# TEXAS SCHOOL SURVEY OF SUBSTANCE USE SURVEY INSTRUMENT 

## INTRODUCTION

Before answering the survey questions in this booklet, please read the following:
> I am aware that the survey questions I am answering are designed to measure drug and alcohol use, that I will be asked questions about student attitudes and behaviors that relate to substance abuse issues, and that over 200,000 students all over Texas will be taking this survey;
> I know that I do not have to take this survey and that I can skip any question that I do not choose to answer for any reason without any consequences;
> I know that there is no way for anyone to find out which survey that I answered, that the numbers on the questionnaire books are used only to identify which pages go together after the booklets are cut and cannot be used to tell who answered the questions; and
> I am voluntarily participating in the Texas School Survey ofDrug and Alcohol Use.
We will do everything we can to keep others from knowing aboutyour participation in this study and how you answered the survey. The researchens will use a Certificate of Confidentiality to prevent anyone from finding out which survey students answered. The Certificate does not keep you or your family members from deCiding to release information about yourself, or your participation in this study.

If you feel you need to talk with someone about problems with tobacco, inhalants, alcohol or drugs, please call, toll free, 1-877-9-NO-DRUG (1-877-966-3784) for immediate and confidential help, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
This research study has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board --- Human Subjects in Research,
Texas A\&M University (IRB2005-0396F). For research-related questions regarding subjects' rights, the Institutional
Review Board may be contacted at (979) 458-4067 or irb@tamu.edu.

## DIRECTIONS

- DO NOT write your name anywhere on this booklet.
- Use a NUMBER 2 PENCIL only.
- Fill in only ONE BUBBLE for each part of a question.
- Be sure to read each question carefully.


## EXAMPLE QUESTION



IN THE PAST WEEK, on how many DAYS have you used:
a. Cigarettes
b. Smokeless Tobacco
c. Beer

| Never <br> heard <br> of it | Not <br> used <br> it | $\mathbf{1 - 2}$ <br> days | 3-4 <br> days | $\mathbf{5 - 7}$ <br> days |
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1. Are you:

Male $\bigcirc$
2. What grade are you in?
3. Do you live with both of your parents?
Yes
No
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4. How old are you?

11 or
younger
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14


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$\bigcirc$
7. Do you have a job?

8. During the current school year, do you qualify for a free or reduced price school lunch?
$\bigcirc$ Yes
No
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9. Do you regularly participate in any of the following extra-curricular activities? (DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH
5a. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
bb. What is your race? (DARKEN ONE BUBBLEQNLY)


No
Yes
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6. On average, what grades do you get?
(DARKEN ONE BUBBLE ONLY)

| Mostly | Mostly | Mostly | Mostly | Mostly |
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| A's | B's | C's | D's | F's |
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10. How safe do you feel when you are:
(DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: a-c.)
a. in your home?
b. out in your neighborhood?
c. at school?

Very
Safe Somewhat
Safe Not Very
Safe Not Safe
At All Don't
Know

The next two questions ask about your parents. If you were raised by a foster parent, step-parent, grandparent, or someone else - please answer for those who have been the most involved in raising you.
11. What is the highest level of schooling completed by...
(DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: a-b.)

| Completed <br> grade <br> school or <br> less | Some high <br> school | Completed <br> high school |
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a. ...your FATHER?
b. ...your MOTHER?

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| Some <br> college | Completed <br> pr <br> college |
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Don't know or doesn't apply
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12. Do one or both of your parents usually attend school-sponsored open houses or PTA meetings?

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Below is a list of things some people sniff to get high. They are called INHALANTS.
14. How recently, if ever, have you sniffed, huffed, or inhaled the following INHALANTS for "kicks" or to get "high":

17. How recently, if ever, have you taken the following PRESCRIPTION DRUGS not prescribed to you or only for the experience or feeling it caused even one time: (DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: a-e.)
a. Codeine cough syrup (Leans, Nods, AC/DC)?
b. OxyContin, Percodan, Percocet, Oxycodone, Vicodin, Lortab, Lorcet, or Hydrocodone?
c. Valium, Diazepam, Xanax, or other benzodiazepines?
d. Adderall, Ritalin, Dexedrine, Concerta, or Focalin?
e. Any other prescription drug not listed above?
18. How recently, if ever, have you taken the following OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS only for the experience or feeling it caused even one time:
a. DXM, Triple C's, Skittles, or Coricidin?
19. IN THE PAST 30 DAYS, how many times, if any, have you used: (DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: a-f.)
a. Tobacco?
b. Alcohol?
c. Inhalants (Whiteout, spray paint, glue, gas, etc.) to get high?
d. Marijuana?
e. Cocaine (not crack)?
f. Crack?

