

Violence Prevention

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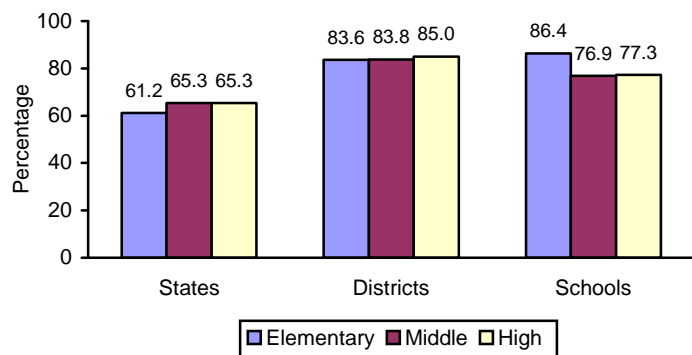
Health Education

- The percentage of districts that required elementary schools to teach violence prevention increased from 73.4% in 2000 to 83.6% in 2006,¹ the percentage that required middle schools to teach violence prevention increased from 71.6% to 83.8%, and the percentage that required high schools to teach violence prevention increased from 74.5% to 85.0%.
- Among classes and courses in which violence prevention was taught, the median number of hours of required instruction teachers provided on violence prevention decreased from 4.9 in 2000 to 2.6 in 2006 among elementary school classes and from 4.1 to 2.5 among high school courses.

During the 2 years preceding the study:

- 85.1% of states and 77.6% of districts provided funding for staff development or offered staff development on violence prevention to those who teach health education.
- The percentage of districts that provided funding for staff development or offered staff development on violence prevention to those who teach health education increased from 62.1% in 2000 to 77.6% in 2006.

Percentage of States, Districts, and Schools That Required Teaching Violence Prevention, by School Level

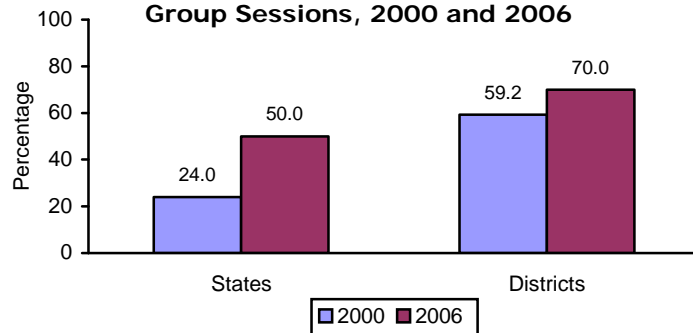


Health Services and Mental Health and Social Services

During the 2 years preceding the study:

- 93.9% of states provided funding for staff development or offered staff development on violence prevention services to school mental health or social services staff.
- The percentage of districts that provided funding for staff development or offered staff development on violence prevention services to school mental health or social services staff increased from 67.8% in 2000 to 79.3% in 2006.
- 87.6% of school mental health and social services coordinators who served as study respondents received staff development on violence prevention services.

Percentage of States and Districts That Required Districts or Schools to Provide Violence Prevention Services in One-on-One or Small-Group Sessions, 2000 and 2006



¹ Selected changes between 2000 and 2006 are included if they met at least 2 of 3 criteria ($p < .01$ from a t-test, a difference greater than 10 percentage points, or an increase by at least a factor of 2 or decrease by at least half). Variables are not included if they did not meet these criteria or if no comparable variable existed in both survey years.

Health Services and Mental Health and Social Services (continued)

Percentage of Schools Providing Violence Prevention Services in One-on-One or Small-Group Sessions	
Location	Schools
At school by health services or mental health and social services staff	95.4
Through arrangements with organizations or professionals outside the school	30.9

Healthy and Safe School Environment

- 30.6% of schools had or participated in a program to prevent gang violence.
- The percentage of districts that required schools to conduct routine locker searches increased from 35.4% in 2000 to 57.1% in 2006 for middle schools and from 44.0% to 63.4% for high schools.
- The percentage of elementary schools and middle schools that participated in a program to prevent bullying increased from 63.0% in 2000 to 77.3% in 2006.
- The percentage of schools that used security or surveillance cameras increased from 16.7% in 2000 to 43.0% in 2006 and the percentage that used communication devices increased from 79.8% in 2000 to 92.5% in 2006.
- The percentage of schools that used staff or adult volunteers to monitor school grounds decreased from 82.6% in 2000 to 70.8% in 2006.

Percentage of Districts That Had Policies and Percentage of Schools That Had Policies and Practices Related to Keeping the Environment Safe and Secure, by School Level						
Policy	Districts			Schools		
	Elementary	Middle	High	Elementary	Middle	High
Staff or adult volunteers must be assigned to monitor:						
School halls during classes	51.7	55.9	61.1	40.1	50.0	61.6
School halls between classes	71.7	79.3	81.9	57.8	77.3	80.4
Bathrooms	56.7	54.1	52.7	53.5	54.2	53.7
Visitors must wear identification badges	66.7	71.3	68.3	73.7	68.3	71.6
Faculty and staff must wear identification badges	33.0	33.9	34.8	42.2	33.5	35.5
Students must wear school uniforms	1.7	1.3	1.9	24.4	29.9	17.7
Locker searches must be routinely conducted (general, random, or by the use of drug-sniffing dogs)	NA	57.1	63.4	NA	36.5	43.2
Police, school resource officers, or security guards must be used during the regular school day	23.1	35.0	42.1	28.4	40.2	54.2
Surveillance cameras must be used (inside or outside school building)	29.1	37.2	46.4	34.7	46.7	60.3
Metal detectors, including wands, must be used	4.4	9.0	11.1	2.6	5.5	8.4
NA = not asked at this level.						

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