Triangle, I. (1992). *Youths' Victimization Experiences, Fear of Attack Or Harm, & School Avoidance Behaviors: Summary Of Findings*,

	Questions	Rationale
	<ul><li>f. Outside on school grounds?</li><li>g. On the way to or from school such as on a school bus or at a bus stop?</li><li>h. Online or by text?</li></ul>	classmates as a continuation or precursor of in- person bullying and therefore include it with reports of school-based bullying. Item H was added in 2015 to capture information on school-related cyber- bullying. <sup>26</sup>
29.	Did you tell a teacher or some other adult at school about being bullied?	Research indicates that significant numbers of bullying incidents go unreported. Collecting this information in a confidential interview format can shed light on estimates of bullying in U.S. schools. <sup>27,28</sup> Additionally, collecting this information with reports from the same students on school attachment factors gathered in section 2 can be used to analyze what factors may increase the likelihood of reporting bullying.
30.	This school year, how much has bullying had a negative effect on  a. Your school work? b. Your relationships with friends or family? c. How you feel about yourself? d. Your physical health – for example, caused injuries, gave you headaches or stomach aches?	These questions ask about the effects of bullying experienced by students. Studies have detailed the impacts of bullying on youth. <sup>29,30</sup> Bullying is related to serious health concerns that must be tracked and addressed by medical and mental health providers. <sup>31</sup>
31.	<ul> <li>When you were bullied in school this year, did you ever think it was related to:</li> <li>a. Your race?</li> <li>b. Your religion?</li> <li>c. Your ethnic background or national origin – for example, people of Hispanic origin?</li> <li>d. Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental or developmental disabilities?</li> <li>e. Your gender?</li> </ul>	Bullying disproportionately affects various subgroups of students including students with disabilities <sup>32</sup> and students identifying with non-majority racial, religious or sexual orientation groups. <sup>33</sup> The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) and Office of Civil Rights (OCR) have both issued guidance on providing free and appropriate education to all students that includes identifying and addressing issues of harassment and victimization for all students. The data from this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Bagwell, K. (2011). Students use cellphones more than computers to cyberbully. *Education Daily*, 44(189), 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Watkins, A. M., & Maume, M. O. (2011). School victims and crime reporting. Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice, 9(4), 333-351.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Watkins, A., & Maume, M. (2007). We Don't Need No Notification: The Underreporting of Victimization by Students. *Conference Papers -- American Society of Criminology*, 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Due P, Holstein BE, Lynch J, Diderichsen F, Gabhain SN, Scheidt P, et al. (2005) Bullying and symptoms among school-aged children: international comparative cross sectional study in 28 countries. *European Journal of Public Health* 15(2):128-132.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Beran TN, Hughes G, Lupart J. (2008) A model of achievement and bullying: Analyses of the Canadian National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth data. *Educational Research* 50(1):25-39

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup>Cf. National Children's Medical Center's statement on bullying health risks at

https://www.childrensnational.org/Departments and Programs/default.aspx?Id=6089&Type=Program&Name=Clinic%20 for %20 Health%20 Problems%20 Related%20 to %20 Bullying (accessed September 9, 2013).

Swearer, S. M., Wang, C., Maag, J. M., Siebecker, A., B., & Frerichs, L. J. (2012). Understanding the bullying dynamic among students in special and general education. *Journal of School Psychology*, *50*, 503-520.
 Hightow-Weidman, L. B., Phillips, G., Jones, K. C., Outlaw, A. Y., Fields, S. D., & Smith, f. C. (2011). Racial and Sexual Identity-Related

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Hightow-Weidman, L. B., Phillips, G., Jones, K. C., Outlaw, A. Y., Fields, S. D., & Smith, f. C. (2011). Racial and Sexual Identity-Related Maltreatment Among Minority YMSM: Prevalence, Perceptions, and the Association with Emotional Distress. *AIDS Patient Care & Stds*, 25S39-S45. doi:10.1089/apc.2011.9877

	Questions	Rationale
	<ul><li>f. Your sexual orientation – by this we mean gay, lesbian, bisexual or straight?</li><li>g. Your physical appearance?</li></ul>	question can be used to generate national estimates on bullying based on perceived subgroup characteristics.
32.	During this school year, has anyone called you an insulting or bad name at school having to do with your race, religion, ethnic background or national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation? We call these hate-related words.	Hate-related speech is not reported by adolescents as often as bullying because students are often embarrassed about the message conveyed or not sure where it falls with relation to various categories of crime/bullying that should be reported. Collecting specific information on use of hate-related words in this anonymous survey will provide school
33.	<ul> <li>Were any of the hate related words related to:</li> <li>a. Your race?</li> <li>b. Your religion?</li> <li>c. Your ethnic background or national origin – for example, people of Hispanic origin?</li> <li>d. Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental or developmental disabilities?</li> <li>e. Your gender?</li> <li>f. Your sexual orientation – by this we mean gay, lesbian, bisexual or straight?</li> </ul>	personnel and policymakers information about the extent and seriousness of the crime <sup>34</sup> and its relationship to other forms of victimization.
34.	During this school year, have you seen any hate-related words or symbols written in school classrooms, school bathrooms, school hallways, or on the outside of your school building?	

 $^{34}$  Van Dorn, R. (2002). Unrecognized warning signs.  $\it Education~Week,~22 (11),~41.$ 

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#### 4. Avoidance

	Questions	Rationale
35.		This section asks about places and activities students avoid because of the likelihood of bullying, cyber-bullying, and physical attacks. Avoidance, where warranted, reduces the actual number of such incidents without reducing the risk that they will occur. Students who avoid going to classes are negatively affected not only by the experience of crime, but also by the loss of instructional time <sup>35</sup> .  The information about avoidance collected here can be used to (a) estimate overall
	Did you avoid any activities at your school because you thought someone might attack or harm you?  Did you avoid any classes because you thought someone might attack or harm you?	actual crime in schools in addition to that experienced by the absence of direct reporting from the individuals interviewed, and (b) analyze the impact it has on student behavior and academic performance 36,37,38,39,40,41.
36c.	Did you stay home from school because you thought someone might attack or harm you in the school building, on school property, on a school bus, or going to or from school?	

<sup>35</sup> Barrett, Kimberly L.; Jennings, Wesley G.; Lynch, Michael J. (2012). The relationship between youth fear and avoidance of crime in school and academic experiences. Journal of School Violence. Vol. 11 (1), 1-20.

<sup>36</sup> Pearson, F. S., Toby, J. J., & Rutgers, U. (1992). Perceived & Actual Risks Or School-Related Victimization: Final Activities Report,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Randa, R. (2007). The impact of incivilities on fear and routine activities in high schools. Conference Papers -- American Society Of Criminology, 1.

Representation of Security Administration, 17(2), whitehead, J. T. (1994). Avoidance behavior as a response to in-school victimization. Journal of Security Administration, 17(2),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Ringwalt, C. C., Messerschmidt, P. P., Graham, L. L., Collins, J. J., pg. 5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Randa, R., Drayer, A., & Lytle, D. (2008). Routine Activities of School Children: How Fear and Disorder Influence Avoidance of Specific Places. Conference Papers -- American Society Of Criminology, 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Hutzell, K. (2009). The Impact of Bullying Behaviors on School Avoidance. Conference Papers -- American Society of Criminology, 1.

## 5. Fear

	Questions	Rationale
37a.	How often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you in the school building or on school property?	This section adds to the information in Section 4, Avoidance, by asking how often students fear attack or harm.
	How often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you on a school bus or on the way to or from school?  Besides the times you are in the school building, on school property, on a school bus, or going to or from school, how often are you afraid that someone will	Students may not be able to avoid school activities even though they may fear attending <sup>42</sup> . Fear, like avoidance, harms adolescents beyond the harm attributed to the actual crimes experienced <sup>43</sup> . Fear
	attack or harm you?	results in stress, which negatively affects academic performance, can lead to inappropriate psycho-social outcomes such as acting out, and can impact future orientation such as plans to complete school. <sup>44,45</sup>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Jenkins, Patricia H. (1997). School delinquency and the school social bond. *Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency*. Vol. 34 (3), 337-367.
 <sup>43</sup> U.S. Department of Education. (2006). *Indicators of School Crime & Safety: 2006*.
 <sup>44</sup> Ades, L. (2007). Horror in the Halls: Examining Adolescent Fear, Avoidance, and Academic Difficulty. *Conference Papers -- American Sociological Association*, 1.
 <sup>45</sup> Randa, R., Drayer, A., & Lytle, D., pg. 6.

#### 6. Weapons

	Questions	Rationale
38.	Some people bring guns, knives, or objects that can be used as weapons to school for protection. During this school year, did you ever bring the following to school or onto school grounds:  a. A gun?  b. A knife brought as a weapon?	This section asks about experiences with weapons in school. Bringing weapons to school for personal protection is another indicator of the extent of the perceived level of violence in the school. Although a student may not be directly threatened or harmed by a weapon, knowing that weapons are on
39a.	c. Some other weapon?  Do you know of any other students who have brought a gun to your school during this school year?	campus can also lead to fear and avoidance of school. <sup>46</sup> Potential for violence escalates when students carry weapons in school. Negative academic and psycho-social outcomes are correlated with fear of weapo
39b.	Have you actually seen another student with a gun at school during this school year?	on campus. <sup>47,48,49</sup>
40.	During this school year, could you have gotten a loaded gun without adult permission, either at school or away from school?	

## 7. Gangs

	Questions	Rationale
41a.	Are there any gangs at your school?	This part of the survey examines the extent of gang activity in schools. Gangs are an indicator of
41b.	During this school year, how often have gangs been involved in fights, attacks, or other violence at your school?	increased crime in schools <sup>50</sup> and require separate types of interventions to address from specific incidences of crime and bullying. <sup>51</sup>
41c.	Have gangs been involved in the sale of drugs at your school during this school year?	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Mooij, Ton; Smeets, Ed; de Wit, Wouter. (2011). multi-level aspects of social cohesion of secondary schools and pupils' feelings of safety. British Journal of Educational Psychology. Vol. 81(3)3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Cao, L., Zhang, Y., & He, N. (2008). Carrying weapons to school for protection: An analysis of the 2001 school crime supplement data. Journal Of Criminal Justice, 36(2), 154-164.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Noonan, M. (2005). Guns in schools: results from the 2003 School Crime Supplement. *Conference Papers -- American Society of Criminology*. <sup>49</sup> Hong, Jun; Eamon, Mary. (2012). Students' perceptions of unsafe schools: An ecological systems analysis. *Journal of Child & Family Studies*. Vol. 21(3), p428-438.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Bradshaw, C., Waasdorp, T., Goldweber, A., Johnson, S. (2013) Bullies, Gangs, Drugs and School: Understanding the Overlap and the Role of Ethnicity and Urbanicity. *Journal of Youth & Adolescence*. 42(2), pp 220-234.

51 U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (2010). Best Practices to Address Community Gang

Problems, OJJDP's Comprehensive Gang Model, Second edition (NCJ 231200) Washington, DC.

#### 8. Student Characteristics

	Questions	Rationale
42.	During this school year, across all subjects, have you gotten mostly: A's, B's, C's D's F's or school does not give grades/no alphabetic grade equivalents.	These questions focus specifically on student academic characteristics. Information about demographic characteristics is included in the main NCVS survey. These are indicators of academic
43a.	During the last 4 weeks of school, did you skip any classes?	behavior and planning, which may be analyzed with regard to the impact of student experiences
43b.	During the last 4 weeks of school, on how many days did you skip at least one class?	with school violence and bullying. 52,53,54,55
44.	Thinking about the future, do you think you will:	
	<ul><li>a. Attend school after high school, such as a college or technical school?</li><li>b. Graduate from a 4-year college?</li></ul>	

Wynne, S. L., & Hee-Jong, J. (2011). Predictors of school victimization: Individual, familial, and school factors. Crime & Delinquency, 57(3), 458-488.
 Wynne, S., & Joo, H. (2007). Predicting School Victimization: A Multi-level Approach. Conference Papers -- American Society of Criminology, 1.
 Kuck, D., & Popp, A., pg. 2
 DeVoe, J., (2009) pg. 2

## Attachment 6:

Nonfederal publications citing data from the NCVS SCS

#### **Nonfederal Publications Citing Data from the NCVS SCS**

#### 1991

Pearson, F.S., and Toby, J. (1991). Fear of School-Related Predatory Crime. *Sociology and Social Research*, 75(3): 117-125.

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Lab, S.P., and Whitehead, J.T. (1992). School Environment and School Crime: Causes and Consequences; Summary Report. U.S. Department of Justice. Washington DC: National Institute of Justice.

Pearson, F.S., Toby, J.J., and Rutgers, U. (1992). Perceived and Actual Risks or School-Related Victimization: Final Activities Report. U.S. Department of Justice. Washington DC: National Institute of Justice.

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#### 1993

Smith, B.E., and Elstein, S.G. (1993). Effective Ways to Reduce School Victimization: Practical and Legal Concerns. *Children's Legal Rights Journal*, 14(1-2): 22-38.

#### 1994

Furlong, M.M. (1994). Evaluating School Violence Trends. School Safety, 23-27. Lab, S., and Whitehead, J. (1994, December). Avoidance Behavior as a Response to In-School Victimization. Journal of Security Administration, 17(2): 32-45.

#### 1998

Kingery, P., Coggeshall, M., and Alford, A. (1998). Violence at School: Recent Evidence From Four National Surveys. *Psychology in the Schools*, 35(3): 247-258.

## 1999

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## Attachment 7:

Incoming introductory letter from Census (NCVS-572(L))

## NCVS-572(L) PHILADELPHIA (1-2016)



# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Economics and Statistics Administration U.S. Census Bureau

Washington, DC 20233-0001 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

## FROM THE DIRECTOR U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting a survey for the U.S. Department of Justice to obtain information on the type and amount of crime committed against households and individuals throughout the country. A Census Bureau representative will be contacting you soon. Our representative will show an official identification card and ask for some important information on this subject from you and your household.

The information you provide our representative will help inform the country about how much crime there is, where it occurs, when it occurs, what crime costs victims, and which segments of the population are most frequently victimized. Since many crimes are never reported to the police, information from this survey will show a more complete picture of the amount and types of crime occurring in the United States. The survey results are used in many ways, including by citizens to evaluate their vulnerabilities, by legislators and policymakers to develop programs to aid crime victims and prevent crime, and by researchers to understand various aspects of crime victimization.

Your address is part of a scientifically selected sample of addresses chosen throughout the country for participation in this survey. Because this is a sample survey, your answers represent not only you and your household, but also hundreds of other households like yours. For this reason, your voluntary cooperation is very important. I hope you will answer all the survey questions as completely and accurately as possible. Although there are no penalties for failure to answer any question, each unanswered question substantially lessens the accuracy of the final data. Your answers will be used only to prepare statistical summaries, and no information about your household or you as an individual can be identified from these statistics. The law completely protects your confidential answers from disclosure.

Answers to the most frequently asked survey questions are on the reverse side of this letter. If you would like further information, contact the Census Bureau by writing or calling the following office:

REGIONAL DIRECTOR
US CENSUS BUREAU
100 S INDEPENDENCE MALL W #410
PHILADELPHIA PA 19106-2320

Telephone: 1-800-262-4236

Thank you for your cooperation. The Census Bureau appreciates your help.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson

Director

#### What is the National Crime Victimization Survey all about?

This survey, called the National Crime Victimization Survey, collects data measuring the types and amount of crime involving people age 12 or older. Periodically, the survey includes such additional topics as crime in schools, contacts with law enforcement, and identity theft.

#### How was I selected for this survey?

Actually, we selected your living quarters, not you personally for this survey. We scientifically selected a sample of addresses across the country to represent the entire population. At each selected address, we interview household members age 12 or older. If your household should move away while your address is still in the survey, we would interview the new family that moves in.

#### Will information I provide be confidential?

We are conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 8. Section 9 of this law requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential. We may use this information only for statistical purposes. Also, Title 42, U.S.C., Section 3732, authorizes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice, to collect information using this survey. Title 42, U.S.C., Sections 3789g and 3735, also requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential. (OMB Number: 1121-0111; Expiration Date: 08/31/2018.)

#### Do I have to participate?

The survey is voluntary, and there are no penalties for not participating. We expect the interview to take about 25 minutes. Your interview may be somewhat shorter or longer than this depending on your circumstances. If you have any comments about this survey or have recommendations for reducing its length, send them to the Chief, Victimization Statistics Branch, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Washington, DC 20531.

#### How are the data used?

Data from this survey are used to provide information on many topics related to crime and victimization, including crime in schools, trends in violent crime, costs of crime, and the response of law enforcement to reports of victimization. To see examples of reports, tables, and charts that use data from the survey, you can visit the Bureau of Justice Statistics' Web site at <www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>.

## I thought that the Census Bureau only operated every 10 years, when they counted people. What is the Census Bureau doing now?

In addition to the decennial census, which is conducted every 10 years, the Census Bureau collects many different types of statistics. We conduct other censuses required by law on a regular basis, including the censuses of business and manufacturers and the census of state and local governments. Additionally, we collect data on a monthly basis to provide current information on such topics as labor force participation, retail and wholesale trade, various manufacturing activities, and trade statistics, as well as yearly surveys of business, manufacturing and governments, family income, and education.

## Attachment 8:

Continuing household introductory letter from Census (NCVS-573(L))

## NCVS-573(L) PHILADELPHIA (1-2016)



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Washington, DC 20233-0001 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

## FROM THE DIRECTOR U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

Several months ago, a representative from the U.S. Census Bureau contacted residents at your address in connection with the National Crime Victimization Survey, which the Census Bureau is conducting for the U.S. Department of Justice. The survey now calls for us to interview at your address again. Our representative needs to update the characteristics and experiences of the current residents of this address, whether we talked with you before or whether you moved to this address since our last interview.

This survey collects important information on the extent to which individuals in this country are victims of crime. The survey results are used in many ways, including by citizens to evaluate their vulnerabilities, by legislators and policymakers to develop programs to aid crime victims and prevent crime, and by researchers to understand various aspects of crime victimization.

A Census Bureau representative from our field office will contact you shortly to ask you and other members of your household some questions on this subject. We conduct this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 8. Section 9 of this law requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential. We may use this information only for statistical purposes. Also, Title 42, U.S.C., Section 3732, authorizes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, to collect information using this survey. Title 42, U.S.C., Sections 3789g and 3735, also requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential.

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## Attachment 9:

SCS brochure for parents in English

## Some findings from the 2013 SCS include:

- About 22 percent of students ages 12-18 reported that they were bullied at school.
- About 7 percent of students ages 12-18 reported being cyber-bullied anywhere.
- The percentage of students bullied at school who reported notifying an adult (39 percent) was higher than the percentage of students cyber-bullied anywhere who reported notifying an adult (23 percent).
- About 33 percent of students who reported bullying problems at school indicated that this occurred at least once or twice a month.
- About 12 percent of students reported that gangs were present at their school.
- About 3 percent of students ages 12-18 reported that they were victims of any crime at school.
- About 2 percent of students ages 12-18 reported that they were victims of theft at school.

**Publications** 

The NCES publishes a wide variety of reports on crime and safety in schools, including the *Crime*, *Violence*, *Discipline*, *and Safety in U.S. Public Schools and Indicators of School Crime and Safety*. To learn more about these reports or the SCS, please visit <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/programs/crime">http://nces.ed.gov/programs/crime</a>.

#### Resources

- <u>www.StopBullying.gov</u>
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline
   1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)
- Child Help USA National Child Abuse Hotline
   1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)
- <u>www.victimsofcrime.org/help-for-crime-</u>victims/

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# Your Child's Experiences at School

The School Crime Supplement (SCS) to the National Crime Victimization Survey for Students in Grades 6 Through 12

#### Coming soon:

Your child will be contacted to complete the survey between January and June 2017.

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# The School Crime Supplement (SCS) is a national survey that asks students in grades 6 through 12 about experiences they had in school.

## What is the purpose of this survey?

The survey will collect information about school-related crimes on a national level, including crime and safety in schools and how it affects students.

# Why is my child being asked to complete this survey?

Your household is one of the more than 50,000 households selected to participate in the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). All students in grades 6 through 12 in households selected for the NCVS are asked to complete the 2017 School Crime Supplement (SCS). Your child's responses will represent the opinions and experiences of hundreds of other students who were not selected for the SCS.

# What is the benefit of my child answering the survey?

Your child's answers will provide valuable information that contributes to making schools safer around the country. It will help people make decisions about how to prevent and reduce crime in schools.

## Who sponsors this survey?

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) sponsor the SCS. The U.S. Census Bureau collects data for the SCS.

### How often is this survey conducted?

The SCS is conducted every two years with the NCVS. Your child is being asked to participate in the 2017 SCS.

#### What will you ask my child?

We will ask your child questions about his or her school, including:

- perceptions of practices that the school uses to prevent school-related crimes;
- perceptions of rules and equity at school;
- the availability of drugs, alcohol, and weapons at school;
- the presence of gangs at school;
- whether he or she has been victimized at school or bullied; and
- participation in extracurricular activities.

# Will anyone find out what my child's answers are?

No, your child's answers to the survey are confidential. Information about specific individuals will not be revealed and the SCS findings are released ONLY as statistical summaries. Names will never be associated with answers. Only Census Bureau employees sworn to preserve this confidentiality may see the completed questionnaires, and respondents' confidentiality is assured.

# Does my child have to complete this survey?

No, this survey is voluntary. There are no penalties for not participating, but we hope that your child will respond. Your child's responses will represent the opinions and experiences of hundreds of other students who were not selected for the SCS.

