

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE TO THE BOARD

March 12, 2024, Public Board Meeting



2023 BC Adolescent Health Survey Chilliwack and Provincial Results Summary

The following information was ascertained from the McCreary Centre Society [website](#). McCreary Centre Society is a non-government not-for-profit committed to improving the health of BC youth through research, evaluation and community-based projects. The McCreary Centre Society released its [seventh report of the provincial results of the BC Adolescent Health Survey \(BC AHS\)](#) marking 30 years of the BC AHS. The BC AHS has been conducted approximately every 5 years since 1992. The seventh wave was administered in 2023.

Over the past 30 years, more than 207,500 BC youth have participated in the survey. Around 38,500 young people aged 12–19 in 59 of BC's 60 school districts completed the 2023 BC AHS. Chilliwack School District has participated in three of the seven Adolescent Health Surveys - 2013, 2018 and in 2023.

The sample design for the 2023 BC AHS was similar in scope to that used for previous waves of the survey. The sampling frame was essentially the 2022/23 BC Ministry of Education's list of all BC public school classrooms stratified by geography and by grade. The target population for the 2023 BC AHS consisted of 1,039 public schools and included all 272,865 students enrolled in Grades 7–12 in the 2022/23 school year. It excluded students enrolled in private schools, alternative education programs, custody centres, provincial resource centres, distance education, continuing education, electronic delivery schools, and those being home schooled.

All but one of BC's 60 school districts chose to participate in the 2023 BC AHS, and some school districts elected not to have students from selected grades participate. The target sample for the 2023 BC AHS consisted of all the students enrolled in the 2,316 classrooms that were randomly selected from among all the classrooms in the participating school districts and grades. Several school districts across the province opted for an oversample or census of students, which essentially constituted 'extra' sample beyond that allocated to the district.

Participating school districts opted for either parental notification and student consent or signed parental consent and student consent procedures for student participation. In districts with signed parental consent, students in the sampled classrooms were only eligible to participate if they returned a consent form signed by their parent/guardian. In school districts with parental notification, students exclusively made the decision to participate, unless the parent explicitly refused for the student to participate. Of the 59 participating school districts, 55 chose parental notification and student consent; three chose signed parental consent and student consent; and one district chose parental notification for secondary students and signed parental consent for middle school students. The Chilliwack School District has always opted for parental notification and student consent process in the three waves it has participated in.

Please select the link below for a summary of the results presented to the Board of Education at the public meeting on, Tuesday, March 12th, 2024.