

# Overview of Student Surveys to Assess Bullying and School Climate

Source: [The Governor's Prevention Partnership](#) (shared with permission). Information is up to date as of August 2013. Links and prices are subject to change.

Survey	Description	Considerations
<p><b>California Healthy Kids Survey</b>  <a href="http://chks.wested.org/">http://chks.wested.org/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 4-6 version and grade 7+ version (younger version has 114 questions for core module with other optional modules)</li> </ul> <p>California School Climate Survey (for staff)  <a href="http://cscs.wested.org/resources/cscs-1213.pdf">http://cscs.wested.org/resources/cscs-1213.pdf</a>            (115 questions inc. 69 core questions for all staff)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scannable paper version or online administration</li> <li>Parent version of School Climate Survey:  <a href="http://csps.wested.org/resources/csps-1213.pdf">http://csps.wested.org/resources/csps-1213.pdf</a></li> <li>Comprehensive report generated</li> </ul>	<p>Very comprehensive student questions cover general school climate and bullying but include wider framework of “developmental assets”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connectedness in the community</li> <li>Comprehensive substance use</li> <li>Violence (inc. dating and gang violence)</li> <li>Harassment/bullying</li> <li>Grades</li> <li>Truancy</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost (depends on size of school)</li> <li>Defines bullying for survey respondents</li> <li>Assesses frequency of bullying within a time period (past 12 months), inc. cyberbullying</li> <li>Assesses risk behaviors inc. drug/alcohol measures required by substance-abuse prevention grants</li> <li>Assesses broader school climate</li> </ol>
<p><b>Comprehensive School Climate Inventory</b>            (National School Climate Center)</p> <p><a href="http://www.schoolclimate.org/programs/csci.php">http://www.schoolclimate.org/programs/csci.php</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elementary and middle/high school versions</li> <li>Staff and parent versions</li> <li>Takes about 20 minutes to complete (number of items not publicly available)</li> <li>Online administration</li> <li>Comprehensive report compares answers of respondent groups</li> </ul>	<p>Assesses multiple dimensions of school climate:</p> <p><b>Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rules and norms</li> <li>Physical</li> <li>Social-emotional</li> </ul> <p><b>Teaching &amp; Learning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for learning</li> <li>Social and civic learning</li> </ul> <p><b>Relationships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respect for diversity</li> <li>Social support-adults</li> <li>Social support-students</li> </ul> <p><b>Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connectedness/engagement</li> <li>Physical surroundings</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost (depends on size of school)</li> <li>Word “bullying” not specifically used or defined (cyberbullying not mentioned)</li> <li>“Bullying” questions are asked in terms of verbal harassment/teasing, having been physically threatened, having been physically hurt repeatedly by the same person, and whether respondent or staff does something when they see someone hurting/being hurt</li> <li>Focus is mostly on broad school climate</li> <li>Does not assess frequency of bullying and harassment within a time period (only whether was experienced “more than once”)</li> <li>Does not address other risk behaviors</li> </ol>

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<p><b>Olweus Bullying Questionnaire</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper and online versions (no item previews available)</li> <li>Student version for grades 3-12 (42 questions)</li> <li>Parent and staff versions also available (no cost)</li> <li>Report generated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses location, frequency of bullying</li> <li>Asks about different types of, and reasons for, bullying</li> <li>Includes bystander behavior and feelings</li> <li>Asks whether student or a parent has reported bullying, and whether staff “usually” respond</li> <li>Asks if the student has been bullied, and also whether s/he has bullied others</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost for student version (\$1 per student for online version or \$34.50 for each set of 30 scannable paper forms, inc. scanning service)</li> <li>Defines bullying for survey respondents</li> <li>Assesses frequency of bullying within a time period (past few months) inc. cyberbullying</li> <li>Does not assess broader school climate</li> <li>Does not address other risk behaviors</li> </ol>
<p><b>Assessment Toolkit for Bullying, Harassment and Peer Relations at School</b> (Canadian Public Health Association)</p> <p><a href="http://www.cpha.ca/en/activities/safe-schools.aspx">http://www.cpha.ca/en/activities/safe-schools.aspx</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 4-7 version</li> <li>Grade 8-12 version (55 questions)</li> <li>Teacher, administrator and parent versions also available</li> <li>Paper administration only</li> <li>School must generate own report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very detailed questions about bullying, including cyberbullying and all of the Olweus question areas above</li> <li>Excellent detail on harassment, including sexual, homophobic, racial/ethnic, etc.</li> <li>Questions about how student responded as a bystander and/or target of bullying</li> <li>Questions are posed in a caring tone</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available FREE</li> <li>Defines bullying for survey respondents</li> <li>Assesses frequency of bullying within a time period (past 4 weeks) inc. cyberbullying</li> <li>Limited questions about broader school climate (e.g., “In this school, I feel like I belong.”)</li> <li>Does not address other risk/problem behaviors</li> <li>School owns, and must analyze, data (Excel data entry form is available with calculating formulas)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Pride Learning Environment Survey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 6-12 (approx. 130 questions) <a href="http://dbdemo.pridesurveys.com/qle10.pdf">http://dbdemo.pridesurveys.com/qle10.pdf</a></li> <li>Teacher version also available: <a href="http://dbdemo.pridesurveys.com/qte10.pdf">http://dbdemo.pridesurveys.com/qte10.pdf</a></li> <li>Administration via scannable paper form</li> <li>Comprehensive report generated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers multiple aspects of school life including eight questions on bullying, plus items on class/school climate, school connectedness, safety, risk behaviors</li> <li>Asks about the degree to which bullying interferes with schoolwork, whether there’s peer support for bullied student, and frequency of being socially excluded, called names, etc.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost (\$220 per pack of 100 scannable forms; includes basic report)</li> <li>Does not define bullying for survey respondents</li> <li>Assesses frequency of bullying/cyberbullying (e.g., “several times a week,” but doesn’t reference past year, past month, etc.</li> <li>Assesses broader school climate</li> <li>Assesses risk behaviors inc. drug/alcohol measures required by substance-abuse prevention grants</li> </ol>

## Additional Surveys

*If this information is not already listed, contact each survey developer individually regarding grade levels, psychometric properties of the instruments, and obtaining permission to use the questions. In some cases, fees may be involved.*

- **Chicago Public Schools' Student Connection Survey** (see survey items at end of report):  
[http://www.air.org/files/CFL\\_Sample\\_Score\\_Report\\_1690\\_northside\\_learning\\_center\\_high.pdf](http://www.air.org/files/CFL_Sample_Score_Report_1690_northside_learning_center_high.pdf)  
Middle and high school. About 55 questions, a few of which relate to bullying. Free with permission of developer.
- **American School Climate Survey - Student Version:**  
[http://schoolclimatesurvey.com/files/Student\\_ASC\\_Survey\\_2006\\_Version\\_2.1.5.pdf](http://schoolclimatesurvey.com/files/Student_ASC_Survey_2006_Version_2.1.5.pdf)  
25 questions, including three about bullying
- **American School Climate Survey - Teacher Version:**  
[http://schoolclimatesurvey.com/files/Teacher\\_ASC\\_Survey\\_2006\\_Verson\\_2.1.5.1.pdf](http://schoolclimatesurvey.com/files/Teacher_ASC_Survey_2006_Verson_2.1.5.1.pdf)  
25 questions, including two about bullying
- **Woodland Student Survey: Violence, Bullying and Harassment:**  
[http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/qf/bully\\_qt/intermediate\\_student\\_survey.pdf](http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/qf/bully_qt/intermediate_student_survey.pdf)  
32 questions specifically about bullying