# Who uses the information from this survey?

The U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Justice use information from the SCS to help develop the *Indicators of School Crime and Safety*. People who use this information include legislators; policymakers; academic researchers; and practitioners at the federal, state, and local government levels.

## Attachment 10:

SCS brochure for students in English



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national survey that asks
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12 about experiences they
have in school.



# Do I have to take the survey?

No, the survey is voluntary and there are no penalties for not participating, but we hope that you will respond.



Why are my answers to the survey important?

Your answers will help school administrators and others interested in school crime make important decisions about how to keep schools safe.



What will the survey ask me?

We will ask you about fighting, bullying, weapons, drugs, and gangs at your school, among other things.



Why am I being asked to complete this survey?

Your household was one of more than 50,000 households selected to participate in the National Crime Victimization Survey. We're asking all students in grades 6 through 12 in those households to complete the SCS. We will collect data about crime in schools and how it affects students.



Will anyone find out what my answers are?

Your answers will not be shared with your parents, teacher, or school. Your name will not appear in any report.

## Stay tuned!

You will be contacted to complete the survey between January and June 2017.

## Attachment 11:

SCS brochure for parents in Spanish



## Estas son algunas de los resultados del SCS del 2013:

- Alrededor del 22% de los estudiantes entre las edades de 12 y 18 años informaron haber sido objeto de acoso escolar ("bullying").
- Alrededor del 7% de los estudiantes entre las edades de 12 y 18 años informaron haber sido objeto de acoso a través de Internet dentro o fuera de la escuela.
- El porcentaje de estudiantes víctimas del acoso escolar en la escuela que informaron que se lo habían contado a un adulto (39%) fue superior al porcentaje de estudiantes víctimas de acoso a través de Internet dentro o fuera de la escuela que informaron que se lo habían contado a un adulto (23%).
- Alrededor del 33% de los estudiantes que informaron sobre problemas de acoso en la escuela indicaron que estos ocurrían al menos una o dos veces al mes.
- Alrededor del 12% de los estudiantes indicaron la presencia de pandillas en su escuela.
- Alrededor del 3% de los estudiantes entre las edades de 12 y 18 años informaron que fueron víctimas de algún delito en la escuela.
- Alrededor del 2% de los estudiantes entre las edades de 12 y 18 años informaron que fueron víctimas de robos en la escuela.

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#### **Recursos**

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# Experiencias de su hijo en la escuela



de la Encuesta Nacional de Víctimas de Delitos para los estudiantes de 6.º a 12.º grado

#### Próximamente:

Su hijo recibirá la invitación para completar la encuesta entre enero y junio del 2017.

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# ¿Cuál es el propósito de esta encuesta?

La encuesta recopilará información a nivel nacional sobre los delitos en las escuelas, incluyendo la criminalidad y la seguridad en las escuelas, y cómo estas afectan a los estudiantes.

# ¿Por qué se le pide a mi hijo que conteste esta encuesta?

Su hogar es uno de los más de 50,000 hogares seleccionados para participar en la Encuesta Nacional de Víctimas de Delitos (National Crime Victimization Survey, NCVS). A todos los estudiantes de los grados entre 6 y 12 provenientes de hogares seleccionados para la NCVS se les pedirá que llenen el Suplemento sobre Delitos Escolares de 2017 (SCS). Las respuestas de su hijo representarán las opiniones y las experiencias de cientos de estudiantes que no fueron seleccionados para el SCS.

# ¿Cuál será el beneficio si mi hijo contesta la encuesta?

Las respuestas de su hijo aportarán información valiosa que contribuirá a hacer que las escuelas sean más seguras en todo el país. Esa información ayudará a las personas tomar decisiones para prevenir y reducir la criminalidad en las escuelas.

### ¿Quién auspicia esta encuesta?

El Centro Nacional para Estadísticas de la Educación (NCES) y la Oficina de Estadísticas de Justicia (BJS) auspician el SCS. La Oficina del Censo de los EE. UU. recopila datos para el SCS.

# ¿Con qué frecuencia se realiza esta encuesta?

El SCS se realiza cada dos años al mismo tiempo que la NCVS. A su hijo se le pedirá que conteste el SCS del 2017.

# ¿Qué tipo de preguntas le harán a mi hijo?

Se le harán preguntas sobre su escuela, incluso aspectos tales como:

- sus percepciones sobre lo que hace su escuela para prevenir delitos escolares;
- sus percepciones sobre las reglas y la equidad en la escuela;
- la disponibilidad de drogas, alcohol y armas en la escuela;
- la presencia de pandillas en la escuela;
- si ha sido víctima de un delito o de acoso escolar y
- su participación en actividades extracurriculares.

# ¿Sabrá alguien cuáles son las respuestas de mi hijo?

No, las respuestas a la encuesta que su hijo proporciona son confidenciales. No se revelarán los datos de los participantes individuales y los resultados del SCS se publicarán ÚNICAMENTE en forma de resúmenes estadísticos. En ningún momento se asociarán los nombres con las respuestas. Solo los empleados de la Oficina del Censo que han prestado juramento de proteger esta confidencialidad podrán ver los cuestionarios completados y se garantizará la confidencialidad del encuestado.

# ¿Está mi hijo obligado a completar la encuesta?

No, esta encuesta es voluntaria. No se aplicará ninguna sanción por no participar en ella, pero esperamos que su hijo la complete.

# ¿Quién usa la información que se recopila con esta encuesta?

El Departamento de Educación y el Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos la usan para ayudar a producir los *Indicadores de criminalidad y seguridad en las escuelas*. Entre las personas que usan esta información se encuentran legisladores responsables de formular políticas, investigadores académicos y profesionales a nivel federal, estatal y local.

#### Attachment 12:

SCS brochure for students in Spanish

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# Cuéntanos tus experiencias en la escuela

Suplemento sobre Delitos Escolares de la Encuesta Nacional de Víctimas de Delitos para los estudiantes de 6.º a 12.º grado



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El Suplemento sobre Delitos Escolares (School Crime Supplement, SCS) es una encuesta nacional en la que se les pregunta a estudiantes de 6.º a 12.º grado sobre sus experiencias en la escuela.



¿Estoy obligada | a contestar | la encuesta?

No, la encuesta es voluntaria y no se aplicará ninguna sanción por no participar en ella, pero esperamos que la contestes.



¿Por qué son importantes mis respuestas a esta encuesta?

Sus respuestas ayudarán a los administradores escolares y a otras personas interesadas en el tema de los delitos escolares a tomar decisiones importantes para hacer que las escuelas sean lugares seguros.



¿Qué preguntas me harán en la encuesta?

Las preguntas serán sobre las peleas, el acoso escolar ("bullying"), las armas, las drogas y las pandillas en tu escuela, entre otras cosas.



¿Por qué me están pidiendo a mí que complete esta encuesta?

Tu hogar fue uno de los más de 50,000 hogares seleccionados para participar en la Encuesta Nacional de Víctimas de Delitos (*National Crime Victimization Survey*). Estamos pidiendo a todos los estudiantes de los grados entre 6 y 12 de esos hogares que contesten el SCS. Vamos a recopilar datos sobre los delitos en las escuelas y cómo afectan a los estudiantes.



¿Sabrá alguien cuáles son mis respuestas?

Tus respuestas no se compartirán con tus padres, con tu maestro o maestra ni con la escuela. Tu nombre no aparecerá en ningún informe.

## ¡No lo olvides!

Entre enero y junio del 2017, se comunicarán contigo para que respondas a la encuesta.

## Attachment 13:

Nonresponse Bias Report for the 2015 School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey

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MEMORANDUM FOR

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National Crime Victimization Survey: Nonresponse Bias

Report for the 2015 School Crime Supplement

The purpose of this memorandum is to record and communicate the Nonresponse Bias Report for the 2015 School Crime Supplement (SCS) to the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS).

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Nonresponse Bias Report for the 2015 School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey

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#### 1. Executive Summary

This report presents results of our analysis of various nonresponse estimates computed for the 2015 School Crime Supplement (SCS) to the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). In addition to overall response rates, we compute item response rates, respondent and non-respondent distributions, and nonresponse bias estimates for various subgroups. Persons age 12-18 made up the universe for the estimates presented here.

#### Our key findings are:

- The overall person response rate for the SCS was about 48 percent. The NCVS household response rate in January to June 2015 was 82.5 percent. The NCVS person response rate for persons age 12-18 was 67.4 percent and the SCS person response rate was 85.8 percent.
- Nonresponse bias was associated with age categories. In the future, we could
  explore computing the NCVS noninterview adjustment within individual age
  categories (i.e. for each age from age 12 through 18).
- We observed high nonresponse bias in a lot of the same subgroups as we did for the 2013 SCS. This provides more evidence that the numbers indicate a true nonresponse bias problem in these subgroups and do not represent fluctuations in numbers due to a small sample.
- Item nonresponse is not a problem for this survey. Important questions have an 95 percent or more response rate.

#### 2. Introduction

This document provides results from our evaluation of nonresponse in the 2015 SCS. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provides guidelines for conducting a nonresponse bias study when the expected unit response rate for a survey is below 80 percent. See the guidelines in [1]. The purpose of this analysis is to evaluate the magnitude of nonresponse bias in the 2015 SCS.

#### 3. Overview of 2015 SCS

The 2015 SCS was co-designed by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). Its purpose is to produce national level estimates of school-related victimization. The supplement took place in January through June 2015 and was administered to the same sample units that were in sample for NCVS during that time period. All persons age 12-18 who completed their NCVS interview for that time period (or had proxy interviews) were in scope for estimates of SCS unit response. For SCS item response, in addition to being age 12-18 and completing their NCVS interview, persons had to meet all of the following criteria to be in scope:

- 1. Attended school any time during this school year
- 2. Enrolled in grades 6-12
- 3. Not entirely home schooled

All NCVS and SCS interviews were conducted in a computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) environment. Interviews could be conducted by telephone or by personal visit.

There were three ways that a person could be a non-respondent to the SCS:

- The entire household did not respond to NCVS.
- The household responded to NCVS, but a person within the household (that would be in scope for SCS) did not respond to the NCVS interview. This is also known as a Type Z noninterview.
- An SCS-eligible person responded to NCVS, but did not respond to SCS.

To account for nonresponse, noninterview weighting adjustments were applied as follows:

- NCVS household noninterview adjustment Weighting cells were formed by urbanicity, race, and whether or not the household was inside a Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA). A CBSA is a geographic entity that has an urban core of at least 10,000 population and surrounding counties with a high degree of social and economic integration with the urban core.
- NCVS person noninterview adjustment Weighting cells were formed by region, age, race, and sex.

• SCS noninterview adjustment – Weighting cells were formed by age, race, and sex.

We defined the demographic cells for our noninterview adjustments so that cases within a cell shared similar demographic characteristics. We expect people with similar demographic characteristics to also be similar in their likelihood to respond and be similar in their victimization rates.

#### 4. Methods

Because we cannot provide school crime estimates for non-respondents, we focused on comparing the characteristics available for both respondents and non-respondents such as sex, race, ethnicity, urbanicity, and region.

The study involved the calculation of response rates, respondent and non-respondent distributions, and nonresponse bias estimates for several different subgroups of SCS and NCVS data. The response rates tell us the percentage of a particular subgroup that responded to the SCS or the NCVS. It is useful to compare response rates for different subgroups to detect biases.

Respondent and non-respondent distributions show us the relative percentage of respondents or non-respondents within the different levels of a subgroup variable. These are different from response rates. A response rate will show what percent of males responded whereas the respondent distribution will show what percent of respondents were male. We then used Chi-Square tests to determine if the respondent and non-respondent distributions differed.

We used the "% of total" numbers and the respondent distributions to calculate the nonresponse bias estimate. The nonresponse bias estimates show the impact of nonresponse on the estimates. We calculated the person nonresponse bias estimates at the NCVS level and at the SCS level. We also computed estimates related to item nonresponse.

We produced estimates for different subgroups (such as male/female, black/non-black, different regions, etc.) to find variables that create groups of persons that are homogeneous within the group and heterogeneous between groups with respect to nonresponse. The characteristics must be available for both respondents and non-respondents.

Race and Hispanic origin are two separate variables for NCVS and SCS. OMB Guidelines state, "When data on race and ethnicity are collected separately, provision shall be made to report the number of respondents in each racial category who are Hispanic or Latino" [2]. For this particular report, however, we computed separate estimates for race cells and Hispanic origin cells. Our sample lacked enough cases to make reliable estimates for combined race and Hispanic origin categories. Thus, for statistical purposes we decided to focus on larger, collapsed subgroups.

#### Obtaining Descriptive Variables for Non-respondents

As part of NCVS processing, we first try to get some demographic values for person non-respondents from past interviews. If values cannot be found, we go to data from the corresponding NCVS household interview to get the values. These demographic values are then passed on to the SCS from the NCVS data. Given the maximum of seven NCVS interviews, we look back as far as 3.5 years to get these values.

In NCVS production, some variables that are still blank after looking at past data are imputed using the hot deck imputation method. Hot deck imputation assigns a value collected for a person with similar characteristics to the missing value. However, we are not using allocated or imputed values in this study because we thought it would be better to use actual values for the non-respondents when comparing respondents to non-respondents.

#### Weights

In the detailed weighting process for NCVS, base weights were adjusted with several different factors:

- weighting control factor
- new permit factor
- weighting factor cap
- household noninterview factor
- within-household noninterview factor
- first-stage ratio estimate factor
- second-stage ratio estimate factor.

For SCS, person weights were calculated using the NCVS final person weight. Since the noninterview adjustment components of the final NCVS weights were created so that respondents represented the non-respondents, the NCVS non-respondents did not have NCVS final person weights. Therefore, for this study we used base weights instead of

the NCVS final weights when computing weighted data. The base weight is the inverse of the probability of selection for a unit or person. When computing estimates for NCVS persons, we used NCVS base weights. When computing estimates for SCS persons, we used SCS base weights (NCVS final person weights).

Universes for the Estimates

Many of the estimates shown in this report were computed for two different universes:

- NCVS persons (all persons age 12-18 in NCVS sample)
- SCS persons (all persons age 12-18 who completed their NCVS interview)

Note that persons with the following types of interviews are considered in scope for SCS:

- interviews conducted in English or Spanish (no other language is allowed)
- proxy interviews

For tables based on the NCVS universe, we examined NCVS nonresponse. For the tables based on the SCS universe, we examined SCS nonresponse. We include both sets of estimates because it gives us a more complete picture of SCS nonresponse. Not responding to NCVS was one reason why a person did not respond to SCS.

#### Estimates

The response rates reported in this document are simply the weighted percentage of a certain group (i.e. males) that responded. For respondent distributions, the estimate for males is the weighted percentage of respondents that were male. To examine the association between nonresponse and available demographic variables, we computed chi-square tests.

To estimate nonresponse bias, we used the following formula:

$$\widehat{Bias}(\overline{y}_r) = (\overline{y}_r - \overline{y}_t) \times 100 = \left(\frac{\sum_{k \in R} w_k Y_k}{\sum_{k \in R} w_k} - \frac{\sum_{k \in T} w_k Y_k}{\sum_{k \in T} w_k}\right) \times 100$$

where

 $\overline{y}_{t}$  = the mean based on all sample cases

 $\overline{y}_r$  = the mean based only on respondent cases

R = total respondents in sample

T = total persons in sample

 $Y_k$  = indicator (0 or 1) for whether person k has the characteristic of interest

 $w_k$  = weight of person k.

For example, we estimated the nonresponse bias for males as

Nonresponse Bias = 
$$\left(\frac{\text{Weighted Total Male Respondents}}{\text{Weighted Total Respondents}} - \frac{\text{Weighted Total Males}}{\text{Weighted Total Persons}}\right) \times 100$$

Ideally, nonresponse bias estimates should be based on rates of school crime. We cannot compute our nonresponse bias estimates based on school crime because we do not know the crime rates for non-respondents.

Below we show the definitions of each type of case used in unit response estimates in this report:

- NCVS interviews Age 12-18, and we received a completed NCVS interview or a proxy interview for the person.
- NCVS non-interviews Age 12-18, in NCVS sample, and we did not receive a completed NCVS interview for the person.
- SCS interviews Age 12-18, we received a completed NCVS interview or proxy interview from the person, and we received a completed SCS interview as well.
- SCS non-interviews Age 12-18, we received a completed NCVS interview or proxy interview from the person, but we did not receive a completed SCS interview, either because of nonresponse or out of scope.

#### 5. Basic Statistics

Table 1 shows the overall response rates for NCVS households, NCVS persons age 12-18, and SCS persons, as well as a combined response rate. We estimate that only 48 percent of people in the SCS universe completed the SCS interview. Note that the household rate is based on all households because we do not know which non-responding households contain persons in the SCS universe. But, we assume that the non-responding households have similar SCS population to the respondents.

**Table 1: Overall Unit Response Rates** 

Type of Rate	Response Rate
NCVS Household	82.5%
NCVS Person (12-18)	67.4%
SCS Person	85.8%
Overall	47.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau internal data from 2015 SCS interviews

Table 2 shows the SCS noninterviews broken out by reason for non-interview.

Table 2: SCS Noninterviews by Reason for Non-interview

Reason for Non-interview	% of Non-interviews	
SCS Nonresponse	14.2%	
Refusal	8.9%	
Parental refusal	6.8%	
Student refusal	2.1%	
Not available	2.8%	
Language barrier	0.2%	
Unknown reason	2.4%	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau internal data from 2015 SCS interviews

Table 3 shows the unweighted total sample counts, total eligible units, and total completed interviews for the different types of sample units in the first half of 2015. The person universe only includes persons that are age 12-18.

Table 3: Sample Counts for January - June 2015

	Unweighted				
Sample Unit	Original Sample (Eligible & Ineligible)	Eligible Units	Completed Interviews All 12-18 years	Target Population	
NCVS Households	68,018	57,227	47,045		
NCVS Persons	N/A	9,372	6,338		
SCS Persons	N/A	6,338	5,469	4,768	

#### 6. Obtaining Values of Variables for Person Non-respondents

The following tables display the number of person non-interviews that received values for subgroup variables from previous interviews or the current household interview.

Table 4: Obtaining Values of Variables for SCS Person Non-interviews

Variable	Total Non-interviews	Obtained from Current or Past NCVS	Still Blank
Age	869	816	53
Sex	869	869	0
Race	869	864	5
Hispanic origin	869	867	2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau internal data from 2015 SCS interviews

Table 5: Obtaining Values of Variables for NCVS Person (Age 12-18) Non-interviews

Variable	Total Non-interviews	Obtained from Current or Past NCVS	Still Blank
Age	3,034	2,780	254
Sex	3,034	3,030	4
Race	3,034	3,001	33
Hispanic origin	3,034	3,014	20

Source: U.S. Census Bureau internal data from 2015 SCS interviews

As shown in the above tables, we were able to obtain values of the subgroup variables from current or past NCVS data for the large majority of person non-interviews. Therefore, we expect the subgroup estimates presented in this document to be reliable in terms of the characteristics of interviews versus non-interviews.

#### 7. Person Nonresponse Estimates

This section shows response rates, respondent and non-respondent distributions, and nonresponse bias estimates for persons. We present two tables for each type of estimate – one for SCS persons and one for NCVS persons. Due to the small number of blank values for the subgroup variables (as shown in section 6), we generally do not provide the "blank" categories in the following tables (Tables 6-7). The exception is for the tables of distributions (Tables 8-9), where it is useful to see the percentage accounted for by blanks.

## Response Rates

Table 6 shows response rates for all NCVS persons, age 12-18, by subgroup variable.

**Table 6: Person Response Rates for NCVS Persons** 

Characteristic	% of Total*	Response Rate (%)
Age		
12	14.3%	81.0%
13	13.7%	76.2%
14	11.9%	66.6%
15	13.2%	66.6%
16	14.6%	70.5%
17	12.6%	69.2%
18	12.1%	72.5%
Sex		
Male	50.2%	68.7%
Female	49.2%	73.4%
Race		
White Only	74.6%	72.3%
Black Only	14.8%	60.3%
Asian Only	6.8%	74.8%
All Others	3.9%	80.8%
Hispanic Origin		
Hispanic	26.9%	78.3%
Non-Hispanic	72.2%	69.0%
Urbanicity		
Urban	90.6%	70.6%
Rural	9.4%	75.0%
Region		
Northeast	18.5%	64.9%
Midwest	20.5%	67.3%
South	35.5%	73.0%
West	25.5%	75.9%

<sup>\*</sup>May not add to 100% because the "blank" category is not included

Table 7 shows response rates for SCS persons, by subgroup variable.

**Table 7: Person Response Rates for SCS Persons** 

Characteristic	% of Total*	Response Rate (%)
Age		
12	13.2%	83.3%
13	14.4%	83.8%
14	14.2%	91.8%
15	14.0%	86.8%
16	14.3%	88.2%
17	13.5%	85.7%
18	14.4%	84.8%
Sex		
Male	50.8%	85.3%
Female	49.2%	86.2%
Race		
White Only	75.9%	86.0%
Black Only	14.9%	84.7%
Asian Only	4.9%	81.1%
All Others	4.4%	90.2%
Hispanic Origin		
Hispanic	24.7%	87.0%
Non-Hispanic	75.2%	85.4%
Urbanicity		
Urban	81.1%	85.3%
Rural	18.9%	89.0%
Region		
Northeast	16.0%	80.8%
Midwest	23.7%	85.3%
South	36.4%	87.8%
West	23.9%	86.3%

<sup>\*</sup>May not add to 100% because the "blank" category is not included

### Respondent and Non-respondent Distributions

Tables 8 and 9 show comparisons of respondent and non-respondent distributions for persons in the different subgroups.

