

1998

FLORIDA YOUTH TOBACCO SURVEY

MIDDLE SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE

This survey asks about what you do that may affect your health. This is not a test. The answers will be used to improve education about tobacco use in schools across Florida.

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON THIS SURVEY. The answers you give will be kept private. No one will know what you write, unless you choose to tell them. Your name will never be used.

Taking this survey is up to you. Your choice about taking it will not affect your grade in this class. If you do not want to answer a question, just leave it blank.

Please be as honest as you can. Answer about what you really do. Fill in the circles on the answer sheet completely. When you are finished, follow the instructions of the person giving the survey.

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1. How old are you?

- a. 11 years old or younger
- b. 12 years old
- c. 13 years old
- d. 14 years old
- e. 15 years old
- f. 16 years old or older

2. What is your sex?

- a. Female
- b. Male

3. In what grade are you?

- a. 6th
- b. 7th
- c. 8th
- d. 9th
- e. Ungraded or other

4. How do you describe yourself?

- a. White, not-Hispanic
- b. Black, not-Hispanic
- c. Hispanic or Latino
- d. Asian or Pacific Islander
- e. American Indian or Alaskan Native
- f. Other

**THE NEXT 15 QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT
YOUR USE OF CIGARETTES AND OTHER
TOBACCO PRODUCTS.**

**5. Have you ever tried cigarette smoking,
even one or two puffs?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**6. How old were you when you smoked a
whole cigarette for the first time?**

- a. I have never smoked a whole cigarette
- b. 8 years old or younger
- c. 9 years old
- d. 10 years old
- e. 11 years old
- f. 12 years old
- g. 13 years old
- h. 14 years old or older

**7. Have you ever smoked cigarettes daily,
that is, at least one cigarette every day for
30 days?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**8. During the past 30 days, on how many
days did you smoke cigarettes?**

- a. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
- b. 1 or 2 days
- c. 3 to 5 days
- d. 6 to 9 days
- e. 10 to 19 days
- f. 20 to 29 days
- g. All 30 days

9. During the past 30 days, on the days you smoked, how many cigarettes did you smoke per day?

- a. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
- b. Less than 1 cigarette per day
- c. 1 cigarette per day
- d. 2 to 5 cigarettes per day
- e. 6 to 10 cigarettes per day
- f. 11 to 20 cigarettes per day
- g. More than 20 cigarettes per day

10. During the past 30 days, what brand of cigarettes did you usually smoke? (SELECT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

- a. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
- b. No usual brand
- c. Camel
- d. Marlboro
- e. Newport
- f. Virginia Slims
- g. GPC, Basic, or Doral
- h. Other

11. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigarettes? (SELECT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

- a. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
- b. I bought them in a store
- c. I bought them from a vending machine
- d. I gave someone else money to buy them for me
- e. I borrowed them from someone else
- f. I stole them
- g. An older person gave them to me
- h. I got them some other way

12. When you bought or tried to buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days, were you EVER asked to show proof of age?

- a. I did not buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days
- b. Yes, I was asked to show proof of age
- c. No, I was **not** asked to show proof of age

13. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you in the same room with someone who was smoking cigarettes?

- a. 0 days
- b. 1 or 2 days
- c. 3 or 4 days
- d. 5 or 6 days
- e. 7 days

14. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you ride in a car with someone who was smoking cigarettes?

- a. 0 days
- b. 1 or 2 days
- c. 3 or 4 days
- d. 5 or 6 days
- e. 7 days

15. Have you ever used chewing tobacco or snuff, such as Redman, Skoal Bandits, or Copenhagen?

- a. Yes
- b. No

16. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco or snuff?

- a. I did not use chewing tobacco or snuff during the past 30 days
- b. 1 or 2 days
- c. 3 to 5 days
- d. 6 to 9 days
- e. 10 to 19 days
- f. 20 to 29 days
- g. All 30 days

17. Have you ever tried to smoke a cigar, cigarillo, or little cigar, even one or two puffs?

- a. Yes
- b. No

18. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke a cigar, cigarillo, or little cigar?

- a. I did not smoke a cigar, cigarillo, or little cigar during the past 30 days
- b. 1 or 2 days
- c. 3 to 5 days
- d. 6 to 9 days
- e. 10 to 19 days
- f. 20 to 29 days
- g. All 30 days

19. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use tobacco products on school property?

