



Safe and Supportive Environments

Information about CMSD High Schools

Student Health and Risk Behaviors

In the CMSD High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, high school students reported that:

	2013	2015
• Did not go to school because of safety concerns.	12%	11%
• Had been bullied on school property.	15%	14%
• Had been electronically bullied.	11%	12%
• Felt like they matter to people in their community.	37%	42%
• Had a supportive adult.	76%	79%

The Response

In the 2016 School Health Profiles, principals and health educators reported that among CMSD high schools:

- 58% had a lead health education teacher who received professional development on teaching students of different sexual orientation or gender identities.
- 54% had a student-led club that aims to create a safe, welcoming, and accepting school environment for all youth, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.
- 19% prevented bullying or sexual harassment among all students.
- 32% implemented HIV, other STD, and pregnancy prevention strategies that meet the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth.

Creating Solutions

The CMSD Responsible Sexual Behavior Program is:

- Implementing LGBTQ cultural competency training and *Safe Zone* training, which supports safe and supportive schools for sexual minority youth.
- Helping schools establish Gay Straight Alliances and Diversity Clubs.
- Working with students, faculty and staff to improve the school climate and students' sense of connectedness to the school. Providing professional development and support for teachers and other school staff to enable them to meet the diverse cognitive, emotional and social needs of their students.
- Providing information and guidance to parents so they can talk to their child about sexuality, relationships and abstinence. Workshops are offered to parents on: Talking to Your Child about Sex, Keeping Your Child Safe On-line and Parental Monitoring.

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For more information about the Youth Risk Behavior Survey visit <http://www.prcn.org/YRBS.aspx>



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Information about CMSD Middle Schools

Student Health and Risk Behaviors

In the CMSD Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, middle school students reported that:

	2014	2016
• Did not go to school because of safety concerns.	10%	10%
• Had been harassed or picked on at school.	26%	21%
• Had been electronically bullied.	20%	18%
• Felt like they matter to people in their community.	45%	46%
• Had a supportive adult.	80%	80%

The Response

In the 2016 School Health Profiles, principals and health educators reported that among CMSD middle schools:

- 32% had a lead health education teacher who received professional development on teaching students of different sexual orientation or gender identities.
- 22% had a student-led club that aims to create a safe, welcoming, and accepting school environment for all youth, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.
- 6% implemented HIV, other STD, and pregnancy prevention strategies that meet the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth.
- 27% prevented bullying or sexual harassment among all students.

Creating Solutions

- Implementing LGBTQ cultural competency training and *Safe Zone* training, which supports safe and supportive schools for sexual minority youth.
- Helping schools establish Gay Straight Alliances and Diversity Clubs.
- Working with students, faculty and staff to improve the school climate and students' sense of connectedness to the school. Providing professional development and support for teachers and other school staff to enable them to meet the diverse cognitive, emotional and social needs of their students.
- Providing information and guidance to parents so they can talk to their child about sexuality, relationships and abstinence. Workshops are offered to parents on: Talking to Your Child about Sex, Keeping Your Child Safe On-line and Parental Monitoring.

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