Table 8: Person Respondent and Non-respondent Distributions for NCVS Persons

Characteristic	Person Respondent %	Person Non-respondent %	Chi-Square Statistic (df)	P-value
Age				
12	16.3%	9.4%		
13	14.7%	11.3%		
14	11.2%	13.8%		
15	12.4%	15.2%		
16	14.5%	14.9%	20002 (7)	< 0.0001
17	12.3%	13.4%	29883 (7)	< 0.0001
18	12.3%	11.5%		
Blank	6.3%	10.6%		
Sex				
Male	48.5%	54.3%		
Female	51.5%	45.7%	4072 (1)	<0.0001
Blank	0.0%	0.0%	4972 (1)	< 0.0001
Race				
White Only	75.9%	71.2%		
Black Only	12.6%	20.3%		
Asian Only	7.1%	5.9%		
All Others	4.4%	2.6%	20347 (3)	< 0.0001
Blank	0.0%	0.0%		
Hispanic Origin				
Hispanic	29.7%	20.2%		
Non-Hispanic	70.1%	77.2%	20027 (2)	. 0 0001
Blank	0.2%	2.6%	39927 (2)	< 0.0001
Urbanicity				
Urban	90.0%	91.9%	1438(1)	< 0.0001
Rural	10.0%	8.1%		
Region				
Northeast	16.9%	22.4%		
Midwest	19.4%	23.1%	15150 (2)	. 0.000
South	36.5%	33.2%	15170 (3)	< 0.0001
West	27.3%	21.3%		

Table 9: Person Respondent and Non-respondent Distributions for SCS Persons

Characteristic	Person Respondent %	Person Non-respondent %	Chi-Square Statistic (df)	P-value
Age				
12	12.8%	15.5%		
13	14.1%	16.5%		
14	15.2%	8.2%		
15	14.2%	13.0%		
16	14.7%	11.9%	(14200 (7)	< 0.0001
17	13.5%	13.5%	614290 (7)	< 0.0001
18	14.3%	15.4%		
Blank	1.3%	6.1%		
Sex				
Male	50.5%	52.3%		
Female	49.5%	47.7%	4702 (1)	< 0.0001
Blank	0.0%	0.0%	4703 (1)	< 0.0001
Race				
White Only	76.1%	74.5%		
Black Only	14.7%	16.0%		
Asian Only	4.6%	6.5%		
All Others	4.6%	3.0%	50995 (3)	< 0.0001
Blank	0.0%	0.0%		
Hispanic Origin				
Hispanic	25.1%	22.5%		
Non-Hispanic	74.9%	77.3%	25005 (2)	0.0004
Blank	0.1%	0.3%	25905 (2)	< 0.0001
Urbanicity				
Urban	80.4%	85.2%	45231(1)	< 0.0001
Rural	19.6%	14.8%		
Region				
Northeast	15.0%	21.5%		
Midwest	23.6%	24.4%	10110170	
South	37.2%	31.2%	131184 (3)	< 0.0001
West	24.1%	23.0%		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau internal data from 2015 SCS interviews

The chi-square tests for NCVS persons showed significant differences (at the alpha=0.10 level) for the distributions for all of the variables. The chi-square test for SCS persons also showed significant differences for all the distributions. For the distributions that were shown to be significantly different, one needs to determine if the differences are of practical importance. This was done using the nonresponse bias measure below.

# Nonresponse Bias Estimates

Our estimates of nonresponse bias are not based on school crime estimates. The estimates of nonresponse bias shown in tables 10 and 11 were computed by subtracting the third column (percentage of total persons with the characteristic of interest) from the second column (percentage of respondents with the characteristic of interest).

**Table 10: Nonresponse Bias Estimates for NCVS Persons** 

Characteristic	% of Respondents	% of Total	Nonresponse Bias	Bias As Percent of "%of Total"	SE of "% of Total" Est.
Age					
12	16.3%	14.3%	2.0	14.0%	0.8%
13	14.7%	13.7%	1.0	7.3%	0.8%
14	11.2%	11.9%	-0.7	-5.9%	0.7%
15	12.4%	13.2%	-0.8	-6.1%	0.7%
16	14.5%	14.6%	-0.1	-0.7%	0.8%
17	12.3%	12.6%	-0.3	-2.4%	0.7%
18	12.3%	12.1%	0.2	1.7%	0.7%
Sex					
Male	48.5%	50.2%	-1.7	-3.4%	1.3%
Female	51.5%	49.2%	2.3	4.7%	1.3%
Race					
White Only	75.9%	74.6%	1.3	1.7%	1.2%
Black Only	12.6%	14.8%	-2.2	-14.9%	0.8%
Asian Only	7.1%	6.8%	0.3	4.4%	0.5%
All Others	4.4%	3.9%	0.5	12.8%	0.4%
Hispanic Origin					
Hispanic	29.7%	26.9%	2.8	10.4%	1.1%
Non-Hispanic	70.1%	72.2%	-2.1	-2.9%	1.2%
Urbanicity					
Urban	90.0%	90.6%	-0.6	-0.7%	0.8%
Rural	10.0%	9.4%	0.6	6.4%	0.6%
Region					
Northeast	16.9%	18.5%	-1.6	-8.6%	0.9%
Midwest	19.4%	20.5%	-1.1	-5.4%	0.9%
South	36.5%	35.5%	1.0	2.8%	1.2%
West	27.3%	25.5%	1.8	7.1%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau internal data from 2015 SCS interviews

Table 11: Nonresponse Bias Estimates for SCS Persons

Characteristic	% of Respondents	% of Total	Nonresponse Bias	Bias As Percent of "%of Total"	SE of "% of Total" Estimate
Age					
12	12.8%	13.2%	-0.4	-3.0%	0.7%
13	14.1%	14.4%	-0.3	-2.1%	0.8%
14	15.2%	14.2%	1.0	7.0%	0.8%
15	14.2%	14.0%	0.2	1.4%	0.8%
16	14.7%	14.3%	0.4	2.8%	0.8%
17	13.5%	13.5%	0.0	0.0%	0.8%
18	14.3%	14.4%	-0.1	-0.7%	0.8%
Sex					
Male	50.5%	50.8%	-0.3	-0.6%	1.3%
Female	49.5%	49.2%	0.3	0.6%	1.3%
Race					
White Only	76.1%	75.9%	0.2	0.3%	1.2%
Black Only	14.7%	14.9%	-0.2	-1.3%	0.8%
Asian Only	4.6%	4.9%	-0.3	-6.1%	0.4%
All Others	4.6%	4.4%	0.2	4.5%	0.4%
Hispanic Origin					
Hispanic	25.1%	24.7%	0.4	1.6%	1.0%
Non-Hispanic	74.9%	75.2%	-0.3	-0.4%	1.2%
Urbanicity					
Urban	80.4%	81.1%	-0.7	-0.9%	1.1%
Rural	19.6%	18.9%	0.7	3.7%	0.9%
Region					
Northeast	15.0%	16.0%	-1.0	-6.3%	0.8%
Midwest	23.6%	23.7%	-0.1	-0.4%	1.0%
South	37.2%	36.4%	0.8	2.2%	1.2%
West	24.1%	23.9%	0.2	0.8%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau internal data from 2015 SCS interviews

For the NCVS interview, the nonresponse bias estimate for the age 12 and 13 groups were 14 and 7 percent respectively of all sample persons. These estimates were significantly different than the estimates for the other age categories. The nonresponse bias estimates for all races are significantly different from each other. The 10.4% estimate for the Hispanic category was significantly higher than the estimate for the non-Hispanic category. The 6.4% estimate of Rural is also significantly higher than the Urban. The nonresponse bias estimates for all the regions were significantly different from each other. The age group, race group, Hispanic group, and region all showed bias, meaning that nonresponse bias is a potential issue.

For the SCS interview, the 7% estimate for the age 14 group was significantly higher than the estimates for all other age categories. The -6.1% estimate for Asian is significantly lower than for other race categories. The 3.7% estimate in the Rural is significantly higher than for the Urban. The -6.3% in the Northeast was significantly lower than the estimate for all other regions.

# Person Nonresponse Conclusions

In the weighting process, the person non-interview adjustments are applied to cells that were created by region, age, race, and sex. We expect the weighting adjustments to reduce the effect of nonresponse for these categories. Results in this report show that age and race subgroups have some of the highest nonresponse bias, which confirms the use of this variable in the nonresponse weighting adjustment. The SCS nonresponse weighting adjustment was performed within individual age categories (each age 12-18), but the NCVS nonresponse adjustment was performed within age ranges. The lowest age range for non-reference persons was ages 12-17. For the sake of SCS, we could explore computing the NCVS nonresponse adjustment within each of the individual ages.

The results showed NCVS nonresponse bias was highest for the age, race/ethnicity, urbanicity, and geographic region. These results are consistent with the results given in the 2013 SCS report [3]. Given that the SCS had a relatively small sample and the subgroups represent even smaller numbers, we would expect some fluctuations in nonresponse bias estimates. However, the fact that the same groups showed nonresponse bias for two consecutive SCS reports provides more evidence that these subgroups may have a nonresponse bias associated with them.

As previous nonresponse bias reports pointed out, high nonresponse bias is shown in the Hispanic category but Hispanic origin was not used in creating cells for the noninterview weighting adjustment in the past. However, beginning in 2015, we calibrate the weights to population controls by age and Hispanic origin. This should mitigate some potential bias in the public use file.

Based on the chi-square tests and the nonresponse bias estimates, we believe there may be nonresponse bias for the given subgroups in the NCVS interviews as well as the SCS interviews.

# 8. Item Nonresponse Estimates

We computed nonresponse statistics for the following items from the SCS:

- Question #19a Is it possible to get alcoholic beverages at your school?
- Question #19b Is it possible to get marijuana at your school?
- Question #19c Is it possible to get illegal prescription drugs at your school?
- Question #19d Is it possible to get other illegal drugs at your school?
- Question #22a During this school year, has any student made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you in a hurtful way?
- Question #22b Has any student spread rumors about you or tried to make others dislike you?
- Question #22c Has any student threatened you with harm?
- Question #22d Has any student pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you?
- Question #22e Has any student tried to make you do things you did not want to do?
- Question #22f Has any student excluded you from activities on purpose?
- Question #22g Has any student destroyed your property on purpose?
- Question #ALT22— Have you been bullied at school, by another student this school year?
- Question #ALT22a— Was any of the bullying verbal?
- Question #ALT22b— Was any of the bullying physical?
- Question #ALT22c- Was any of the bullying social?

Due to the skip pattern on the SCS questionnaire, the different items apply to different subgroups of the sample persons. For example, when respondents were asked question ALT22 (has any student bullied you), and the answer was "yes," they also had to answer question ALT22a (was bullying verbal?). If the answer for ALT22 was "no," they skipped ALT22a.

**Table 12: Item Response Rates** 

Item	Total Persons in Universe	Response Rate
Question #19a	4,768	96.7%
Question #19b	4,768	96.0%
Question #19c	4,768	94.6%
Question #19d	4,768	94.8%
Question #22a	2,344	98.3%
Question #22b	2,344	98.3%
Question #22c	2,344	98.3%
Question #22d	2,344	98.4%
Question #22e	2,344	98.4%
Question #22f	2,344	98.3%
Question #22g	2,344	98.3%
Ques #ALT22	2,424	98.7%
Ques #ALT22a	202	100%
Ques #ALT22b	202	100%
Ques #ALT22c	202	100%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau internal data from 2015 SCS interviews

The response rate for all items are about 95 percent or more. We do not have believe that there is a nonresponse problem for items.

# 9. Limitations

- 1. Using past data to assign subgroup variables to non-respondents Due to inmovers and outmovers, it is possible for subgroup variables that we get from past data to be out of date. However, we do not believe our results need to be 100% accurate in order to show major differences between respondents and non-respondents. Also, we assume that the demographics of neighborhoods do not change very much in three and one half years.
- 2. Determining the universe By defining the overall universe as all persons age 12-18, we only approximate the persons in the original NCVS sample that would be in scope for SCS. The information that determines whether or not an NCVS interview is in

scope for SCS is collected at the beginning of the SCS interview. Therefore, we did not know exactly how many of the NCVS non-interviews would have been in scope for SCS.

3. Dependence in the data – Housing units were sampled for NCVS, and then persons within the sample housing units were interviewed for NCVS and SCS. This means that the sample persons were clustered within housing units, so the persons were not completely independent. The chi-square test assumes independence, so this clustering should be considered when examining the chi-square test results.

# 10. References

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- [3] Evaluating Nonresponse Bias in the 2013 School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey (2014). Memorandum from the U.S. Census Bureau to the National Center for Educations Statistics.

# Attachment 14:

2017 National Crime Victimization Survey School Crime Supplement Cognitive Pretesting Protocols

# COGNITIVE PRETESTING OF THE SCHOOL CRIME SUPPLEMENT TO THE NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY

# **PROTOCOLS**

# 2017 SCS to the NCVS

# **Round 1 Cognitive Interview Protocol**

# **Cognitive Testing of NCVS SCS**

PARTICIPANT ID #: _		DATE:/ 2016	6
INTERVIEWER'S NAM	E:		_
START TIME::	AM / PM		
Hello, my name is	and I work for the Census Burea	au. It's nice to meet you and	thank you very much for helping us out

IF NECESSARY, CREATE SMALL TALK TO BUILD RAPPORT WITH THE STUDENT BY ASKING A QUESTION, SUCH AS:

• What is your favorite subject in school? RESPOND ACCORDINGLY (e.g., if the student responds with "science," ask them what they are studying in their science class).

# Section 1: (If applicable) Observers:

today.

Before we get started let me mention that there are some observers watching the interview in another room. They are only watching to get an idea of how the guestions in the survey we are going to talk about are working.

# Section 2: Information about today's survey

Let me start by telling you a little bit about what we're doing here. The Census Bureau conducts many surveys in addition to the head count every 10 years. Since so many agencies rely on data from the Census Bureau, it is extremely important that this information be as accurate as possible.

In order to help us improve our surveys, we turn to people like you to find out if our questions make sense and are easy to understand and answer. The survey we'll talk about today is sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics, which is part of the U.S. Department of Education, who recently made some changes to their questionnaire. The research we're doing today will help us figure out if those changes are working for students like you, and it will help us improve the accuracy of our data.

I'm going to go through the questionnaire like a real interview, but I'm mainly interested in your reactions to the questions. So after we go through some of the questions, I'll stop and ask you some follow up questions about the survey questions you answered. For example, I might reread a question from the survey, and ask you what certain words or phrases in the question mean to you, or what you were thinking about when you were answering. There are no right or wrong answers, we just want to know your thoughts and reactions to the questions to help us make them better so that other students like you can easily understand them.

The things we will talk about in the interview today will only be used in our research to help us improve the survey. Your name will not be attached to anything you say. Direct quotes may be used in research papers and professional presentations, but your name and any names you might mention today will never be used in our reports and presentations. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You can refuse to answer or skip over any particular questions. If at any time you decide you do not want to go on, that is your choice and you may stop. Please feel free to ask me any questions at anytime. I may not be able to answer every question you have, but I will try.

# Section 3: Taping:

I'd like to ask for your permission to audio tape the session today. The main reason we tape these interviews is so that we don't have to rely on notes or our memories later. This allows me to concentrate on what you're saying during the interview. What you say on the tape may be used only for research purposes and cannot be told to anybody else not working on this project except as required by law (20 U.S.C., § 9573).

Do you have any questions about the recording?

AFTER ANSWERING QUESTIONS AND GIVING FURTHER EXPLANATION, CONTINUE. IF THE PARTICIPANT IS NO LONGER INETERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, THANK THE PARTICIPANT FOR HIS/HER TIME AND END THE INTERVIEW.

#### Section 4: Informed Consent

# [If student is under 18]:

Your parent signed a form giving you permission to participate today. I am going to tell you about what was in that document. The document that your parent signed explains the purpose of the study and how we will protect your information. In addition to what I have just mentioned about never sharing your name or any names you say during the interview, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that:

- Your participation is voluntary and you may stop the interview at any time
- You can refuse to answer any of the questions asked or take a break at any time
- Your responses in this study may be used only for research purposes and will not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose, except as required by law. (20 U.S.C. § 9573)
- As stated in the form, we would like to record this interview to assist in our ability to write a report summarizing the interview.

#### [If student is 18]:

Before we start, I'm going to give you a written consent form.

#### HAND 1 COPY OF THE INFORMED CONSENT DOCUMENT TO THE PARTICIPANT

This document explains the purpose of the study and how we will protect your information. In addition to what I have just mentioned about never sharing your name or any names you say during the interview, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that:

- Your participation is voluntary and you may stop the interview at any time
- You can refuse to answer any of the questions asked or take a break at any time
- Your responses in this study may be used only for research purposes and will not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose, except as required by law. (20 U.S.C. § 9573)
- As stated in the form, we would like to record this interview to assist in our ability to write a report summarizing the
  interview.

Thank you for signing the consent form. I will also sign this form to show that I agree to everything in the form. At the end of the interview, I'll be sure to give you a copy for you to take with you.

- ASK PARTICIPANT IF (S)HE HAS ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONSENT FORM.
- 2. IF PARTICIPANT AGREES, OBTAIN THE RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE TO PROCEED ON ONE COPY OF THE FORM; INTERVIEWER SHOULD ALSO SIGN THE FORM AT THIS TIME.
- 3. MAKE SURE RESPONDENT TAKES ONE COPY WITH THEM WHEN THE INTERVIEW IS OVER AT THE END OF THE INTERVIEW.

# [All students]:

Are you comfortable with me recording this interview?

IF PARTICIPANT PROVIDES CONSENT TO HAVE THE SESSION AUDIO-TAPED:

I'm going to turn on the recorder now, and once it is on, I'm going to ask for your permission to record today, and then we will get started.

TURN ON TAPE RECORDER, ASK FOR PERMISSION TO RECORD ON THE TAPE, AND BEGIN THE INTERVIEW.

OK, let's begin.

#### **INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTIONS:**

NOTE ANY CONFUSION OR DIFFICULTIES RESPONDENTS HAVE WITH THE QUESTIONS.

#### **RETROSPECTIVE PROBING (R=respondent):**

IF YOU NOTICED R HAVING COGNITIVE DIFFICULTY ANSWERING ANY OF THE QUESTIONS YOU ARE PROBING ON, MAKE SURE TO PROBE ON R'S DIFFICULTY WITH THE QUESTION. GO THROUGH THE SURVEY WITHOUT PROBING UNTIL YOU GET TO QUESTION 34. GO THROUGH THE RETROSPECTIVE PROBES WITH R. BE SURE TO PROBE ON ANY OF THE RESPONDENT'S APPARENT DIFFICULTY OR HESITATION. AFTER ALL PROBES, CONTINUE THE SURVEY AT QUESTION 35, FOLLOWED BY THE DEBRIEFING QUESTIONS.

