

To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County

August 2009

Dear Teachers & Staff,

Many of you work with youth every day. The energy and caring that you devote to the children of our county is what helps produce compassionate, competent and productive adults for the future.

Certainly it is an impossible task to be all things for all young people. Many youth face difficult challenges in many areas of their lives. It is a sad fact of life that much of what is measured are the negative aspects of behavior and performance. We measure how many students have used alcohol or drugs, and how many students consider suicide. But in between the lines of this "negative data" are the successes of your hard work.

The following "In Your Classroom" fact sheets highlight students in 6th grade, 8th grade, 10th grade, and 12th grade. The information used in these fact sheets represents Kittitas County Youth, and was derived from the most recent Healthy Youth Survey given in October 2008. The categories selected for the fact sheets are areas that may create a direct, indirect, or potential barrier to learning.

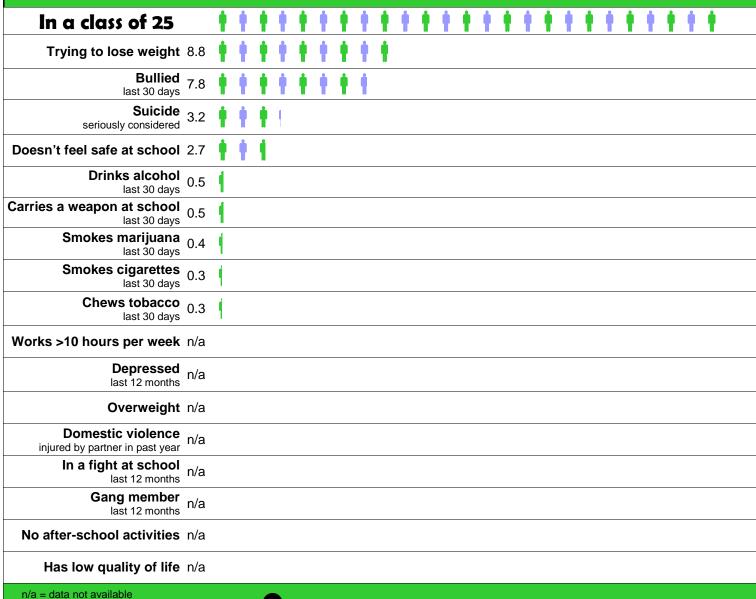
While what is highlighted in these fact sheets represents the challenges your students may face, your dedication to youth in our county does not go unrecognized.

If you have questions or comments regarding information presented in these fact sheets please contact Amy Diaz, Assessment Coordinator, at (509) 962-7635.

Best wishes for a healthy and productive school year!



Kittitas County 6th Graders In Your Classroom



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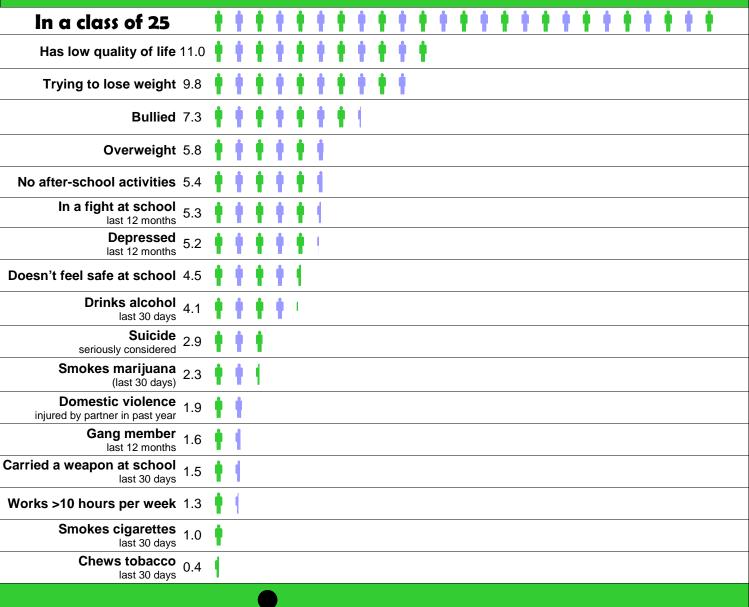
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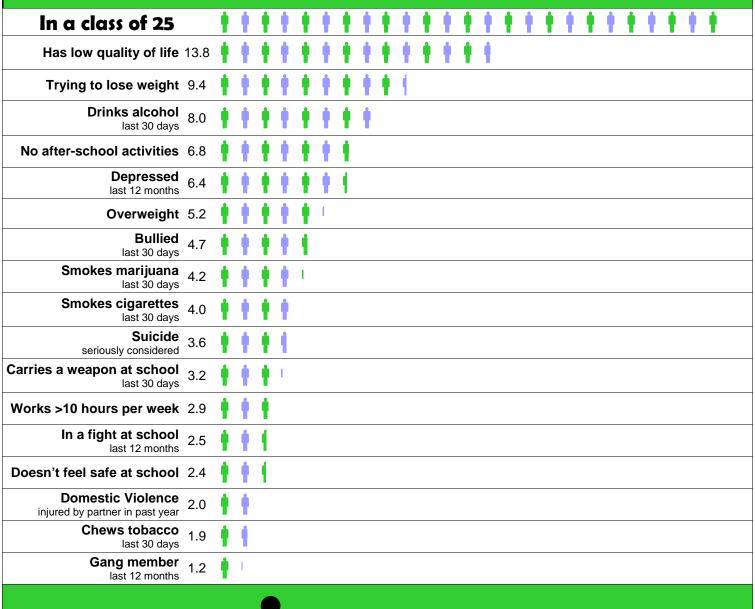
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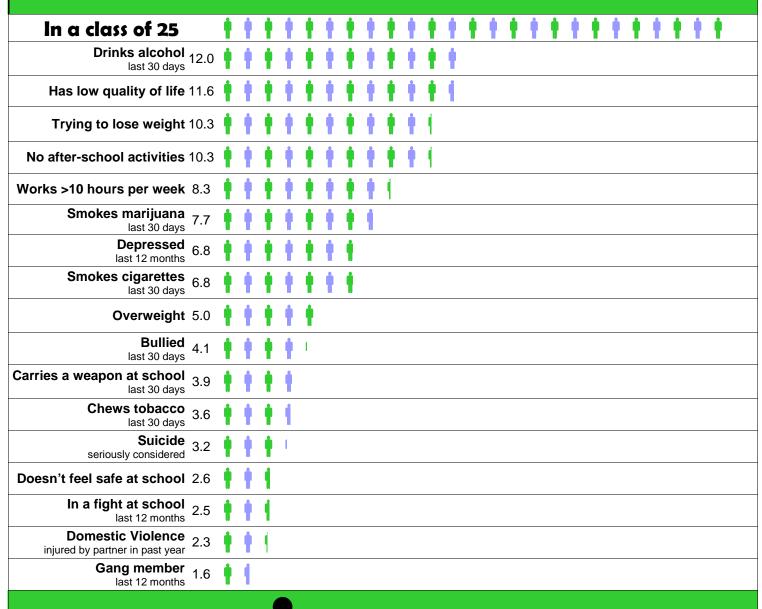


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