20. About how many of your close friends use: (DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: a-d.)
a. Tobacco?
b. Alcohol?
c. Inhalants (Whiteout, spray paint, glue, gas, etc.)?
d. Marijuana?



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22. If you wanted some, how difficult would it be to get:
(DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: a-m.)

23. How often do you normally use: (DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: a-m.)
a. Tobacco?
b. Alcohol?
c. Inhalants (Whiteout, spray paint, glue, gas, etc.)?
d. Marijuana?
e. Cocaine (not crack)?
f. Crack?
g. Blamaril?
h. Steroids?
i. Ecstasy?
j. Heroin (black tar, cheese, china, brown heroin)?
k. Methamphetamine (speed, crystal meth, ice, or crank)?
I. Synthetic Marijuana (spice, K2)?
m. Delta 8 (diet weed)?



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24. When you drink alcoholic beverages, how many drinks do you usually have AT ONE TIME, on average: (DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: add.)
a. Beer?
b. Wine Coolers (hard lemonade, hard sodas, hard cider etc.)?
c. Wine?
d. Liquor (vodka, rum, whiskey, etc.)?
25. IN THE PAST 30 DAYS, on how many days have you
had 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a two-hour period?

a. Alcohol

26. How often do you get alcoholic beverages from the following sources?
(DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: a-e.)
a. At home
b. From friends
c. From a store
d. At parties
e. Other source
27. How dangerous do you think it is for kids your age to use:
(DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: a-o.)
a. Tobacco?
b. Alcohol?
c. Inhalants (Whiteout, spray paint, glue, gas, etc.)?
d. Marijuana?
e. Cocaine (not crack)?
f. Crack?
g. Blamaril?
h. Ecstasy?
i. Steroids?
j. Heroin (black tar, cheese, chiva, brown heroin)?
k. Methamphetamine (speed, crystal meth, ice, or crank)?
I. Synthetic Marijuana (spice, K2)?
m. Delta 8 (diet weed)?
n. Any prescription drug not prescribed to you?
o. Electronic Vapor Products (E-Cigarettes, E-Cigars, Vaping pens, Vape pipes, etc.)?
28. SINCE SCHOOL BEGAN IN THE FALL, on how many DAYS have you... (DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: a-e.)
a. missed a whole day of school because you "skipped" or "cut"?
b. missed a whole day of school because you were(ill?
c. missed a whole day of school for some other reason?
d. been sent by a teacher to someone like theprincipal, Dean, on Guidance Counselor because of your conduct or lattitude?
e. had someone from your home belealled to school because of your conduct or attitude?
29. DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, how many TIMES (if any) have you. . . (DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: a-d.)
a. gotten into difficulties of any kind with your friends because of your drinking?
b. driven a car when you've had a good bit to drink?
c. gotten into difficulties of any kind with your friends because of your drug use?
d. driven a car when you've felt high from drugs?
30. SINCE SCHOOL BEGAN IN THE FALL, on how many DAYS (if any) have you attended at least one class while "high," "drunk" or "stoned" on. . .
(DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: a-d.)
a. beer, wine coolers (hard lemonade, hard sodas, hard cider), wine, or hard liquor?
b. marijuana?
c. inhalants?
d. some other drug(s)?

31. Alcohol or other drugs are sometimes used at parties. Thinking of the parties you attended this school year. . .

| (DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EA | a-b.) <br> Never | Seldom | Half the time | Most of the time | Always | Don't Know | Didn't attend any parties |
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| a. how often was alcohol used? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| b. how often were marijuana and/or other drugs used? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ |

32. SINCE SCHOOL BEGAN IN THE FALL, have you sought help, other than from family or friends, for problems in any way connected with your use (if any) of alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs?
33. SINCE SCHOOL BEGAN IN THE FALL, have you gotten any information on drugs or alcohol from the following SCHOOL sources?
(DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: a-h.)
help, who would you go to?
(DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FOR EACH LINE: a-i.)

34. If you had a drug or alcohol problem and needed
a. A school health class?
b. An assembly program at school?
c. A school guidance counselor?
d. A school nurse?
e. A science or social studies class?
f. A student group or club meeting at school?
g. An invited school guest?
h. Another source at school?
35. How do your parents feel about kids your age. . (DARKEN ONE BUBBLE FQR EACH LINE: ac.)
a. using tobacco?
b. drinking alcohol?
c. using marijuana?

> Strongly Strongly
Disapprove

Mildly
Strongly
Disapprove

SUPPLEMENTAL SURVEY OUESTIONS

| S-1 (A) | S-2 (A) |
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| (C) | (C) |
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| S-12 (A) | S-13 (A) |
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| S-29 (A) | S-30 (A) |
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## THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THIS <br> IMPORTANT PROJECT