NOTICE - We are conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Section 8. Section 9 of this law requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential. We may use this information only for statistical purposes. Also, Title 42, Section 3732, United States Code, authorizes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice, to collect information using this survey. Title 42, Sections 3789g and 3735, United States Code also requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential.

requires	us to keep all information about y	ou and your household strictly confidential.						
	ASK OF ALL F	PEOPLE AGES 12-18	FORM SCS-1		MENT OF COMMERCE  Statistics Administration			
We estimate that it will take from 5 to 15 minutes to complete this interview with 10 minutes being the average time. If you have any comments regarding these estimates or any other aspect of this survey, send them to the Associate Director for Finance and Administration, Room 2027, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington DC 20233, or to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. According the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no such persons are required to respond to a collection information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number.  Control number  Survey Code PSU Frame Code Sample Designation/Suffix Sequence # HH # Time of Interview				U.S. Census Bureau  ACTING AS COLLECTING AGENCY FOR THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS  U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  SCHOOL CRIME SUPPLEMENT  TO THE NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY  2017  QUESTIONNAIRE				
<b>A.</b> FR	Code	B. Respondent						
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		E. SCREEN QUESTIONS	FOR SUF	PPLEMENT				
E_ATT 1a.	TENDSCHOOL Did you attend schoo	I at any time this school year?	006	1 □ Yes 2 □ No - <b>SKIP</b> t	o <b>END</b>			
E_HOI 1b.	That is, did you receive	e you ever homeschooled? ve ANY of that schooling at a public or private school?		1 □ Yes 2 □ No - <i>SKIP</i> to	Q1d			
E_ALL	.HOMESCHOOL					<del></del>		
1c.	Was all of your school homeschooling?	ling this school year	007	1 □ Yes - <b>SKIP</b> t 2 □ No	to <i>END</i>			
E_DIFFSCHOOL_ATTENDED								
1d.		year? chooling as one school.	185SCS	1 □ One school 2 □ Two school 3 □ Three or mo	s			
	(only asked if student	answered "yes" to being						

homeschooled)

_	ATGRADE			000				
2b.	What grade are you in	?		008 0 ☐ Fifth or under - <b>SKIP</b> to <b>END</b>				
					1 □ Sixth 2 □ Seventh 3 □ Eighth 4 □ Ninth			
E_WH	ATGRADEOTHER				5 □ Tenth SKIP to INTRO_2 6 □ Eleventh 7 □ Twelfth 8 □ Other - Specify			
					9 ☐ College/GED/Post-graduate/ Other noneligible - <b>SKIP</b> to <b>END</b>			
INTER'		tion if R wa	as homeschooled part of	the year	or $(Q1b = "Yes" and Q1c = "No")$ ; <b>ELSE skip</b> to $Q6$			
The fo	llowing questions perta	in only to	your attendance at a p	ublic or	private school and not to being homeschooled.			
6.	What grades are taugh	nt in your	school?		Grades:			
	Pre-K or Kindergarten	00 01 02 03		020	TO (lowest) <b>F_GRADES_LOW</b>			
		03 04 05 06		021	(highest) F_GRADES_HIGH			
		07						
		08 09						
		10						
		11 12	H.S. Senior					
		13	Post-graduate					
		20	All ungraded					
		30	All Special Education					

10. The next questions are about security measures that some schools take.						
Does your school have:		Yes	No	Don't know	School does not have lockers	
F_SAFETY_POLICE						
a. Security guards or assigned police officers?	028	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □		
F_SAFETY HALLSTAFF b. Other adults supervising the hallway, such as						
teachers, administrators, or parent volunteers?	029	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □		
F_SAFETY_ METAL_DETECTORS						
c. Metal detectors, including wands?						
(The definition for the term 'metal detector' is a device used to	030	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □		
check for weapons students might be trying to bring onto school						
property. The metal detector may be in a form of a doorframe,						
which you are asked to walk through. It may also be in the form						
of a hand-held metal detector that looks like a wand or paddle,						
which is moved around your body.)						
F_SAFETY_DOORS_LOCKED						
d. Locked entrance or exit doors during the day?	031	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □		
F_SAFETY_SIGN_IN		. —		<b>-</b>		
e. A requirement that visitors sign in AND wear	032	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □		
visitor badges or stickers?						
F_SAFETY_LOCKER_CHECKS						
f. Locker checks?	033	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 □	
F_SAFETY_STUDENT_ID g. A requirement that students wear badges or						
picture identification?	094	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □		
F_SAFETY_CAMERAS						
h. One or more security cameras to monitor	005	4 🗖	۰	۰. ۵		
the school?	095	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □		
F_SAFETY_CODE_OF_CONDUCT						
i. A code of student conduct, that is, a set of	096	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □		
written rules or guidelines that the school	090	1 🗀	2 ⊔	3 🗆		
provides you?						
F DEDORT						
F_REPORT  11. If you hear about a threat to school or student safety,		Yes	No	Don't kno	ow	
do you have a way to report it without having to give	407	4 🗖	۰	0. 🗖		
your name?	167	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □		
F_DISTRACTED 12. In your classes, how often are you distracted from	156	1 □ Ne				
doing your schoolwork because other students are	are 2 □ Almost never					
misbehaving, for example, talking or fighting?		3 ☐ Sometimes				
(READ CATEGORIES.)		4 □ <b>Mo</b>	st of th	ne time		
(						

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
036	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
037	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
038	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
127	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagre	Strongly e Disagree
173SCS	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
175SCS	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
176SCS	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
186SCS	6 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
187SCS	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
188SCS	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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school. Your answers will not be given to anyone.

	Yes	No
040	1 🗆	2 🗆
041	1 🗆	2 🗆
159	1 🗆	2 🗆
209SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆
ND HATE E	BEHAVIOR	S
		(IP to Q22
104	□□ (N	lumber of times)
	041 159 209SCS AND HATE E 103 1 2	040 1

22. Now I have some questions about what students do at school that make you feel bad or are hurtful to you. We often refer to this as being bullied. You may include events you told me about already. During this school year, has any student bullied you?  That is, has another student			
mat is, has another student			
(Read each category a-g.)  G_BULLY_MADE_FUN		Yes	No
<ul> <li>a. Made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way?</li> </ul>	134	1 🗆	2 🗆
G_BULLY_RUMOR  b. Spread rumors about you or tried to make others dislike you?	135	1 🗆	2 🗆
G_BULLY_THREAT c. Threatened you with harm?			
G_BULLY_CONTACT	136	1 🗆	2 🗆
d. Pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you?	137	1 🗆	2 🗆
G_BULLY_COERCED  e. Tried to make you do things you did not want to do, for example, give them money or other things?	138	1 🗆	2 🗆
G_BULLY_EXCLUDED f. Excluded you from activities on purpose?	139	1 🗆	2 🗆
G_BULLY_DESTROYED_PROP	139	ТШ	2 🗆
g. Destroyed your property on purpose?	140	1 🗆	2 ☐ If all categories a-g are marked "No" <b>SKIP</b> to Q32
Thinking about the Mirror Mirror I was suggested this			
23. Thinking about the [time/times] you were bullied this school year, did more than one person do these things to you?		1 □ Yes 2 □ No - <i>SKIF</i>	Pto: Q25
24. Did these people act alone or together as a team?		1 ☐ Alone 2 ☐ Together 3 ☐ Don't know	N

G_BULLY_MORE_POWER  25. Now I have some additional questions about the time [another student/ other students] {behavior₁}, {behavior₂}, and {behaviorx}. Thinking about the [person/ people] who did these things to you this school year,	
,	Yes No
a. [Was this person/ Were any of these people/ Was anyone in the group] physically bigger or stronger than you?	1 🗆 2 🗆
b. [Was this person/ Were any of these people/ Was anyone in the group] more popular than you?	1 🗆 2 🗆
c. [Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more money than you?	1
d. [Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more power than you in another way?	1 🗆 2 🗆
G_BULLY_HOW_OFTEN  26. During this school year, how often were you bullied?  (READ CATEGORIES 1-4.)	142 1 □ Once or twice this school year 2 □ Once or twice a month - SKIP to: Q28 3 □ Once or twice a week, or - SKIP to: Q28 4 □ Almost every day - SKIP to: Q28
G_BULLY_OVER_AND_OVER 27. Did you think the bullying would happen over and over?	1 □ Yes 2 □ No
G_BULLY_WHERE1 through G_BULLY_WHERE8 28. Still thinking about all of the times that you were bullied, where did the bullying occur? Did it occur  (READ CATEGORIES) Mark (X) all that apply  G_BULLY_WHERE_SPECIFY  Where is the other place where bullying occurred?	143 1 ☐ In a classroom at school? 168 2 ☐ In a hallway or stairwell at school? 169 3 ☐ In a bathroom or locker room at school? 173 4 ☐ In a cafeteria or lunch room at school? 146 5 ☐ Somewhere else inside the school building? – Specify 144 6 ☐ Outside on school grounds? 145 7 ☐ On the way to or from school such as on a school bus or at a bus stop? 211SCS 8 ☐ Online or by text?
G_BULLY_ADULT_TOLD  29. Did you tell a teacher or some other adult at school about being bullied?	147 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No

30. This school year, how much has bullying had a NEGATIVE effect on: (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)		Not at all	Not very much	Somewhat	A lot
G_SCHOOL_WORK a. YOUR school work.	196SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
G_RELATION_FRIEND_FAMILY b. YOUR relationships with friends or family.	197SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
G_ABOUT_YOURSELF  c. How you feel about YOURSELF.	198SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
G_PHYSICAL_HEALTH d. YOUR physical health for example, caused injuries, gave you headaches or stomach aches.	199SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
31. When you were bullied in school this year, did you ever think it was related to		Yes	No		
G_BULLY_RACE a. YOUR race?	200SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLY_RELIGION b. YOUR religion?	201SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLY_ETHNIC_ORIGIN  c. YOUR ethnic background or national origin - for example, people of Hispanic origin?	202SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLYING_DISABILITY  d. Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental, or developmental disabilities?	203SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLYING_GENDER e. YOUR gender?	204SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLYING_ORIENTATION  f. YOUR sexual orientation - by this we mean gay, lesbian, bisexual, or straight?  G_BULLYING_APPEARANCE	205SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
g. YOUR physical appearance?	206SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_HATE 32. During this school year, has anyone called you an insulting or bad name at school having to do with your race, religion, ethnic background or national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation? We call these hate-related words.		⊒ Yes ⊒ No - <b>S</b> #	(IP to Q34		

33. Were any of the hate-related words related to		Yes	No	Don't know
G_HATE_RACE a. Your race?	107SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □
G_HATE_RELIGION b. Your religion?	108SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_ETHNICITY  c. Your ethnic background or national origin- for example, people of Hispanic origin?	109SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_DISABILITY d. Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental, or developmental disabilities?	110SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_GENDER e. Your gender?	111SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_SEXUAL_ORIENTATION  f. Your sexual orientation – by this we mean gay, lesbian, bisexual or straight?	112SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_WORDS  34. During this school year, have you seen any hate-related words or symbols written in school classrooms, school bathrooms, school hallways, or on the outside of your school building?		⊒ Yes ⊒ No		

#### Probes (Q22):

Now I have a few questions about some of the items you just answered.

Earlier I asked you this question: [HAND R THE SINGLE PAGE OF Q22 TO REFERENCE, R WILL REFERENCE THIS THROUGH THE INTERVIEW, SO DON'T TAKE IT BACK]

#### If any Q22 a - g = yes:

When I asked you if any student had bullied you and read a list of things bullies might do, you said yes to items \_\_\_\_\_ [SAY WHICH LETTERS R SAID YES TO, DO NOT READ BEHAVIORS. Ex - "you said yes to items b and d"].

a. Can you tell me about what happened?

#### If Q22 = no to all:

When I asked you if any student had bullied you and read a list of things bullies might do, you said no to all items.

- **b.** Did any of those things happen to you that you didn't count as bullying? Can you tell me more about why you didn't include them here?
- **C.** Did other students do any other things that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you? Can you tell me more about that?
- d. [If applicable] Do you think those things they did count as bullying? (Why or Why not?)

#### All respondents:

- e. Can you tell me, in your own words, what it means to be bullied?
- f. What kinds of behavior do you think count as bullying? (Why?)
- g. Are there other examples of bullying that we didn't ask about?

IF R SAID NO TO ALL ITEMS IN Q22, SKIP TO: PROBES (Q25).

# Probes (Q24): (skipped if Q23 = no)

Interviewer note: We want to know if they experienced multiple isolated incidents by different people, or if the same person did multiple things.

Now let's think about this question: "Did these people act alone or together as a team?"

#### If Q24 = Alone:

- a. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- **b.** How many different people bullied you?
- c. Did any of these people do more than one thing or do the same thing more than once?
- d. (If necessary) Can you tell me which people did the different things to bully you?
- **e.** Even though these people acted alone, do you think that some of the things that different people did to you were related in some way? Can you tell me more about that?

#### If Q24 = Together or DK:

- f. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- g. (If necessary) Can you tell me more about the people who bullied you in each incident?

#### All respondents:

**h.** (If necessary) What bullying incidents were you thinking of when you were answering this question?

#### Probes (Q25):

If any in Q22 = yes: Earlier I asked you about whether [the person was/ the people were /anyone in the group was] bigger, stronger, more popular, had more money, or had more power than you in some other way. Here are those questions for you to look at when I ask the next questions. [HAND R PAGE WITH Q25 WITH APPROPRIATE FILLS]

If all in Q22 = no: Now I am going to read you some questions you would have been asked if you had been bullied. You do not have to answer the questions. Instead, after I read them, I am going to ask you some follow up questions to get your thoughts and opinions. Here are those questions for you to look at while I read them and ask follow up questions. HAND R PAGE WITH Q25 WITH GROUP FILLS.

#### If any in Q25a-c = yes:

#### [ASK PROBES A & B FOR EACH YES IN Q25A-C, THEN ASK PROBE C]

- a. You said yes to \_\_\_. Can you tell me more about that?
- **b.** Did the fact that they [were bigger/ were more popular/ had more money] than you make you feel like they were bullying you when they did the things you told me about? (Why or why not?)

(REPEAT 1 & 2 FOR EACH YES BEFORE ASKING 3)

**c.** Which bullying incidents were you thinking of when you were answering these questions [POINT TO Q25 HANDOUT]?

#### If Q25d = yes:

d. You said yes to Q25d. In what other way did they have more power than you?

#### All respondents:

- e. One question asks "[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more money than you?" What does the phrase "have more money than you" mean to you in this question?
- f. Another question asks "[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more power than you in another way?" What does the phrase "have more power than you" mean to you in this question?

- **g.** We gave three examples of having more power being bigger or stronger, being more popular, or having more money. Do you agree or disagree that these are ways bullies have more power over someone? Why or why not? Can you think of other ways a bully can have more power over someone?
- h. If two students are about the same size, are just as strong, equally popular, and have about the same amount of money, but one student is older than the other one, does the older student have more power than the younger student? What about if one student was in a higher grade than the other student, does the student in the higher grade have more power?
- i. If a group of students are working together to bully a student named Mark, do you think they would have more power over Mark? (IF yes): Is this true even if none of the students in the group are bigger, stronger, more popular, or have more money than Mark? (Why or why not?)
- **j.** Do you think that if 2 students have about the same power that one of them could bully the other? (Why or why not?)
- **k.** Do you think that if one student is smaller than another student (s)he could bully the other student who is bigger? (Why or why not?)
- 1. What about a less popular student, could they bully a student who is more popular? (Why or why not?)
- **m.** What about a student with less money, could they bully a student with more money? (Why or why not?)

Interviewer note: We want to determine if respondent believes that given all else equal, the outnumbering of students is considering having power.

IF R SAID NO TO ALL ITEMS IN Q22, SKIP TO: PROBES (Q28).

# Probes (Q26):

Interviewer note: We want to know the frequency and pattern to see if these categories work for most cases. For example, if they were bullied twice a week for a month and then it stopped, how do they respond? Do they have trouble answering this question?

#### ALTERNATE Q26:

Now I am going to read you another question that I'd like you to answer. During this school year, how many times were you bullied?

- 1 One time
- 2 Two times
- 3 Three to ten times
- 4 More than ten times
- a. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- **b.** (If necessary) Was it easy or difficult for you to come up with your answer to this question? Why?
- C. (If necessary) What incident(s) were you thinking of when you answered this question?

Now I have another question I'd like you to answer.

During this school year, how many days were you bullied?

- 1 One day
- 2 Two days
- 3 Three to ten days
- 4 More than ten days
- **d.** Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- **e.** (If necessary) Was it easy or difficult for you to come up with your answer to this question? Why?
- f. (If necessary) What incident(s) were you thinking of when you answered this question?

Earlier I asked you, "During this school year, how often were you bullied?" The options were "Once or twice this school year," "Once or twice a month," "Once or twice a week," or "Almost every day." You answered .

- g. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- h. How long did the bullying go on? When did it start? When did it stop?
- i. When you answered this question, which parts of that time were you thinking of?
- j. (If necessary) Was it easy or difficult for you to come up with your answer to this question? Why?
- **k.** [HAND R PAGE WITH 3 VERSIONS OF Q26 AND A PEN] Please take a minute to read the following situation. After you finish reading it, I'd like you to pretend that you are Mark and answer all 3 questions how you think Mark would answer them. There are no right or wrong answers. [WAIT FOR R TO ANSWER THEM] Can you tell me why you answered the way you did for A? What about B? What about C?
- 1. Which of these question makes more sense, if any? Why do you think that?
- m. Is one of these questions easier to answer than the others? Why or why not?

#### Probes (Q27):

#### [If Q26 = "once or twice this school year]:

Now I'd like to ask you about another question I asked earlier - "Did you think the bullying would happen over and over?"

- a. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did? (If necessary) What does "over and over" mean to you?
- **b.** IF NO: Can you give me an example of a situation where a student does something hurtful to another student only one time, but something about the incident makes them afraid that it would happen over and over?
- **c.** If someone did something that made you feel bad or was hurtful only one time and it is not likely to happen again, could it be considered bullying? (Why or why not?)
- d. (If necessary) Do you think of bullying as something that is repeated over and over?

#### Probes (Q28):

If any in Q22= yes: Earlier I asked, (read Q28 below)

If all in Q22 = no: Now I am going to read you another question you would have been asked if you had been bullied. You do not have to answer the question. After I read it, I am going to ask you some follow up questions to get your thoughts and opinions.

Q28. "Still thinking about all of the times that you were bullied, where did the bullying occur?" One of the options I read was "online or by text."

#### All respondents:

- a. Can you tell me, in your own words, what it means to be bullied online or by text?
- **b.** (If necessary) Were you thinking of social media apps when I asked if the bullying occurred online or by text?
- **c.** A little earlier I asked whether you were bullied (point to Q22 page if necessary). Were you thinking of bullying that can happen online or by text when I first asked that question, or just bullying that happens in person?
- **d.** Did any kind of bullying happen to you online or by text that you did not think about or didn't mention when I first asked that question? (Why or why not?)
- **e.** What if a schoolmate bullied you online or by text but it never happened in person at school do you think you would say yes or no to "online or by text" since all of the other answer choices are places at school? Why?
- f. If bullying started at school but then continued online or by text would you think of the online or text bullying as being related to school in some way, even though it didn't actually happen at your school? (Why or why not?)

IF R SAID NO TO ALL ITEMS IN Q22, SKIP TO: H. AVOIDANCE (Q35)

#### Probes (Q29):

#### If no:

When I asked you, "Did you tell a teacher or some other adult at school about being bullied?" you said no.

- a. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- b. Did somebody else tell a teacher or some other adult at school about you being bullied?
- **c.** Did you tell a teacher or some other adult at school about any things that other students did that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you? *If necessary:* Can you tell me more about that?

#### Probes (Q30):

I asked, "This school year, how much has bullying had a NEGATIVE effect on: YOUR school work, YOUR relationships with friends or family, How you feel about YOURSELF, and YOUR physical health for example, caused injuries, gave you headaches or stomach aches."

#### All respondents:

**a.** Can you tell me, in your own words, what the phrase "had a negative effect" means to you in this question?

#### If "Not at all" to 30a-d:

**b.** You answered "not at all" to all of the categories. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?

#### If "A lot" to any in 30a-d:

- **c.** You answered "a lot" for item \_\_\_\_. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- **d.** (Repeat for each item R answered "a lot" if necessary) You also answered "a lot" for item \_\_\_\_. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did for that one?

# Probes (Q31):

#### If no to all in 31a-g:

When I asked you, "When you were bullied in school this year, did you ever think it was related to..." your race, your gender, your physical appearance, and so on, you said no to all categories.

- **a.** Can you tell me why you answered the way you did? I can re-read you all of the categories if that would be helpful.
- **b.** (If necessary) Did you feel you'd have to be certain that the incident was because you had one of these characteristics for you to say "yes"? Or do you think you could say "yes" even if you were not absolutely certain that was the reason you were bullied?

H. AVOIDANCE				
35. During this school year, did you ever STAY AWAY from any of the following places because you thought someone might attack or harm you there?				
		Yes	No	
H_AVOID_SHORTCUT  a. For example, did you ever stay away from the shortest route to school, because you thought someone might attack or harm you?  H_AVOID_ENTRANCE	068	1 🗆	2 🗆	
b. The entrance into the school?	069	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_HALLWAYS  c. Any hallways or stairs in school?	070	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_CAFETERIA d. Parts of the school cafeteria or lunchroom?	071	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_RESTROOMS e. Any school restrooms?	072	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_OTHER_PLACES f. Other places inside the school building?	073	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_PARKING_LOT		. —		
g. School parking lot? H_AVOID_OTHER_SCHOOL	074	1 🗆	2 🗆	
h. Other places on school grounds? H_SCHOOL_BUS_STOP	075	1 🗆	2 🗆	
i. School bus or bus stop?	208SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_ACTIVITIES  36a. Did you AVOID any activities at your school because you thought someone might attack or harm you?		1 □ Yes 2 □ No		
H_AVOID_CLASSES  36b. Did you AVOID any classes because you thought someone might attack or harm you?		1 □ Yes 2 □ No		
H_STAY_HOME  36c. Did you stay home from school because you thought someone might attack or harm you in the school building, on school property, on a school bus, or going to or from school?		1 □ Yes 2 □ No		
I. FEAR				
I_INTRO_FEAR: Sometimes, even if you can't avoid a place, you may still be afraid of what might happen there.				
I_AFRAID 37a. How often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you in the school building or on school property?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES.)	2	□ Never □ Almost r □ Sometin □ Most of	nes	
I_AFRAID_ON_BUS 37b. How often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you on a school bus or on the way to and from school?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)	2 3	□ Never □ Almost i □ Sometin □ Most of	nes	

I_AFRAID_NONSCHOOL  37c. Besides the times you are in the school building, on school property, on a school bus, or going to or from school, how often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you?	081	3 □ <b>S</b>	ever Imost never ometimes lost of the time	
(READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)				
L. STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS				
L_GRADES 42. During this school year, across all subjects have you gotten mostly -  (READ CATEGORIES 1-5)	116		B's C's D's F's	jive grades/no alphabetic
44. Thinking about the future, do you think you will  L_SCHOOL_AFTER_SCHOOL  a. Attend school after high school, such as a college or technical school?	117	Yes 1 □	<b>No</b> 2 □ <i>END</i>	Don't know 3 □
L_GRADUATE_4YR b. Graduate from a 4-year college?	118	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆

#### **DEBRIEFING QUESTIONS:**

[IF R SEEMED UNCOMFORTABLE OR WOULDN'T SAY MUCH WHEN ANSWERING PROBES, PUT DOWN PEN/PROTOCOL AND MAKE THE DB Qs FEEL MORE LIKE A CONVERSATION. THIS HAS MADE SOME RS MORE COMFORTABLE AND THEY THEN PROVIDED INFORMATION THEY DIDN'T SAY WHEN PROBED. SAY SOMETHING LIKE "Really, what we're trying to figure out today is how kids think about bullying. It's just been a while since I was in school, and we want to make sure that what we think kids think about bullying is actually right." FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE DB Qs SO THAT YOU CAN ASK THEM NATURALLY WITHOUT READING FROM THE PROTOCOL IN THESE SITUATIONS.]