- a. I did not use any tobacco products on school property during the past 30 days
- b. 1 or 2 days
- c. 3 to 5 days
- d. 6 to 9 days
- e. 10 to 19 days
- f. 20 to 29 days
- g. All 30 days

THE NEXT 36 QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT YOUR OPINIONS AND BELIEFS ABOUT CIGARETTE SMOKING

20. Do you think that you will try a cigarette soon?

- a. I have already tried smoking cigarettes
- b. Yes
- c. No

21. If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it?

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

22. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about tobacco use?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

23. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes the reasons why people your age smoke cigarettes?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

24. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes that most people your age do not smoke cigarettes?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

25. During this school year, did you practice in any of your classes ways to say 'no' to tobacco (for example, in role plays)?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

26. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about the effects of smoking like it makes your teeth yellow, causes wrinkles, or makes you smell bad?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

27. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about the effects of using chewing tobacco or snuff like it makes your teeth brown or damages your gums?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

28. During this school year, has what you have learned in school helped you feel it is okay to say 'no' to friends who offer you cigarettes?

- a. I was not taught about smoking cigarettes in school
- b. Yes
- c. No

29. Do your parents know that you smoke cigarettes?

- a. I do not smoke cigarettes
- b. Yes
- c. No

30. Have your parents ever told you not to smoke cigarettes?

- a. Yes
- b. No

31. At any time during the next year do you think you will smoke a cigarette?

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

32. Do you think people your age care about staying off cigarettes?

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

33. Can people get addicted to cigarette smoking just like they can get addicted to a drug?

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

34. Is breathing second-hand smoke bad for your health?

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

35. Do young people who smoke cigarettes have more friends?

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

36. Do smokers have shorter lives than nonsmokers?

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

37. Does smoking cigarettes help people feel more comfortable at parties and in other social situations?

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

38. Does smoking cigarettes make young people look cool?

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

39. Do you think people risk harming themselves if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

40. Does anyone who lives in your home smoke cigarettes?

- a. No one in my home smokes cigarettes
- b. Only I smoke cigarettes
- c. Someone else smokes cigarettes
- d. Someone else and I smoke cigarettes

41. How many of your four best friends smoke cigarettes?

- a. None
- b. One
- c. Two
- d. Three
- e. Four
- f. Not sure

42. How many of your four best friends use chewing tobacco or snuff?

- a. None
- b. One
- c. Two
- d. Three
- e. Four
- f. Not sure

43. What is the youngest age a person can legally buy cigarettes in Florida?

- a. Less than 16 years old
- b. 16 years old
- c. 17 years old
- d. 18 years old
- e. 19 years old
- f. 20 years old
- g. 21 years old or older
- h. Not sure

44. During the past 30 days, how many commercials have you seen on TV about NOT smoking cigarettes?

- a. A lot
- b. A few
- c. None

45. During the past 30 days, how many commercials have you heard on the radio about NOT smoking cigarettes?

- a. A lot
- b. A few
- c. None

46. During the past 30 days, how many messages have you seen on billboards about NOT smoking cigarettes?

- a. A lot
- b. A few
- c. None

47. Some tobacco companies make items like sports gear, t-shirts, lighters, hats, jackets, and sunglasses that people can buy or receive free. During the past 12 months, did you buy or receive anything that has a tobacco company name or picture on it?

- a. Yes
- b. No

48. Would you ever use or wear something that has a tobacco company name or picture on it such as a lighter, t-shirt, hat, or sunglasses?

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

49. During the past 30 days, when you watched sports events or other programs on TV, how often did you see cigarette brand names?

- a. A lot
- b. Sometimes
- c. Never

50. During the past 30 days, when you listened to the radio, how often do you hear cigarette brand names mentioned?

- a. A lot
- b. Sometimes
- c. Never

51. During the past 30 days, how many ads for cigarettes have you seen on billboards?

- a. A lot
- b. A few
- c. None

52. When you go to sports events, fairs, or community events, how often do you see ads about NOT using cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or snuff?

- a. I never go to sports events, fairs, or community events
- b. A lot
- c. Sometimes
- d. Never

53. When you go to sports events, fairs, or community events, how often do you see ads for cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or snuff?

- a. I never go to sports events, fairs, or community events
- b. A lot
- c. Sometimes
- d. Never

54. During the past 12 months, have you participated in any community events to discourage people your age from using cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or snuff?

- a. Yes
- b. No

55. Does Florida have a law that punishes anyone under age 18 who has cigarettes or any other tobacco product in their possession?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

56. What grades did you get in school last year?

- a. Mostly A's
- b. Mostly B's
- c. Mostly C's
- d. Mostly D's
- e. Mostly F's