- a. Overall, what did you think of this interview? Was it easy or difficult?
- b. Do adults at your school talk to students about bullying? What do they say?
- C. Do kids talk about bullying? What kinds of things do they say about it?
- **d.** I asked you all of those questions about different kinds of power (point to Q25 page). Do you think kids ever think about power when they think about bullying?
- **e.** If your friends were doing those hurtful things to you (point to Q22 page), would you think of it as bullying? (If no) What would have to happen for you to think of that as bullying?
- f. (If R skipped Q27) If someone did something that made you feel bad or was hurtful only one time and it is not likely to happen again, could it be considered bullying? (Why or why not?)
- g. Were there any questions you think some people might find difficult to answer?
- h. Did you have any other thoughts about the topics we discussed today, or the questions on this survey?

Those are all of the questions that I had for you today. Thank you very much for your participation. Here is an envelope containing your \$25.

Here is a voucher form that verifies I gave you the money.

Please complete the information in the highlighted areas and sign and date

TURN OFF THE TAPE RECORDER.
HAND THE CASH INCENTIVE TO THE PARTICIPANT.

# 2017 SCS to the NCVS

# **Round 2 Cognitive Interview Protocol**

# **Cognitive Testing of NCVS SCS**

PARTICIPANT ID #:		<b>DATE</b> :/ 2016				
INTERVIEWER'S NAM	E:		_			
START TIME::	AM / PM					
Hello, my name is	and I work for the Census Burea	au. It's nice to meet you and	thank you very much for helping us out			

IF NECESSARY, CREATE SMALL TALK TO BUILD RAPPORT WITH THE STUDENT BY ASKING A QUESTION, SUCH AS:

• What is your favorite subject in school? RESPOND ACCORDINGLY (e.g., if the student responds with "science," ask them what they are studying in their science class).

# Section 1: (If applicable) Observers:

today.

Before we get started let me mention that there are some observers watching the interview in another room. They are only watching to get an idea of how the guestions in the survey we are going to talk about are working.

# Section 2: Information about today's survey

Let me start by telling you a little bit about what we're doing here. The Census Bureau conducts many surveys in addition to the head count every 10 years. Since so many agencies rely on data from the Census Bureau, it is extremely important that this information be as accurate as possible.

In order to help us improve our surveys, we turn to people like you to find out if our questions make sense and are easy to understand and answer. The survey we'll talk about today is sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics, which is part of the U.S. Department of Education, who recently made some changes to their questionnaire. The research we're doing today will help us figure out if those changes are working for students like you, and it will help us improve the accuracy of our data.

I'm going to go through the questionnaire like a real interview, but I'm mainly interested in your reactions to the questions. So after we go through some of the questions, I'll stop and ask you some follow up questions about the survey questions you answered. For example, I might reread a question from the survey, and ask you what certain words or phrases in the question mean to you, or what you were thinking about when you were answering. There are no right or wrong answers, we just want to know your thoughts and reactions to the questions to help us make them better so that other students like you can easily understand them.

The things we will talk about in the interview today will only be used in our research to help us improve the survey. Your name will not be attached to anything you say. Direct quotes may be used in research papers and professional presentations, but your name and any names you might mention today will never be used in our reports and presentations. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You can refuse to answer or skip over any particular questions. If at any time you decide you do not want to go on, that is your choice and you may stop. Please feel free to ask me any questions at anytime. I may not be able to answer every question you have, but I will try.

# Section 3: Taping:

I'd like to ask for your permission to audio tape the session today. The main reason we tape these interviews is so that we don't have to rely on notes or our memories later. This allows me to concentrate on what you're saying during the interview. What you say on the tape may be used only for research purposes and cannot be told to anybody else not working on this project except as required by law (20 U.S.C., § 9573).

Do you have any questions about the recording?

AFTER ANSWERING QUESTIONS AND GIVING FURTHER EXPLANATION, CONTINUE. IF THE PARTICIPANT IS NO LONGER INETERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, THANK THE PARTICIPANT FOR HIS/HER TIME AND END THE INTERVIEW.

#### Section 4: Informed Consent

# [If student is under 18]:

Your parent signed a form giving you permission to participate today. I am going to tell you about what was in that document. The document that your parent signed explains the purpose of the study and how we will protect your information. In addition to what I have just mentioned about never sharing your name or any names you say during the interview, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that:

- Your participation is voluntary and you may stop the interview at any time
- You can refuse to answer any of the questions asked or take a break at any time
- Your responses in this study may be used only for research purposes and will not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose, except as required by law. (20 U.S.C. § 9573)
- As stated in the form, we would like to record this interview to assist in our ability to write a report summarizing the interview.

#### [If student is 18]:

Before we start, I'm going to give you a written consent form.

#### HAND 1 COPY OF THE INFORMED CONSENT DOCUMENT TO THE PARTICIPANT

This document explains the purpose of the study and how we will protect your information. In addition to what I have just mentioned about never sharing your name or any names you say during the interview, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that:

- · Your participation is voluntary and you may stop the interview at any time
- You can refuse to answer any of the questions asked or take a break at any time
- Your responses in this study may be used only for research purposes and will not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose, except as required by law. (20 U.S.C. § 9573)
- As stated in the form, we would like to record this interview to assist in our ability to write a report summarizing the interview.

Thank you for signing the consent form. I will also sign this form to show that I agree to everything in the form. At the end of the interview, I'll be sure to give you a copy for you to take with you.

- 4. ASK PARTICIPANT IF (S)HE HAS ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONSENT FORM.
- 5. IF PARTICIPANT AGREES, OBTAIN THE RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE TO PROCEED ON ONE COPY OF THE FORM; INTERVIEWER SHOULD ALSO SIGN THE FORM AT THIS TIME.
- 6. MAKE SURE RESPONDENT TAKES ONE COPY WITH THEM WHEN THE INTERVIEW IS OVER AT THE END OF THE INTERVIEW.

# [All students]:

Are you comfortable with me recording this interview?

IF PARTICIPANT PROVIDES CONSENT TO HAVE THE SESSION AUDIO-TAPED:

I'm going to turn on the recorder now, and once it is on, I'm going to ask for your permission to record today, and then we will get started.

TURN ON TAPE RECORDER, ASK FOR PERMISSION TO RECORD ON THE TAPE, AND BEGIN THE INTERVIEW.

OK, let's begin.

#### **INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTIONS:**

NOTE ANY CONFUSION OR DIFFICULTIES RESPONDENTS HAVE WITH THE QUESTIONS.

#### **RETROSPECTIVE PROBING (R=respondent):**

IF YOU NOTICED R HAVING COGNITIVE DIFFICULTY ANSWERING ANY OF THE QUESTIONS YOU ARE PROBING ON, MAKE SURE TO PROBE ON R'S DIFFICULTY WITH THE QUESTION. GO THROUGH THE SURVEY WITHOUT PROBING UNTIL YOU GET TO QUESTION 34. GO THROUGH THE RETROSPECTIVE PROBES WITH R. BE SURE TO PROBE ON ANY OF THE RESPONDENT'S APPARENT DIFFICULTY OR HESITATION. AFTER ALL PROBES, CONTINUE THE SURVEY AT QUESTION 35, FOLLOWED BY THE DEBRIEFING QUESTIONS.

NOTICE - We are conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Section 8. Section 9 of this law requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential. We may use this information only for statistical purposes. Also, Title 42, Section 3732, United States Code, authorizes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice, to collect information using this survey. Title 42, Sections 3789g and 3735, United States Code also requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential.

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E	E. SCREEN QUESTIONS	FOR SUP	PLEMENT		
E_ATTENDSCHOOL  1a. Did you attend school at any	time this school year?	006	1 □ Yes 2 □ No - <i>SKIP</i> to	o <b>END</b>	
E_HOMESCHOOL  1b. During that time, were you ev That is, did you receive ANY of home, rather than in a public	of that schooling at		☐ Yes 2 ☐ No - <b>SKIP</b> to	Q1d	
E_ALLHOMESCHOOL					
1c. Was all of your schooling this homeschooling?	s school year	007	1 □ Yes - <i>SKIP</i> t 2 □ No	o <i>END</i>	
E_DIFFSCHOOL_ATTENDED	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
1d. How many different schools attended this school year?	•	185SCS	1 ☐ One school 2 ☐ Two schools 3 ☐ Three or mo		
Include your homeschooling (only asked if student answere					

homeschooled)

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	ATGRADE			000					
2b.	What grade are you in	?		800	0 ☐ Fifth or under - <b>SKIP</b> to <b>END</b>				
					1 □ Sixth 2 □ Seventh 3 □ Eighth 4 □ Ninth 5 □ Tenth 6 □ Eleventh				
E_WHATGRADEOTHER					7 ☐ Twelfth 8 ☐ Other - Specify				
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				9 ☐ College/GED/Post-graduate/ Other noneligible - <b>SKIP</b> to <b>END</b>					
	VIEWER - Read introduc		,		r (Q1b = "Yes" and Q1c = "No"); ELSE skip to Q6 r private school and not to being homeschooled.				
1110 10	nowing questions perta	iii oiiiy to	your attendance at a p		private school and not to being nomeschooled.				
6.	What grades are taugh	nt in your	school?		Grades:				
	Pre-K or Kindergarten	00 01 02 03		020	TO (lowest) F_GRADES_LOW				
		04 05 06		021	(highest) F_GRADES_HIGH				
		07							
		08 09							
		10							
		11							
		12	H.S. Senior						
		13	Post-graduate						
		20	All ungraded						
		30	All Special Education	ĺ					

10. The next questions are about security measures that some schools take.					
Does your school have: F_SAFETY_POLICE		Yes	No	Don't know	School does not have lockers
j. Security guards or assigned police officers?	000	4	۰	۰. =	
F_SAFETY HALLSTAFF	028	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
k. Other adults supervising the hallway, such as teachers, administrators, or parent volunteers?  F_SAFETY_ METAL_DETECTORS	029	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	
I. Metal detectors, including wands? (The definition for the term 'metal detector' is a device used to check for weapons students might be trying to bring onto school property. The metal detector may be in a form of a doorframe, which you are asked to walk through. It may also be in the form of a hand-held metal detector that looks like a wand or paddle, which is moved around your body.)	030	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	
F_SAFETY_DOORS_LOCKED					
m. Locked entrance or exit doors during the day?  F_SAFETY_SIGN_IN	031	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
n. A requirement that visitors sign in AND wear visitor badges or stickers?  F_SAFETY_LOCKER_CHECKS	032	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
o. Locker checks?  F_SAFETY_STUDENT_ID	033	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
p. A requirement that students wear badges or picture identification?	094	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
F_SAFETY_CAMERAS  q. One or more security cameras to monitor the school?  F_SAFETY_CODE_OF_CONDUCT	095	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
r. A code of student conduct, that is, a set of written rules or guidelines that the school provides you?	096	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	
F_REPORT					
11. If you hear about a threat to school or student safety, do you have a way to report it without having to give your name?	167	Yes 1 □	<b>No</b> 2 □	Don't kno	ow .
F_DISTRACTED  12. In your classes, how often are you distracted from doing your schoolwork because other students are misbehaving, for example, talking or fighting?  (READ CATEGORIES.)	156 1 ☐ Never 2 ☐ Almost never 3 ☐ Sometimes 4 ☐ Most of the time				

13. Thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
F_RULES_FAIR a. The school rules are fair.	035	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_PUNISHMENT_SAME b. The punishment for breaking school rules is the same no matter who you are.	036	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_RULES_ENFORCED  c. The school rules are strictly enforced. (Strictly enforced rules means that the school consistently carries out disciplinary actions against any students who break school rules.)	037	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
F_PUNISHMENT_KNOWN d. If a school rule is broken, students know what kind of punishment will follow.	038	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_TEACHERS_RESPECT e. Teachers treat students with respect.	127	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
14. Still thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagre	Strongly e Disagree
There is a TEACHER or other ADULT at school who  F_ADULT_REALLYCARES  b. Really cares about you.	173SC	S 1 □	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_ADULT_LISTENS  b. Listens to you when you have something to say.	175SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 □
F_ADULT_GOOD_JOB  c. Tells you when you do a good job.	176SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
15. Still thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly e Disagree
There is a STUDENT at school who	186SC	S 1 □	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_STUDENT_REALLYCARES  a. Really cares about you.  F_STUDENT_LISTENS	187SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
<ul> <li>b. Listens to you when you have something to say.</li> <li>F_STUDENT_SUCCESS</li> <li>c. Believes that you will be a success.</li> </ul>	188SC	S 1□	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
18. Thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
F_SAFE_IN_SCHOOL You feel safe in your school	189SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆

SCS_INTRO 3 Now I have some questions about things that happen at school. For this survey, "at school" includes the school building, on school property, on a school bus, or going to and from school. Your answers will not be given to anyone.					
19. The following question refers to the availability of drugs and alcohol at your school.					
Is it possible for students at your school to get		Yes	No		
F_ ALCOHOL a. Alcoholic beverages?	040	1 🗆	2 🗆		
F_MARIJUANA b. Marijuana, also known as pot, weed or mary jane?	041	1 🗆	2 🗆		
F_PRESCRIPTION_DRUGS  c. Prescription drugs illegally obtained without a prescription, such as Oxycontin, Ritalin, or Adderall?	159	1 🗆	2 🗆		
F_OTHER_ILLEGAL  d. Other illegal drugs, such as cocaine, uppers, or heroin?	209SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G. FIGHTING, BULLYING AND HATE BEHAVIORS					
G_FIGHT_AT_SCHOOL 21a. During this school year, have you been in one or more physical fights at school?		□ Yes □ No - <i>SK</i>	IP to Q22		
G_FIGHT_HOW_OFTEN  21b. During this school year, how many times have you been in a physical fight at school?	104	□□ (N	umber of times)		

22. Now I have some questions about what students do at school that make you feel bad or are hurtful to you. We often refer to this as being bullied. You may include events you told me about already. During this school year, has any student bullied you?  That is, has another student					
(Read each category a-g.)					
G_BULLY_MADE_FUN  a. Made fun of you, called you names, or insulted		Yes	No		
you, in a hurtful way?  G_BULLY_RUMOR	134	1 🗆	2 🗆		
b. Spread rumors about you or tried to make others dislike you?	135	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLY_THREAT  c. Threatened you with harm?					
G_BULLY_CONTACT	136	1 🗆	2 🗆		
d. Pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you?	137	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLY_COERCED  e. Tried to make you do things you did not want to do, for example, give them money or other things?	138	8 1 🗆 2 🗆			
G_BULLY_EXCLUDED  f. Excluded you from activities on purpose?					
G_BULLY_DESTROYED_PROP	139	1 🗆	2 🗆		
g. Destroyed your property on purpose?	140	1 🗆	2 ☐ If all categories a-g are marked "No" <b>SKIP</b> to Q35		
23. During this school year, did any of these things happen on more than one day?		1 □ Yes 2 □ No <b>- SKI</b>	<b>P</b> to: Q25		
G_BULLY_HOW_OFTEN 24. During this school year, how often were you	142	1 ☐ Once or to 2 ☐ Once or to	wice this school year wice a month		
bullied?		3 □ Once or to 4 □ Almost ev	wice a week, or /ery day		
(READ CATEGORIES 1-4.)			, ,		
G_BULLY_OVER_AND_OVER 25. Did you think the bullying would happen again?		1 □ Yes 2 □ No			
26. Thinking about the [time/times] you were bullied this school year, did more than one person do these things to you?		1 □ Yes 2 □ No - <b>SKIF</b>	Pto: Q28		

27. G_BUI 28.	Did these people act alone, together as a team, or both?  LY_MORE_POWER  Now I have some additional questions about the time [another student/ other students] {behavior₁}, {behavior₂}, and {behaviorx}. Thinking about the [person/ people] who did these things to you this school year,		1 ☐ Alone 2 ☐ Togeth 3 ☐ Both 3 ☐ Don't k	
			Yes	No
e.	[Was this person/ Were any of these people/ Was anyone in the group] physically bigger or stronger than you?		1 🗆	2 🗆
f. [ <b>\</b>	Nas this person/ Were any of these people/ Was anyone in the group] more popular than you?		1 🗆	2 🗆
g.	[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more money than you?		1 🗆	2 🗆
h.	[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have the ability to influence what other students think of you?		1 🗆	2 🗆
i.	[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more power than you in another way?		1 🗆	2 🗆
29.	LY_WHERE1 through G_BULLY_WHERE8 Still thinking about all of the times that you were bullied, where did the bullying occur? Did it occur  (READ CATEGORIES) Mark (X) all that apply LY_WHERE_SPECIFY Where is the other place where bullying occurred?	143 168 169 173 146 144 145	2 □ In a l 3 □ In a l 4 □ In a c 5 □ Som build 6 □ Outs 7 □ On t scho	classroom at school? nallway or stairwell at school? nathroom or locker room at school? cafeteria or lunch room at school? newhere else inside the school ing? – Specify side on school grounds? he way to or from school such as on a ol bus or at a bus stop? ne or by text?
G_BUI 30.	LY_ADULT_TOLD  Did you tell a teacher or some other adult at school about being bullied?	147	1 □ Yes 2 □ No	

31. This school year, how much has bullying had a NEGATIVE effect on: (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)		Not at all	Not very much	Somewhat	A lot
G_SCHOOL_WORK d. YOUR school work.	196SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 □
G_RELATION_FRIEND_FAMILY e. YOUR relationships with friends or family.	197SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
G_ABOUT_YOURSELF f. How you feel about YOURSELF.	198SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
G_PHYSICAL_HEALTH d. YOUR physical health for example, caused injuries, gave you headaches or stomach aches.	199SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
32. When you were bullied in school this year, did you ever think it was related to		Yes	No		
G_BULLY_RACE h. YOUR race?	200SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLY_RELIGION i. YOUR religion?	201SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLY_ETHNIC_ORIGIN j. YOUR ethnic background or national origin	2015CS 202SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
- for example, people of Hispanic origin?  G_BULLYING_DISABILITY	202505	1 🗆	2 ⊔		
k. Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental, or developmental disabilities?	203SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLYING_GENDER I. YOUR gender?	204SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLYING_ORIENTATION  m. YOUR sexual orientation - by this we mean gay, lesbian, bisexual, or straight?  G_BULLYING_APPEARANCE	205SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
n. YOUR physical appearance?	206SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_HATE 33. During this school year, has anyone called you an insulting or bad name at school having to do with your race, religion, ethnic background or national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation? We call these hate-related words.		□ Yes □ No - <b>S</b> /	( <b>IP</b> to <b>Q35</b>		

34. Were any of the hate-related words related to G_HATE_RACE a. Your race?	107SCS	Yes 1 □	<b>No</b> 2 □	Don't know 3 □
G_HATE_RELIGION b. Your religion?	108SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_ETHNICITY  c. Your ethnic background or national origin- for example, people of Hispanic origin?	109SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □
G_HATE_DISABILITY d. Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental, or developmental disabilities?	110SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_GENDER e. Your gender?	111SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_SEXUAL_ORIENTATION  f. Your sexual orientation – by this we mean gay, lesbian, bisexual or straight?	112SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □
G_HATE_WORDS 35. During this school year, have you seen any hate-related words or symbols written in school classrooms, school bathrooms, school hallways, or on the outside of your school building?		⊒ Yes ⊒ No		

## Probes (Q22):

Now I have a few questions about some of the items you just answered.

Earlier I asked you this question: [HAND R THE SINGLE PAGE OF Q22 TO REFERENCE, R WILL REFERENCE THIS THROUGH THE INTERVIEW, SO DON'T TAKE IT BACK]

## If any Q22 a - g = yes:

When I asked you if any student had bullied you and read a list of things bullies might do, you said yes to items \_\_\_\_\_ [SAY WHICH LETTERS R SAID YES TO, DO NOT READ BEHAVIORS. Ex - "you said yes to items b and d"].

h. Can you tell me about what happened?

# If Q22 = no to all:

When I asked you if any student had bullied you and read a list of things bullies might do, you said no to all items.

- i. Did any of those things happen to you that you didn't count as bullying? Can you tell me more about why you didn't include them here?
- j. Did other students do any other things that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you? Can you tell me more about that?
- k. [If applicable] Do you think those things they did count as bullying? (Why or Why not?)

## All respondents:

- I. Can you tell me, in your own words, what it means to be bullied?
- m. What kinds of behavior do you think count as bullying? (Why?)
- n. Are there other examples of bullying that we didn't ask about?
- O. Can you tell me, in your own words, what the phrase "at school" means to you in the first sentence of this question? (point to Q22 handout)

IF R SAID NO TO ALL ITEMS IN Q22, SKIP TO: PROBE K (Q28) on page 18.

## Probes (Q24):

## IF R SAID NO TO Q23 (MORE THAN ONE DAY), SKIP TO PROBES K & L BELOW

Interviewer note: We want to know the frequency and pattern to see if these categories work for most cases. For example, if they were bullied twice a week for a month and then it stopped, how do they respond? Do they have trouble answering this question?

## ALTERNATE Q24:

Now I am going to read you another question that I'd like you to answer.

During this school year, how many times were you bullied?

- 1 One time
- 2 Two times
- 3 Three to ten times
- 4 More than ten times
- n. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- **O.** (If necessary) Was it easy or difficult for you to come up with your answer to this question? Why?
- p. What does it mean to you to be bullied just one time?
- q. (If necessary) What incident(s) were you thinking of when you answered this question?

Now I have another question I'd like you to answer.

During this school year, how many days were you bullied?

- 1 One day
- 2 Two days
- 3 Three to ten days
- 4 More than ten days
- r. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- **S.** (If necessary) Was it easy or difficult for you to come up with your answer to this question? Why?
- t. (If necessary) What incident(s) were you thinking of when you answered this question?

Earlier I asked you, "During this school year, how often were you bullied?" The options were "Once or twice this school year," "Once or twice a month," "Once or twice a week," or "Almost every day." You answered \_\_\_\_\_.

- u. How long did the bullying go on? When did it start? When did it stop?
- V. (IF DURATION IN PROBE H DOESN'T ALIGN WITH CATEGORY THEY CHOSE FOR Q24) Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- **W.** (If necessary) Was it easy or difficult for you to come up with your answer to this question? Why?

# ASK PROBES K & L IF R SAID NO TO Q23 (MORE THAN ONE DAY)

- X. [HAND R PAGE WITH 3 VERSIONS OF Q24 AND A PEN] Please take a minute to read the following situation. After you finish reading it, I'd like you to pretend that you are Mark and answer all 3 questions how you think Mark would answer them. There are no right or wrong answers. [WAIT FOR R TO ANSWER THEM] Can you tell me why you answered the way you did for A? What about B? What about C?
- y. Is one of these questions easier to answer than the others? Why or why not?

Probes (Q25):
Now I am going to read you another question that I'd like you to answer.  "Did you think the bullying would happen over and over?"  1
e. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
f. What does the phrase "over and over" mean to you in this question?
g. Do you think of bullying as something that is repeated over and over?
Earlier I asked you, "Did you think the bullying would happen again?" You answered
h. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
i. If someone did something that made you feel bad or was hurtful only one time and it is not likely to happen again, could it be considered bullying? (Why or why not?)

# Probes (Q27): (skipped if Q26 = no)

Interviewer note: We want to know if they experienced multiple isolated incidents by different people, or if the same person did multiple things.

Now let's think about this question: "Did these people act alone, together as a team, or both?" You answered \_\_\_\_.

#### All respondents:

- i. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- j. How many different people bullied you?
- **k.** What does the phrase "together as a team" mean to you in this question?

## If Q27 = Alone or Both:

- 1. Did any of the people acting alone do more than one thing or do the same thing more than once?
- m. (If necessary) Can you tell me which people did the different things to bully you?
- n. Even though these people acted alone, do you think that some of the things that different people did to you were related in some way? Can you tell me more about that?

# If Q27 = Together or DK:

O. (If necessary) Can you tell me more about the people who bullied you in each incident?

# All respondents:

**p.** (If necessary) What bullying incidents were you thinking of when you were answering this question?

## Probes (Q28):

If any in Q22 = yes: Earlier I asked you about whether [the person was/ the people were /anyone in the group was] bigger, stronger, more popular, had more money, had the ability to influence what other students think of you, or had more power than you in some other way. Here are those questions for you to look at when I ask the next questions. [HAND R PAGE WITH Q28 WITH APPROPRIATE FILLS]

If all in Q22 = no: Now I am going to read you some questions you would have been asked if other students had done things that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you at school. You do not have to answer the questions. Instead, after I read them, I am going to ask you some follow up questions to get your thoughts and opinions. Here are those questions for you to look at while I read them and ask follow up questions. HAND R PAGE WITH Q28 WITH GROUP FILLS.

## All respondents:

- n. One question asks "[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more money than you?" What does the phrase "have more money than you" mean to you in this question?
- O. Another question asks "[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have the ability to influence what other students think of you?" Can you tell me, in your own words, what this question is asking?
- p. Another question asks "[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more power than you in another way?" What does the phrase "have more power than you" mean to you in this question?

## If any in Q28a-d = yes:

# [ASK PROBES D & E FOR EACH YES IN Q25A-D, THEN ASK PROBE F]

- **q.** You said yes to \_\_\_. Can you tell me more about that?
- r. Did the fact that they [were bigger than you / were more popular than you / had more money than you /had the ability to influence what other students think about you] make you feel like the things you told me about were bullying? (Why or why not?)

(REPEAT A & B FOR EACH YES BEFORE ASKING C)

**S.** Which bullying incidents were you thinking of when you were answering these questions [POINT TO Q28 HANDOUT]?

# If Q28e = yes:

t. You said yes to Q28e. In what other way did they have more power than you?

# All respondents:

**U.** We gave four examples of having more power - being bigger or stronger, being more popular, having more money, or being able to influence what others think of you. Do you agree or disagree that these are ways bullies have more power over someone? Why or why not? Can you think of other ways a bully can have more power over someone?

- V. If two students are about the same size, are just as strong, equally popular, have about the same amount of money, and equal ability to influence others, can one of those students bully the other one? What about if one of those students is older than the other one, does the older student have more power than the younger student? What about if one of those students was in a higher grade than the other student, does the student in the higher grade have more power?
- **W.** If a group of students are working together to bully a student named Mark, do you think they would have more power over Mark? (IF yes): Is this true even if none of the students in the group are bigger, stronger, more popular, have more money, or can influence what others think of Mark? (Why or why not?)
- X. Do you think that if one student is smaller than another student (s)he could bully the other student who is bigger? (Why or why not?)
- y. What about a less popular student, could they bully a student who is more popular? (Why or why not?)
- **Z.** What about a student with less money, could they bully a student with more money? (Why or why not?)
- **aa.** What about a student without the ability to influence what other students think of people, could they bully a student with the ability to influence what other students think of people? (Why or why not?)

Interviewer note: We want to determine if respondent believes that given all else equal, the outnumbering of students is considering having power.

IF R SAID NO TO ALL ITEMS IN Q22, CONTINUE TO: PROBES (Q29).

## Probes (Q29):

If any in Q22= yes: Earlier I asked, "Still thinking about all of the times that you were bullied, where did the bullying occur?" One of the options I read was "online or by text."

If all in Q22 = no: Now I am going to show you another question you would have been asked if you said that other kids had done things that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you at school. You do not have to answer the question. After you finish reading the question and answer choices , I am going to ask you some follow up questions to get your thoughts and opinions. [HAND R PAGE WITH Q29, WAIT FOR R TO FINISH READING, THEN ASK PROBES]

## All respondents:

- g. Can you tell me, in your own words, what it means to be bullied online or by text?
- **h.** (If necessary) Were you thinking of social media apps when I asked if the bullying occurred online or by text?
- i. A little earlier I asked whether you were bullied (point to Q22 page if necessary). Were you thinking of bullying that can happen online or by text when I first asked that question, or just bullying that happens in person?
- j. Did any kind of bullying happen to you online or by text that you did not think about or didn't mention when I first asked that question (point to Q22 page if necessary)? (Why or why not?)
- **k.** What if a schoolmate bullied you online or by text but it never happened in person at school do you think you would say yes or no to "online or by text" since all of the questions are asking about bullying that happens at school? Why?
- 1. If bullying started at school in person but then continued online or by text, would you think of the online or text bullying as being related to school in some way, even though it didn't actually happen at your school? (Why or why not?)

IF R SAID NO TO ALL ITEMS IN Q22, SKIP TO SURVEY QUESTIONS ON PAGE 22: H. AVOIDANCE (Q36)

## Probes (Q30):

#### If no:

When I asked you, "Did you tell a teacher or some other adult at school about being bullied?" you said no.

- **d.** Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- e. Did somebody else tell a teacher or some other adult at school about you being bullied?
- f. Did you tell a teacher or some other adult at school about any things that other students did that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you? If necessary: Can you tell me more about that?

## Probes (Q31):

I asked, "This school year, how much has bullying had a NEGATIVE effect on: YOUR school work, YOUR relationships with friends or family, How you feel about YOURSELF, and YOUR physical health for example, caused injuries, gave you headaches or stomach aches."

## All respondents:

**e.** Can you tell me, in your own words, what the phrase "had a negative effect" means to you in this question?

#### If "Not at all" to 31a-d:

f. You answered "not at all" to all of the categories. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?

# If "A lot" to any in 31a-d:

- **g.** You answered "a lot" for item \_\_\_\_. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- h. (Repeat for each item R answered "a lot" if necessary) You also answered "a lot" for item \_\_\_\_. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did for that one?

# Probes (Q32):

#### If no to all in 32a-g:

When I asked you, "When you were bullied in school this year, did you ever think it was related to..." your race, your gender, your physical appearance, and so on, you said no to all categories.

- **c.** Can you tell me why you answered the way you did? I can re-read you all of the categories if that would be helpful.
- **d.** (If necessary) Did you feel you'd have to be certain that the incident was because you had one of these characteristics for you to say "yes"? Or do you think you could say "yes" even if you were not absolutely certain that was the reason you were bullied?

H. AVOIDANCE					
36. During this school year, did you ever STAY AWAY from any of the following places because you thought someone might attack or harm you there?					
		Yes	No		
H_AVOID_SHORTCUT  a. For example, did you ever stay away from the shortest route to school, because you thought someone might attack or harm you?  H_AVOID_ENTRANCE	068	1 🗆	2 🗆		
b. The entrance into the school?	069	1 🗆	2 🗆		
H_AVOID_HALLWAYS  c. Any hallways or stairs in school?	070	1 🗆	2 🗆		
H_AVOID_CAFETERIA d. Parts of the school cafeteria or lunchroom?	071	1 🗆	2 🗆		
H_AVOID_RESTROOMS e. Any school restrooms?	072	1 🗆	2 🗆		
H_AVOID_OTHER_PLACES f. Other places inside the school building?	073	1 🗆	2 🗆		
H_AVOID_PARKING_LOT					
g. School parking lot? H_AVOID_OTHER_SCHOOL	074	1 🗆	2 🗆		
h. Other places on school grounds? H_SCHOOL_BUS_STOP	075	1 🗆	2 🗆		
i. School bus or bus stop?	208SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
H_AVOID_ACTIVITIES  37a. Did you AVOID any activities at your school because you thought someone might attack or harm you?		□ Yes			
H_AVOID_CLASSES  37b. Did you AVOID any classes because you thought someone might attack or harm you?		□ Yes			
H_STAY_HOME  37c. Did you stay home from school because you thought someone might attack or harm you in the school building, on school property, on a school bus, or going to or from school?		□ Yes			
I. FEA	R				
I_INTRO_FEAR: Sometimes, even if you can't avoid a place,	you may s	still be afra	aid of what might happen	there.	
I_AFRAID 38a. How often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you in the school building or on school property?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES.)	2 [ 3 [	□ Never □ Almost □ Sometii □ Most of	mes		
I_AFRAID_ON_BUS 38b. How often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you on a school bus or on the way to and from school?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)	2 I 3 I	□ Never □ Almost □ Sometii □ Most of	mes		

I_AF 38c.	RAID_NONSCHOOL Besides the times you are in the school building, on school property, on a school bus, or going to or from school, how often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)	081	3 □ <b>S</b> c	ever Imost never ometimes ost of the time	
	L. STUDENT CHAR	ACTE	RISTICS		
L_GR 43.	PADES During this school year, across all subjects have you gotten mostly -  (READ CATEGORIES 1-5)	116	2   E 3   ( 4   L 5   F 6   S	C's O's 's	give grades/no alphabetic
45. L_SC	Thinking about the future, do you think you will  HOOL_AFTER_SCHOOL  a. Attend school after high school, such as a college or technical school?	117	Yes 1 □	<b>No</b> 2 □ <i>END</i>	Don't know 3 □
L_GR	PADUATE_4YR b. Graduate from a 4-year college?	118	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □

#### **DEBRIEFING QUESTIONS:**

[IF R SEEMED UNCOMFORTABLE OR WOULDN'T SAY MUCH WHEN ANSWERING PROBES, PUT DOWN PEN/PROTOCOL AND MAKE THE DB Qs FEEL MORE LIKE A CONVERSATION. THIS HAS MADE SOME RS MORE COMFORTABLE AND THEY THEN PROVIDED INFORMATION THEY DIDN'T SAY WHEN PROBED. SAY SOMETHING LIKE "Really, what we're trying to figure out today is how kids think about bullying. It's just been a while since I was in school, and we want to make sure that what we think kids think about bullying is actually right." FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE DB Qs SO THAT YOU CAN ASK THEM NATURALLY WITHOUT READING FROM THE PROTOCOL IN THESE SITUATIONS.]

- i. Overall, what did you think of this interview? Was it easy or difficult?
- j. Do adults at your school talk to students about bullying? What do they say?
- k. Do kids talk about bullying? What kinds of things do they say about it?
- I. I asked you all of those questions about different kinds of power (point to Q25 page). Do you think kids ever think about power when they think about bullying?
- m. If your friends were doing those hurtful things to you (point to Q22 page), would you think of it as bullying? (If no) What would have to happen for you to think of that as bullying?
- n. Were there any questions you think some people might find difficult to answer?
- O. Did you have any other thoughts about the topics we discussed today, or the questions on this survey?

Those are all of the questions that I had for you today. Thank you very much for your participation. Here is an envelope containing your \$25.

Here is a voucher form that verifies I gave you the money.

Please complete the information in the highlighted areas and sign and date

TURN OFF THE TAPE RECORDER. HAND THE CASH INCENTIVE TO THE PARTICIPANT.

# 2017 SCS to the NCVS

# **Round 3 Cognitive Interview Protocol**

# **Cognitive Testing of NCVS SCS**

PARTICIPANT ID #:	DATE:/ 2016
INTERVIEWER'S NAME:	
<b>START TIME:</b> : AM / PM	
Hello, my name is and I work for the Census Burea	au. It's nice to meet you and thank you very much for helping us out

IF NECESSARY, CREATE SMALL TALK TO BUILD RAPPORT WITH THE STUDENT BY ASKING A QUESTION, SUCH AS:

• What is your favorite subject in school? RESPOND ACCORDINGLY (e.g., if the student responds with "science," ask them what they are studying in their science class).

# Section 1: (If applicable) Observers:

today.

Before we get started let me mention that there are some observers watching the interview in another room. They are only watching to get an idea of how the questions in the survey we are going to talk about are working.

# Section 2: Information about today's survey

Let me start by telling you a little bit about what we're doing here. The Census Bureau conducts many surveys in addition to the head count every 10 years. Since so many agencies rely on data from the Census Bureau, it is extremely important that this information be as accurate as possible.

In order to help us improve our surveys, we turn to people like you to find out if our questions make sense and are easy to understand and answer. The survey we'll talk about today is sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics, which is part of the U.S. Department of Education, who recently made some changes to their questionnaire. The research we're doing today will help us figure out if those changes are working for students like you, and it will help us improve the accuracy of our data.

I'm going to go through the questionnaire like a real interview, but I'm mainly interested in your reactions to the questions. So after we go through some of the questions, I'll stop and ask you some follow up questions about the survey questions you answered. For example, I might reread a question from the survey, and ask you what certain words or phrases in the question mean to you, or what you were thinking about when you were answering. There are no right or wrong answers, we just want to know your thoughts and reactions to the questions to help us make them better so that other students like you can easily understand them.

The things we will talk about in the interview today will only be used in our research to help us improve the survey. Your name will not be attached to anything you say. Direct quotes may be used in research papers and professional presentations, but your name and any names you might mention today will never be used in our reports and presentations. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You can refuse to answer or skip over any particular questions. If at any time you decide you do not want to go on, that is your choice and you may stop. Please feel free to ask me any questions at anytime. I may not be able to answer every question you have, but I will try.

# Section 3: Taping:

I'd like to ask for your permission to audio tape the session today. The main reason we tape these interviews is so that we don't have to rely on notes or our memories later. This allows me to concentrate on what you're saying during the interview. What you say on the tape may be used only for research purposes and cannot be told to anybody else not working on this project except as required by law (20 U.S.C., § 9573).

Do you have any questions about the recording?

AFTER ANSWERING QUESTIONS AND GIVING FURTHER EXPLANATION, CONTINUE. IF THE PARTICIPANT IS NO LONGER INETERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, THANK THE PARTICIPANT FOR HIS/HER TIME AND END THE INTERVIEW.

## **Section 4: Informed Consent**

# [If student is under 18]:

Your parent signed a form giving you permission to participate today. I am going to tell you about what was in that document. The document that your parent signed explains the purpose of the study and how we will protect your information. In addition to what I have just mentioned about never sharing your name or any names you say during the interview, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that:

- Your participation is voluntary and you may stop the interview at any time
- You can refuse to answer any of the questions asked or take a break at any time
- Your responses in this study may be used only for research purposes and will not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose, except as required by law. (20 U.S.C. § 9573)
- As stated in the form, we would like to record this interview to assist in our ability to write a report summarizing the
  interview.

## [If student is 18]:

Before we start, I'm going to give you a written consent form.

# HAND 1 COPY OF THE INFORMED CONSENT DOCUMENT TO THE PARTICIPANT

This document explains the purpose of the study and how we will protect your information. In addition to what I have just mentioned about never sharing your name or any names you say during the interview, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that:

- · Your participation is voluntary and you may stop the interview at any time
- You can refuse to answer any of the questions asked or take a break at any time
- Your responses in this study may be used only for research purposes and will not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose, except as required by law. (20 U.S.C. § 9573)
- As stated in the form, we would like to record this interview to assist in our ability to write a report summarizing the
  interview.

Thank you for signing the consent form. I will also sign this form to show that I agree to everything in the form. At the end of the interview, I'll be sure to give you a copy for you to take with you.

- ASK PARTICIPANT IF (S)HE HAS ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONSENT FORM.
- 8. IF PARTICIPANT AGREES, OBTAIN THE RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE TO PROCEED ON ONE COPY OF THE FORM; INTERVIEWER SHOULD ALSO SIGN THE FORM AT THIS TIME.
- 9. MAKE SURE RESPONDENT TAKES ONE COPY WITH THEM WHEN THE INTERVIEW IS OVER AT THE END OF THE INTERVIEW.

# [All students]:

Are you comfortable with me recording this interview?

IF PARTICIPANT PROVIDES CONSENT TO HAVE THE SESSION AUDIO-TAPED:

I'm going to turn on the recorder now, and once it is on, I'm going to ask for your permission to record today, and then we will get started.

TURN ON TAPE RECORDER, ASK FOR PERMISSION TO RECORD ON THE TAPE, AND BEGIN THE INTERVIEW.

OK, let's begin.

## **INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTIONS:**

NOTE ANY CONFUSION OR DIFFICULTIES RESPONDENTS HAVE WITH THE QUESTIONS.

# **RETROSPECTIVE PROBING (R=respondent):**

IF YOU NOTICED R HAVING COGNITIVE DIFFICULTY ANSWERING ANY OF THE QUESTIONS YOU ARE PROBING ON, MAKE SURE TO PROBE ON R'S DIFFICULTY WITH THE QUESTION. GO THROUGH THE SURVEY WITHOUT PROBING UNTIL YOU GET TO QUESTION 37. GO THROUGH THE RETROSPECTIVE PROBES WITH R. BE SURE TO PROBE ON ANY OF THE RESPONDENT'S APPARENT DIFFICULTY OR HESITATION. AFTER ALL PROBES, CONTINUE THE SURVEY AT QUESTION 38, FOLLOWED BY THE DEBRIEFING QUESTIONS.

NOTICE - We are conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Section 8. Section 9 of this law requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential. We may use this information only for statistical purposes. Also, Title 42, Section 3732, United States Code, authorizes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice, to collect information using this survey. Title 42, Sections 3789g and 3735, United States Code also requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential.

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		E. SCREEN QUESTIONS	FOR SUP	PLEMENT		
E_ATT 1a.	ENDSCHOOL Did you attend schoo	I at any time this school year?	006	1 □ Yes 2 □ No - <b>SKIP</b> t	o <b>END</b>	
E_HON	That is, did you receive	e you ever homeschooled? ve ANY of that schooling at a public or private school?		□ Yes 2 □ No - <i>SKIP</i> to	Q1d	
E_ALL	HOMESCHOOL					
1c.	Was all of your school homeschooling?	ling this school year	007	1 □ Yes - <i>SKIP</i> t 2 □ No	to <b>END</b>	
E_DIF	FSCHOOL_ATTENDED	<del></del>				
1d.	How many different attended this school	year?	185SCS	1 ☐ One school 2 ☐ Two school 3 ☐ Three or mo	S	
		chooling as one school. answered "yes" to being				

homeschooled)

E_WH	ATGRADE				
2b.	What grade are you in	?		800	0 ☐ Fifth or under - <b>SKIP</b> to <b>END</b>
E_WHATGRADEOTHER					1 ☐ Sixth 2 ☐ Seventh 3 ☐ Eighth 4 ☐ Ninth 5 ☐ Tenth 6 ☐ Eleventh 7 ☐ Twelfth 8 ☐ Other - Specify
					9 ☐ College/GED/Post-graduate/ Other noneligible - <i>SKIP</i> to <i>END</i>
INTER		tion if R w	as homeschooled part of	the year	r(Q1b = "Yes" and Q1c = "No"); <b>ELSE skip</b> to Q6
The fo	llowing questions perta	in only to	your attendance at a p	ublic or	private school and not to being homeschooled.
6.	What grades are taugh	nt in your	school?		Grades:
	Pre-K or Kindergarten	00 01 02 03		020	TO (lowest) F_GRADES_LOW
		04 05 06		021	(highest) F_GRADES_HIGH
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l		11 12 13	H.S. Senior Post-graduate		
		20 30	All ungraded All Special Education		

10. The next questions are about security measures that some schools take.					
Does your school have:  F_SAFETY_POLICE		Yes	No	Don't know	School does not have lockers
s. Security guards or assigned police officers?					
F_SAFETY HALLSTAFF	028	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
t. Other adults supervising the hallway, such as teachers, administrators, or parent volunteers?  F_SAFETY_ METAL_DETECTORS	029	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
u. Metal detectors, including wands? (The definition for the term 'metal detector' is a device used to check for weapons students might be trying to bring onto school property. The metal detector may be in a form of a doorframe, which you are asked to walk through. It may also be in the form of a hand-held metal detector that looks like a wand or paddle, which is moved around your body.)	030	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
F_SAFETY_DOORS_LOCKED  v. Locked entrance or exit doors during the day?					
F_SAFETY_SIGN_IN	031	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
w. A requirement that visitors sign in AND wear visitor badges or stickers?	032	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
F_SAFETY_LOCKER_CHECKS x. Locker checks? F_SAFETY_STUDENT_ID	033	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
y. A requirement that students wear badges or picture identification?	094	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
F_SAFETY_CAMERAS  z. One or more security cameras to monitor the school?  F_SAFETY_CODE_OF_CONDUCT	095	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	
aa. A code of student conduct, that is, a set of written rules or guidelines that the school provides you?	096	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	
F_REPORT		Yes	No	Don't kno	NW
11. If you hear about a threat to school or student safety, do you have a way to report it without having to give your name?	167	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	, vv
F_DISTRACTED  12. In your classes, how often are you distracted from doing your schoolwork because other students are misbehaving, for example, talking or fighting?  (READ CATEGORIES.)	156	1  Nev 2  Aln 3  Soi 4  Mo	nost ne metime	es	

13. Thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
F_RULES_FAIR a. The school rules are fair.	035	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_PUNISHMENT_SAME b. The punishment for breaking school rules is the same no matter who you are.	036	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_RULES_ENFORCED  c. The school rules are strictly enforced. (Strictly enforced rules means that the school consistently carries out disciplinary actions against any students who break school rules.)	037	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
F_PUNISHMENT_KNOWN d. If a school rule is broken, students know what kind of punishment will follow.	038	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_TEACHERS_RESPECT e. Teachers treat students with respect.	127	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
14. Still thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagre	Strongly e Disagree
There is a TEACHER or other ADULT at school who  F_ADULT_REALLYCARES  c. Really cares about you.	173SC	S 1 □	2 🗆	3 □	4 □
F_ADULT_LISTENS  b. Listens to you when you have something to say.	175SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 □
F_ADULT_GOOD_JOB  c. Tells you when you do a good job.	176SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
15. Still thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
There is a STUDENT at school who	186SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
F_STUDENT_REALLYCARES  a. Really cares about you.  F_STUDENT_LISTENS	187SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
<ul> <li>b. Listens to you when you have something to say.</li> <li>F_STUDENT_SUCCESS</li> <li>c. Believes that you will be a success.</li> </ul>	188SC	S 1□	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
18. Thinking about your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
F_SAFE_IN_SCHOOL You feel safe in your school	189SC	S 1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
t .					

SCS_INTRO 3 Now I have some questions about things that includes the school building, on school property, on a school. Your answers will not be given to anyone.			
19. The following question refers to the availability of drugs and alcohol at your school.			
		Yes	No
Is it possible for students at your school to get			
F_ ALCOHOL a. Alcoholic beverages?	040	1 🗆	2 🗆
F_MARIJUANA b. Marijuana, also known as pot, weed or mary jane?	041	1 🗆	2 🗆
F_PRESCRIPTION_DRUGS  c. Prescription drugs illegally obtained without a prescription, such as Oxycontin, Ritalin, or Adderall?	159	1 🗆	2 🗆
F_OTHER_ILLEGAL			
d. Other illegal drugs, such as cocaine, uppers, or heroin?	209SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆
G. FIGHTING, BULLYING A	ND HATE E	BEHAVIORS	S
G_FIGHT_AT_SCHOOL 21a. During this school year, have you been in one or more physical fights at school?		□ Yes □ No - <b>SK</b>	IP to Q22
G_FIGHT_HOW_OFTEN  21b. During this school year, how many times have you been in a physical fight at school?	104	□□ (N	umber of times)

22. Now I have some questions about what students do at school that make you feel bad or are hurtful to you. We often refer to this as being bullied. You may include events you told me about already. During this school year, has any student bullied you?  That is, has another student			
(Read each category a-g.)  G_BULLY_MADE_FUN		Yes	No
a. Made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way?	134	1 🗆	2 🗆
G_BULLY_RUMOR			
<ul> <li>b. Spread rumors about you or tried to make others dislike you?</li> <li>G_BULLY_THREAT</li> </ul>	135	1 🗆	2 🗆
c. Threatened you with harm?	400	4.5	0.0
G_BULLY_CONTACT d. Pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on	136	1 🗆	2 🗆
you?	137	1 🗆	2 🗆
G_BULLY_COERCED  e. Tried to make you do things you did not want to do, for example, give them money or other	138	1 🗆	2 🗆
things? G_BULLY_EXCLUDED			
f. Excluded you from activities on purpose?	139	1 🗆	2 🗆
G_BULLY_DESTROYED_PROP	139	1 🗆	2 🗆
g. Destroyed your property on purpose?	140	1 🗆	2 ☐ If all categories a-g are marked "No" <b>SKIP</b> to Q37 on page 13
23. During this school year, did any of these things happen on more than one day?		1 □ Yes 2 □ No <b>- SKI</b>	<b>P to</b> : <b>Q27</b> on page 11
24. During this school year, what month did the bullying start?		1 □ January 2 □ February 3 □ March	
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – If the respondent says that the bullying started before this school year, ask the respondent what month school started this year.		4 □ April 5 □ May 6 □ June 7 □ July 8 □ August 9 □ Septembe 10 □ October 11 □ Novembe	
		12 ☐ Decembe	

25. What month did the bullying stop?  IF START AND STOP MONTH ARE THE SAME, then go to	1 □ January 2 □ February 3 □ March 4 □ April 5 □ May 6 □ June 7 □ July 8 □ August 9 □ September 10 □ October 11 □ November 12 □ December 13 □ Still happening
G_BULLY_HOW_OFTEN  26a. During {start/stop month} of this school year, how often were you bullied?  (READ CATEGORIES 1-4.)	142 1 ☐ Almost every day 2 ☐ About 3 to 4 times a week 3 ☐ About once a week 4 ☐ About once or twice in {start/stop month}
G_BULLY_HOW_OFTEN  26b. Between {start month} and {stop month} of this school year, how often were you bullied?  (READ CATEGORIES 1-5.)	142 1 ☐ Almost every day 2 ☐ About 3 to 4 times a week 3 ☐ About once a week 4 ☐ About once or twice a month, or 5 ☐ About once or twice between {start month} and {stop month}.
G_BULLY_OVER_AND_OVER 27. Did you think the bullying would happen again?	1 □ Yes 2 □ No
28. Thinking about the [time/times] you were bullied this school year, did more than one person do these things to you?	1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No - <b>SKIP to</b> : Q30 on page 12
29. Did these people act alone, together as a team, or both?	1 □ Alone 2 □ Together 3 □ Both 3 □ Don't know

G_BULLY_MORE_POWER  30. Now I have some additional questions about the time [another student/ other students] {behavior₁}, {behavior₂}, and {behaviorx}. Thinking about the [person/ people] who did these things to you this school year,					
• ,	Ye	s	No		
j. [Was this person/ Were any of these people/ Was anyone in the group] physically bigger or stronger than you?	1 [	3	2 🗆		
k.[Was this person/ Were any of these people/ Was anyone in the group] more popular than you?	1 [	<b>_</b>	2 🗆		
I. [Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more money than you?	1 [	<b>_</b>	2 🗆		
m. [Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have the ability to influence what other students think of you?	1 [	_	2 🗆		
n. [Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more power than you in another way?	1 [	<b>-</b>	2 🗆		
G_BULLY_WHERE1 through G_BULLY_WHERE8 31. Still thinking about all of the times that you were bullied, where did the bullying occur? Did it occur  (READ CATEGORIES) Mark (X) all that apply  G_BULLY_WHERE_SPECIFY  Where is the other place where bullying occurred?	143 1 □ In a classroom at school? 168 2 □ In a hallway or stairwell at school? 169 3 □ In a bathroom or locker room at school? 173 4 □ In a cafeteria or lunch room at school? 146 5 □ Somewhere else inside the school building? - Specify  144 6 □ Outside on school grounds? 145 7 □ On the way to or from school such as on a school bus or at a bus stop? 211SCS 8 □ Online or by text?				
G_BULLY_ADULT_TOLD  32. Did you tell a teacher or some other adult at school about being bullied?		⊒ Yes ⊒ No			
33. This school year, how much has bullying had a NEGATIVE effect on: (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)			Not very S much	omewhat	A lot
G_SCHOOL_WORK q. YOUR school work.	196SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
G_RELATION_FRIEND_FAMILY	197SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
h. YOUR relationships with friends or family.  G_ABOUT_YOURSELF  i. How you feel about YOURSELF.	198SCS		2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
G_PHYSICAL_HEALTH  d. YOUR physical health for example, caused injuries, gave you headaches or stomach aches.	199SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆

34. When you were bullied in school this year, did you ever think it was related to		Yes	No	
G_BULLY_RACE o. YOUR race?	200SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
G_BULLY_RELIGION p. YOUR religion?	201SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
G_BULLY_ETHNIC_ORIGIN  q. YOUR ethnic background or national origin				
<ul><li>for example, people of Hispanic origin?</li></ul>	202SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
G_BULLYING_DISABILITY  r. Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental, or developmental disabilities?	203SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
G_BULLYING_GENDER s. YOUR gender? G_BULLYING_ORIENTATION	204SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
t. YOUR sexual orientation - by this we mean gay, lesbian, bisexual, or straight?  G_BULLYING_APPEARANCE	205SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
u. YOUR physical appearance?	206SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
G_HATE 35. During this school year, has anyone called you an insulting or bad name at school having to do with your race, religion, ethnic background or national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation? We		] Yes ] No - <i>SKIF</i>	• to <b>Q37</b>	
call these hate-related words.				
call these hate-related words.  36. Were any of the hate-related words related to		Yes	No	Don't know
call these hate-related words.  36. Were any of the hate-related words related to  G_HATE_RACE a. Your race?	107SCS	Yes	<b>No</b> 2 □	Don't know
call these hate-related words.  36. Were any of the hate-related words related to  G_HATE_RACE	107SCS 108SCS			
call these hate-related words.  36. Were any of the hate-related words related to  G_HATE_RACE a. Your race?  G_HATE_RELIGION		1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
call these hate-related words.  36. Were any of the hate-related words related to  G_HATE_RACE     a. Your race?  G_HATE_RELIGION     b. Your religion?  G_HATE_ETHNICITY     c. Your ethnic background or national origin- for	108SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
a. Were any of the hate-related words related to  G_HATE_RACE a. Your race?  G_HATE_RELIGION b. Your religion?  G_HATE_ETHNICITY c. Your ethnic background or national origin- for example, people of Hispanic origin?  G_HATE_DISABILITY d. Any disability you may have – such as physical,	108SCS 109SCS	1	2 🗆 2 🗆 2 🗆	3 □ 3 □
a. Were any of the hate-related words related to  G_HATE_RACE a. Your race?  G_HATE_RELIGION b. Your religion?  G_HATE_ETHNICITY c. Your ethnic background or national origin- for example, people of Hispanic origin?  G_HATE_DISABILITY d. Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental, or developmental disabilities?  G_HATE_GENDER	108SCS 109SCS 110SCS	1	2	3

## Probes (Q22):

Now I have a few questions about some of the items you just answered.

Earlier I asked you this question: [HAND R THE SINGLE PAGE OF Q22 TO REFERENCE, R WILL REFERENCE THIS THROUGH THE INTERVIEW, SO DON'T TAKE IT BACK]

## If any Q22 a -g = yes:

When I asked you if any student had bullied you and read a list of things bullies might do, you said yes to items \_\_\_\_\_ [SAY WHICH LETTERS R SAID YES TO, DO NOT READ BEHAVIORS. Ex - "you said yes to items b and d"].

p. Can you tell me about what happened?

# If Q22 = no to all:

When I asked you if any student had bullied you and read a list of things bullies might do, you said no to all items.

- q. Did any of those things happen to you that you didn't count as bullying? Can you tell me more about why you didn't include them here?
- r. Did other students do any other things that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you? Can you tell me more about that?
- S. [If applicable] Do you think those things they did count as bullying? (Why or Why not?)

## All respondents:

- t. Can you tell me, in your own words, what it means to be bullied?
- u. What kinds of behavior do you think count as bullying? (Why?)
- V. Are there other examples of bullying that we didn't ask about?
- **W.** When you were answering this question (point to Q22, were you thinking of any things that other students did that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you that didn't happen at school?

IF R SAID NO TO ALL ITEMS IN Q22, SKIP TO: PROBE E (Q26) on page 15.

#### Probes (Q24):

When I asked, "During this school year, what month did the bullying start?" You answered

a. Was it easy or difficult for you to answer this question? Why?

#### Probes (025):

When I asked, "During this school year, what month did the bullying stop?" You answered

- a. (If R answered current month) Can you tell me why you answered the way you did? (If necessary) Is the bullying still going on?
- b. (If R answered the same month for start and stop months) Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- c. Was it easy or difficult for you to answer this question? Why?

## Probes (Q26a & 26b):

Interviewer note: We want to know the frequency and pattern to see if these categories work for most cases. For example, if they were bullied twice a week for a month and then it stopped, how do they respond? Do they have trouble answering this question?

# IF R SAID YES TO Q23:

#### ALTERNATE Q26:

Now I am going to read you another question that I'd like you to answer. During this school year, how many days were you bullied?

- 1 One day
- 2 Two days
- 3 Three to ten days
- 4 More than ten days
- Z. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- **aa.** (If necessary) Was it easy or difficult for you to come up with your answer to this question? Why?

## IF R ANSWERED Q26A (SAME START/STOP MONTH):

Earlier I asked you, "DURING {start/stop month} of this school year, how often were you bullied?" The options were "Almost every day, About 3 to 4 times a week, About once a week, or About once or twice in {start/stop month}." You answered \_\_\_\_\_.

bb. Was it easy or difficult for you to come up with your answer to this question? Why?

## IF R ANSWERED Q26B (DIFFERENT START/STOP MONTH):

Earlier I asked you, "Between {start month} and {stop month} of this school year, how often were you bullied?" The options were "Almost every day, About 3 to 4 times a week, About once a week, About once or twice a month, or About once or twice between {start month} and {stop month}." You answered \_\_\_\_\_.

CC. Was it easy or difficult for you to come up with your answer to this question? Why?

#### ALL RESPONDENTS:

**dd.** [HAND R PAGE WITH 2 VERSIONS OF Q26 AND A PEN] Please take a minute to read the following situation. After you finish reading it, I'd like you to pretend that you are Mark and answer both questions how you think Mark would answer them. There are no right or wrong answers.

[WAIT FOR R TO ANSWER Qs] Can you tell me why you answered the way you did for A? What about B?

ee. Is one of these questions easier to answer than the other? Why or why not?

IF R SAID NO TO ALL ITEMS IN Q22, SKIP TO: PROBES (Q30) ON PAGE 17.

## Probes (Q27):

Earlier I asked you, "Did you think the bullying would happen again?" You answered \_\_\_\_.

- j. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- **k.** If someone did something that made you feel bad or was hurtful only one time and it is not likely to happen again, could it be considered bullying? (Why or why not?)

# Probes (Q29): (skipped if Q28 = no)

Interviewer note: We want to know if they experienced multiple isolated incidents by different people, or if the same person did multiple things.

Now let's think about this question: "Did these people act alone, together as a team, or both?" You answered \_\_\_\_.

#### All respondents:

- q. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- r. How many different people bullied you?
- S. What does the phrase "together as a team" mean to you in this question?

## If Q29 = Alone or Both:

- t. Did any of the people acting alone do more than one thing or do the same thing more than once?
- u. (If necessary) Can you tell me which people did the different things to bully you?
- V. Even though these people acted alone, do you think that some of the things that different people did to you were related in some way? Can you tell me more about that?

# If Q29 = Together or DK:

W. (If necessary) Can you tell me more about the people who bullied you in each incident?

## All respondents:

X. (If necessary) What bullying incidents were you thinking of when you were answering this question?

## Probes (Q30):

If any in Q22 = yes: Earlier I asked you about whether [the person was/ the people were /anyone in the group was] bigger, stronger, more popular, had more money, had the ability to influence what other students think of you, or had more power than you in some other way. Here are those questions for you to look at when I ask the next questions. [HAND R PAGE WITH Q30 WITH APPROPRIATE FILLS]

If all in Q22 = no: Now I am going to read you some questions you would have been asked if other students had done things that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you at school. You do not have to answer the questions. Instead, after I read them, I am going to ask you some follow up questions to get your thoughts and opinions. Here are those questions for you to look at while I read them and ask follow up questions. HAND R PAGE WITH Q30 WITH GROUP FILLS.

## All respondents:

- bb. Another question asks "[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have the ability to influence what other students think of you?" Can you tell me, in your own words, what this question is asking?
- **CC.** Another question asks "[Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more power than you in another way?" What does the phrase "have more power than you" mean to you in this question?

## If Q30e = yes:

dd. You said yes to Q30e. In what other way did they have more power than you?

# All respondents:

- **ee.** We gave four examples of having more power being bigger or stronger, being more popular, having more money, or being able to influence what others think of you. Do you think that these are ways bullies have more power over someone? Why or why not?
- ff. If a group of students are working together to bully a student named Mark, do you think they would have more power over Mark? (IF yes): Is this true even if none of the students in the group are bigger, stronger, more popular, have more money, or can influence what others think of Mark? (Why or why not?)

Interviewer note: We want to determine if respondent believes that given all else equal, the outnumbering of students is considering having power.

IF R SAID NO TO ALL ITEMS IN Q22, CONTINUE TO: PROBES (Q31).

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IF R SAID NO TO ALL ITEMS IN Q22, CONTINUE TO: PROBES (Q31).

#### Probes (Q31):

If any in Q22= yes: Earlier I asked, "Still thinking about all of the times that you were bullied, where did the bullying occur?" One of the options I read was "online or by text."

If all in Q22 = no: Now I am going to show you another question you would have been asked if you said that other kids had done things that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you at school. You do not have to answer the question. After you finish reading the question and answer choices , I am going to ask you some follow up questions to get your thoughts and opinions. [HAND R PAGE WITH Q31, WAIT FOR R TO FINISH READING, THEN ASK PROBES]

#### All respondents:

- m. Can you tell me, in your own words, what it means to be bullied online or by text?
- n. A little earlier I asked whether you were bullied (point to Q22 page if necessary). Were you thinking of bullying that can happen online or by text when I first asked that question, or just bullying that happens in person?
- O. Did any kind of bullying happen to you online or by text that you did not think about or didn't mention when I first asked that question (point to Q22 page if necessary)? (Why or why not?)

IF R SAID NO TO ALL ITEMS IN Q22, SKIP TO SURVEY QUESTIONS ON PAGE 20: H. AVOIDANCE (Q38)

#### Probes (Q32):

#### If no:

When I asked you, "Did you tell a teacher or some other adult at school about being bullied?" you said no.

- **q.** Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- h. Did somebody else tell a teacher or some other adult at school about you being bullied?
- i. Did you tell a teacher or some other adult at school about any things that other students did that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you? If necessary: Can you tell me more about that?

#### Probes (Q33):

I asked, "This school year, how much has bullying had a NEGATIVE effect on: YOUR school work, YOUR relationships with friends or family, How you feel about YOURSELF, and YOUR physical health for example, caused injuries, gave you headaches or stomach aches."

#### All respondents:

i. Can you tell me, in your own words, what the phrase "had a negative effect" means to you in this question?

#### If "Not at all" to 33a-d:

j. You answered "not at all" to all of the categories. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?

#### If "A lot" to any in 33a-d:

- k. You answered "a lot" for item \_\_\_\_. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did?
- (Repeat for each item R answered "a lot" if necessary) You also answered "a lot" for item \_\_\_\_. Can you tell me why you answered the way you did for that one?

#### Probes (Q34):

#### If no to all in 34a-g:

When I asked you, "When you were bullied in school this year, did you ever think it was related to..." your race, your gender, your physical appearance, and so on, you said no to all categories.

- **e.** Can you tell me why you answered the way you did? I can re-read you all of the categories if that would be helpful.
- f. (If necessary) Did you feel you'd have to be certain that the incident was because you had one of these characteristics for you to say "yes"? Or do you think you could say "yes" even if you were not absolutely certain that was the reason you were bullied?

H. AVOIDA	NCE			
38. During this school year, did you ever STAY AWAY from any of the following places because you thought someone might attack or harm you there?				
		Yes	No	
H_AVOID_SHORTCUT  a. For example, did you ever stay away from the shortest route to school, because you thought someone might attack or harm you?  H_AVOID_ENTRANCE	068	1 🗆	2 🗆	
b. The entrance into the school?	069	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_HALLWAYS  c. Any hallways or stairs in school?	070	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_CAFETERIA d. Parts of the school cafeteria or lunchroom?	071	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_RESTROOMS e. Any school restrooms?	072	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_OTHER_PLACES f. Other places inside the school building?	073	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_PARKING_LOT				
g. School parking lot? H_AVOID_OTHER_SCHOOL	074	1 🗆	2 🗆	
h. Other places on school grounds? H_SCHOOL_BUS_STOP	075	1 🗆	2 🗆	
i. School bus or bus stop?	208SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	
H_AVOID_ACTIVITIES  39a. Did you AVOID any activities at your school because you thought someone might attack or harm you?		□ Yes		
H_AVOID_CLASSES  39b. Did you AVOID any classes because you thought someone might attack or harm you?		☐ Yes		
H_STAY_HOME  39c. Did you stay home from school because you thought someone might attack or harm you in the school building, on school property, on a school bus, or going to or from school?		□ Yes		
I. FEA	R			
I_INTRO_FEAR: Sometimes, even if you can't avoid a place,	you may s	still be afra	iid of what might happen t	here.
I_AFRAID  40a. How often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you in the school building or on school property?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES.)	2 [ 3 [	□ Never □ Almost □ Sometin □ Most of	nes	
I_AFRAID_ON_BUS  40b. How often are you afraid that someone will attack or harm you on a school bus or on the way to and from school?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)	2 [ 3 [	□ Never □ Almost □ Sometii □ Most of	mes	

081	2 □ A 3 □ S	lmost never ometimes	
ACTE	RISTICS		
116	2       3     ( 4       5       6     S	B's C's D's F's School does not g	give grades/no alphabetic
117	Yes 1 □	No 2 □ <i>END</i>	Don't know
118	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
	116 117	2	2  Almost never 3  Sometimes 4  Most of the time  ACTERISTICS  116  1  A's 2  B's 3  C's 4  D's 5  F's 6  School does not gerade equivalent  Yes No  117  1  2  END

Questions about brochure (before debriefing questions):

Hand R the brochure. "I have this brochure about the survey for you." Pause for a second as they look over it. Do not tell them to read it yet. If they start reading it without prompting, wait for them to finish before starting probes. If they glance at it and look back up, begin with probe 1 below.

1. What is your first impression of the brochure? Would you read it if your parent gave it to you?

If the respondent has not yet read the brochure: "Please take a few minutes to look over the brochure."

- 2. Having just answered this survey, does this brochure do a good job of explaining what the survey is about?
- 3. Is there anything you read that stands out about the brochure?
- 4. Is there anything that you do not like about the brochure?
- 5. What does the phrase "stay tuned" mean to you in this brochure?

**Continue on to debriefing questions** 

#### DEBRIEFING QUESTIONS:

[IF R SEEMED UNCOMFORTABLE OR WOULDN'T SAY MUCH WHEN ANSWERING PROBES, PUT DOWN PEN/PROTOCOL AND MAKE THE DB Qs FEEL MORE LIKE A CONVERSATION. THIS HAS MADE SOME RS MORE COMFORTABLE AND THEY THEN PROVIDED INFORMATION THEY DIDN'T SAY WHEN PROBED. SAY SOMETHING LIKE "Really, what we're trying to figure out today is how kids think about bullying. It's just been a while since I was in school, and we want to make sure that what we think kids think about bullying is actually right." FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE DB Qs SO THAT YOU CAN ASK THEM NATURALLY WITHOUT READING FROM THE PROTOCOL IN THESE SITUATIONS.]

- p. Overall, what did you think of this interview? Was it easy or difficult?
- q. Do adults at your school talk to students about bullying? What do they say?
- r. Were there any questions you think some people might find difficult to answer?
- **S.** Did you have any other thoughts about the topics we discussed today, or the questions on this survey?

Those are all of the questions that I had for you today. Thank you very much for your participation. Here is an envelope containing your \$25. Here is a voucher form that verifies I gave you the money. Please complete the information in the highlighted areas and sign and date

TURN OFF THE TAPE RECORDER. HAND THE CASH INCENTIVE TO THE PARTICIPANT.

### Attachment 15:

2017 National Crime Victimization Survey School Crime Supplement Cognitive Pretesting Handouts

# COGNITIVE PRETESTING OF THE SCHOOL CRIME SUPPLEMENT TO THE NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY

## HANDOUTS USED DURING INTERVIEWS

### **Round 1 Handouts**

### Bullying prevalence question for reference during probing

22. Now I have some questions about what students do at school that make you feel bad or are hurtful to you. We often refer to this as being bullied. You may include events you told me about already. During this school year, has any student bullied you?

That is, has another student...

- a. Made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way?
- b. Spread rumors about you or tried to make others dislike you?
- c. Threatened you with harm?
- d. Pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you?
- e. Tried to make you do things you did not want to do, for example, give them money or other things?
- f. Excluded you from activities on purpose?
- g. Destroyed your property on purpose?

## Power imbalance question with different fills for students who were bullied

25.	Now I have some additional questions about the time another student Thinking about the person who did these things to you this school year,	<del>.</del>
a.	Was this person physically bigger or stronger than you?	
b.	Was this person more popular than you?	
C.	Did this person have more money than you?	
d.	Did this person have more power than you in another way?	
		(One)
25.	Now I have some additional questions about the time other students Thinking about the people who did these things to you this school year,	<del>.</del>
a.	Were any of these people physically bigger or stronger than you?	
b.	Were any of these people more popular than you?	
C.	Did any of these people have more money than you?	
d.	Did any of these people have more power than you in another way?	
		(Multiple)
25.	Now I have some additional questions about the time other students Thinking about the people who did these things to you this school year,	
	Thinking about the people who did these things to you this school year,	
a.	Was anyone in the group physically bigger or stronger than you?	
b.	Was anyone in the group more popular than you?	
C.	Did anyone in the group have more money than you?	
d.	Did anyone in the group have more power than you in another way?	
		(Group)

## Hypothetical power imbalance question for students who were not bullied

Q25. Now I have some additional questions about the time other students made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way, and Pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you. Thinking about the people who did these things to you this school year,

- a. Was anyone in the group physically bigger or stronger than you?
- b. Was anyone in the group more popular than you?
- c. Did anyone in the group have more money than you?
- d. Did anyone in the group have more power than you in another way?

## Frequency question with vignette and alternate versions

(order of question versions is varied in interviews)

A group of students made fun of Mark's shoes every day for the first two weeks of school. Because of this, Mark got his parents to buy him new shoes. When Mark started wearing his new shoes the third week of school, the students stopped making fun of him for the rest of the school year.

Pretend you are Mark. Answer all three questions how you think Mark would answer them.

Α.	During this school year, how many times were you bullied?
	1  One time
	2 🗆 Two times
	3  Three to ten times
	4 ☐ More than ten times
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В.	During this school year, how many days were you bullied?
	1 ☐ One day
	2 □ Two days
	3 ☐ Three to ten days
	4 ☐ More than ten days
•	B · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
C.	During this school year, how often were you bullied?
	1 ☐ Once or twice this school year
	2 ☐ Once or twice a month
	3 ☐ Once or twice a week
	4 ☐ Almost every day

### **Round 2 Handouts**

### Bullying prevalence for reference during probing

22. Now I have some questions about what students do at school that make you feel bad or are hurtful to you. We often refer to this as being bullied. You may include events you told me about already. During this school year, has any student bullied you?

That is, has another student...

- a. Made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way?
- b. Spread rumors about you or tried to make others dislike you?
- c. Threatened you with harm?
- d. Pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you?
- e. Tried to make you do things you did not want to do, for example, give them money or other things?
- f. Excluded you from activities on purpose?
- g. Destroyed your property on purpose?

## Frequency question with vignette and alternate versions

(order of versions is varied in interviews)

A group of students made fun of Mark's shoes every day for the first two weeks of school. Because of this, Mark got his parents to buy him new shoes. When Mark started wearing his new shoes the third week of school, the students stopped making fun of him for the rest of the school year.

Pretend you are Mark. Answer all three questions how you think Mark would answer them.

A.	During thi	s school year, how many times were you bullied?
	1 🗆 (	One time
	2 🗆 .	Two times
	3 □ .	Three to ten times
	4 🗆 ।	More than ten times
В.	During thi	s school year, how many days were you bullied?
	1 🗆 (	One day
	2 🗆 .	Two days
	3 □ .	Three to ten days
	4 🗆 ।	More than ten days
C.	During thi	s school year, how often were you bullied?
	1 🗆 0	Once or twice this school year
	2 🗆 0	Once or twice a month
	3 □ 0	Once or twice a week
	4 🗆 A	Almost every day

# Power imbalance question with different fills for students who were bullied

28.		Now I have some additional questions about the time another student  Thinking about the person who did these things to you this school year,	
á	а.	Was this person physically bigger or stronger than you?	
ŀ	э.	Was this person more popular than you?	
(	Э.	Did this person have more money than you?	
(	d.	Did this person have the ability to influence what other students think of you?	
•	Э.	Did this person have more power than you in another way?	
		(0	One)
28.		Now I have some additional questions about the time other students  Thinking about the people who did these things to you this school year,	
á	а.	Were any of these people physically bigger or stronger than you?	
ŀ	٥.	Were any of these people more popular than you?	
(	Э.	Did any of these people have more money than you?	
(	d.	Did any of these people have the ability to influence what other students think of you?	
•	Э.	Did any of these people have more power than you in another way?	
		(Mult	iple)
28.		Now I have some additional questions about the time other students Thinking about the people who did these things to you this school year,	
á	а.	Was anyone in the group physically bigger or stronger than you?	
ŀ	٥.	Was anyone in the group more popular than you?	
(	Э.	Did anyone in the group have more money than you?	
(	d.	Did anyone in the group have the ability to influence what other students think of you?	
	_	Did anyone in the group have more nower than you in another way?	

## <u>Hypothetical power imbalance question for students who were not bullied</u>

Q28. Now I have some additional questions about the time other students made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way, and Pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you. Thinking about the people who did these things to you this school year,

a.	Was anyone in the group physically bigger or stronger than you?
b.	Was anyone in the group more popular than you?
C.	Did anyone in the group have more money than you?
d.	Did anyone in the group have the ability to influence what other students think of you?

## Location of bullying question for reference for students who were not bullied

e. Did anyone in the group have more power than you in another way?

29.	Still thinking about all of the times that you were bullied, where did the bullying occur? Did it occur
	1 ☐ In a classroom at school?
	2 ☐ In a hallway or stairwell at school?
	3 ☐ In a bathroom or locker room at school?
	4 ☐ In a cafeteria or lunch room at school?
	5 ☐ Somewhere else inside the school building?
	Where is the other place where bullying occurred?
	6 ☐ Outside on school grounds?
	7 ☐ On the way to or from school such as on a school bus or at a bus stop?
	8 ☐ Online or by text?

### **Round 3 Handouts**

### Bullying prevalence question for reference during probing

22. Now I have some questions about what students do at school that make you feel bad or are hurtful to you. We often refer to this as being bullied. You may include events you told me about already. During this school year, has any student bullied you?

That is, has another student...

- a. Made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way?
- b. Spread rumors about you or tried to make others dislike you?
- c. Threatened you with harm?
- d. Pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you?
- e. Tried to make you do things you did not want to do, for example, give them money or other things?
- f. Excluded you from activities on purpose?
- g. Destroyed your property on purpose?

## Frequency question with vignette and alternate versions

(order of versions is varied in interviews)

A group of students made fun of Mark's shoes every day for the first two weeks of school in August. Because of this, Mark got his parents to buy him new shoes. When Mark started wearing his new shoes the third week of school, the students stopped making fun of him for the rest of the school year.

Pretend you are Mark. Answer both questions how you think Mark would answer them. There are no right or wrong answers.

A.	During this school year, how many days were you bullied?
	1 ☐ One day
	2 □ Two days
	3 ☐ Three to ten days
	4 ☐ More than ten days
B.	During August of this school year, how often were you bullied?
	1 ☐ Almost every day
	2 ☐ About 3 to 4 times a week
	3 ☐ About once or twice a week
	4 ☐ About once or twice in August

# Power imbalance question with different fills for students who were bullied

30.		Now I have some additional questions about the time another student  Thinking about the person who did these things to you this school year,	
a	а.	Was this person physically bigger or stronger than you?	
t	٥.	Was this person more popular than you?	
c	<b>)</b> .	Did this person have more money than you?	
c	d.	Did this person have the ability to influence what other students think of you?	
E	€.	Did this person have more power than you in another way?	
		(4	One)
30.		Now I have some additional questions about the time other students  Thinking about the people who did these things to you this school year,	
a	ā.	Were any of these people physically bigger or stronger than you?	
k	٥.	Were any of these people more popular than you?	
c	Э.	Did any of these people have more money than you?	
c	d.	Did any of these people have the ability to influence what other students think of you?	
E	€.	Did any of these people have more power than you in another way?	
		(Mult	iple)
30.		Now I have some additional questions about the time other students Thinking about the people who did these things to you this school year,	
a	а.	Was anyone in the group physically bigger or stronger than you?	
t	٥.	Was anyone in the group more popular than you?	
c	<b>)</b> .	Did anyone in the group have more money than you?	
c	d.	Did anyone in the group have the ability to influence what other students think of you?	
_	_	Did anyone in the group have more nower than you in another way?	

## Hypothetical power imbalance question for students who were not bullied

Q30. Now I have some additional questions about the time other students made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way, and Pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you. Thinking about the people who did these things to you this school year,

a.	Was anyone in the group physically bigger or stronger than you?
b.	Was anyone in the group more popular than you?
C.	Did anyone in the group have more money than you?

- d. Did anyone in the group have the ability to influence what other students think of you?
- e. Did anyone in the group have more power than you in another way?

## Location of bullying question for reference for students who were not bullied

31.	Still thinking about all of the times that you were bullied, where did the bullying occur? Did it occur
	1 ☐ In a classroom at school?
	2 ☐ In a hallway or stairwell at school?
	3 ☐ In a bathroom or locker room at school?
	4 ☐ In a cafeteria or lunch room at school?
	5 ☐ Somewhere else inside the school building?
	Where is the other place where bullying occurred?
	6 □ Outside on school grounds?
	7 □ On the way to or from school such as on a school bus or at a bus stop?
	8 □ Online or by text?

## School Crime Supplement student brochure

#### **Publications**

The NCES publishes a wide variety of special reports on crime in schools, including the *Crime, Violence, Discipline, and Safety in U.S. Public Schools* and *Indicators of School Crime and Safety.*To learn more about these reports or the SCS, please visit <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/programs/crime">http://nces.ed.gov/programs/crime</a>.

#### **Useful Information**

- www.StopBullying.gov
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline
   1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)
- Child Help USA National Child Abuse Hotline
   1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)
- www.victimsofcrime.org/help-for-crimevictims/

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The School Crime Supplement (SCS) to the National Crime Victimization Survey for Students in Grades 6 Through 12



The School Crime
Supplement (SCS) is a
national survey that asks
students in grades 6 through
12 about experiences they
have in school.



Do I have to take the survey?

The survey is voluntary and there are no penalties for not participating, but we hope that you respond.



Why are my answers to the survey important?

The survey helps school administrators and others interested in school crime make decisions about how to keep schools safe.



What will the survey ask me?

We will ask you about fighting, bullying, cyber-bullying, weapons, and drugs and gangs at your school, among other things.



Why am I being asked to complete this survey?

Your household was one of more than 50,000 households selected to participate in the National Crime Victimization Survey. We're asking all students in grades 6 through 12 in those households to complete the SCS. We will collect data about crime in schools, and how it affects students.



Will anyone find out what my answers are?

No, your answers to the survey are confidential. Your name will never be associated with your answers.

## Stay tuned!

You will be contacted to complete the survey between January and June 2017.

### Attachment 16:

2017 National Crime Victimization Survey School Crime Supplement finalized bullying section

### FINALIZED BULLYING SECTION

22. Now I have some questions about what students do at school that make you feel bad or are hurtful to you. We often refer to this as being bullied. You may include events you told me about already. During this school year, has any student bullied you?	
That is, has another student	
(Read each category a-g.)  G_BULLY_MADE_FUN	Yes No
a. Made fun of you, called you names, or insulted you, in a hurtful way?  G_BULLY_RUMOR	134 1 🗆 2 🗆
<ul> <li>Spread rumors about you or tried to make others dislike you?</li> </ul>	135 1 🗆 2 🗆
G_BULLY_THREAT c. Threatened you with harm?	136 1 🗆 2 🗆
G_BULLY_CONTACT d. Pushed you, shoved you, tripped you, or spit on you?	137 1 🗆 2 🗆
G_BULLY_COERCED  e. Tried to make you do things you did not want to do, for example, give them money or other things?	138 1 🗆 2 🗆
G_BULLY_EXCLUDED  f. Excluded you from activities on purpose?	139 1 🗆 2 🗆
G_BULLY_DESTROYED_PROP g. Destroyed your property on purpose?	140 1 □ 2 □ If all categories a-g are marked "No" <b>SKIP</b> to <b>G_HATE</b>
G_BULLY_DAY_PLUS  23a. During this school year, how many days were you bullied?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)	214SCS  1 □ One day - Go to G_BULLY_TIMES
	2 □ Two days 3 □ Three to ten days 4 □ More than ten days
G_BULLY_TIMES  23b. In that one day, how many times would you say other students did those things that made you feel bad or were hurtful to you?  (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES 1-4)	215SCS  1 □ Once 2 □ Two to ten times 3 □ Eleven to fifty times 4 □ More than fifty times 5 □ Too many times to count 6 □ Don't know

G_BULLY_HAPPEN_AGAIN 24. Did you think the bullying would happen again?		216SCS  1  Yes 2  No				
G_BULLY_MULTI_PERS  25. Thinking about the [time/times] you were bullied this school year, did more than one person do [this/these things] to you?	217SCS	□ Yes □ No - <b>S</b> ⁄	(IP to: G_BUL	LY_STRONGER	1	
<ul><li>G_BULLY_HOW_ACT</li><li>26. Did these people act alone, together as a team, or both?</li></ul>	218SCS					
	21	1 ☐ Alone 2 ☐ Together 3 ☐ Both 4 ☐ Don't know				
27. Now I have some additional questions about the time [another student/ other students] {behavior₁}, {behavior₂}, and {behaviorx}. Thinking about the [person/ people] who did [this/these things] to you this school year,						
G_BULLY_STRONGER a. [Was this person/ Were any of these people/ Was		Yes	No			
anyone in the group] physically bigger or stronger than you?	219SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆			
G_BULLY_POPULAR  b. [Was this person/ Were any of these people/ Was anyone in the group] more popular than you?	220SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆			
G_BULLY_MONEY  c. [Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more money than you?	221SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆			
G_BULLY_INFLUENCE  d. [Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have the ability to influence what other students think of you?	222SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆			
G_BULLY_OTHER_POWER  e. [Did this person/ Did any of these people/ Did anyone in the group] have more power than you in another way?	223SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆			

G_BULLY_WHERE1 through G_BULLY_WHERE8 28. Still thinking about all of the times that you were bullied, where did the bullying occur? Did it occur  (READ CATEGORIES) Mark (X) all that apply G_BULLY_WHERE_SPECIFY Where is the other place where bullying occurred?	143 1 ☐ In a classroom at school?  168 2 ☐ In a hallway or stairwell at school?  169 3 ☐ In a bathroom or locker room at school?  173 4 ☐ In a cafeteria or lunch room at school?  146 5 ☐ Somewhere else inside the school building? - Specify				
G_BULLY_ADULT_TOLD  29. Did you tell a teacher or some other adult at school about being bullied?		□ Yes □ No			
30. This school year, how much has bullying had a NEGATIVE effect on: (READ ANSWER CATEGORIES)		Not at all	Not very much	Somewhat	A lot
G_SCHOOL_WORK a. YOUR school work.	196SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
G_RELATION_FRIEND_FAMILY b. YOUR relationships with friends or family.	197SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
G_ABOUT_YOURSELF  c. How you feel about YOURSELF.	198SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □	4 🗆
G_PHYSICAL_HEALTH d. YOUR physical health for example, caused injuries, gave you headaches or stomach aches.	199SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆	4 🗆
31. When you were bullied in school this year, did you ever think it was related to		Yes	No		
G_BULLY_RACE a. YOUR race?	200SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLY_RELIGION b. YOUR religion? G_BULLY_ETHNIC_ORIGIN	201SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
c. Your ethnic background or national origin - for example, people of Hispanic origin?	202SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLYING_DISABILITY  d. Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental, or developmental disabilities?	203SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_BULLYING_GENDER e. YOUR gender? G_BULLYING_ORIENTATION	204SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
f. YOUR sexual orientation - by this we mean gay, lesbian, bisexual, or straight?  G_BULLYING_APPEARANCE	205SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
g. YOUR physical appearance?	206SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆		
G_HATE 32. During this school year, has anyone called you an insulting or bad name at school having to do with your race, religion, ethnic background or national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation? We call these hate-related words.		□ Yes □ No - <b>SK</b>	(IP to G_HA	TE_WORDS	

33. Were any of the hate-related words related to		Yes	No	Don't know
G_HATE_RACE a. Your race?	107SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 □
G_HATE_RELIGION b. Your religion?	108SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_ETHNICITY  c. Your ethnic background or national origin- for example, people of Hispanic origin?	109SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_DISABILITY d. Any disability you may have – such as physical, mental, or developmental disabilities?	110SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_GENDER e. Your gender?	111SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_SEXUAL_ORIENTATION  f. Your sexual orientation – by this we mean gay, lesbian, bisexual or straight?	112SCS	1 🗆	2 🗆	3 🗆
G_HATE_WORDS 34. During this school year, have you seen any hate-related words or symbols written in school classrooms, school bathrooms, school hallways, or on the outside of your school building?		⊒ Yes ⊒ No		