

Benchmark Activity:

9.1: The local health department shall publish and disseminate data and information on current local health issues to the general public, community partners, and elected and appointed officials.

38.1: The local board of health shall annually review reports provided by the local health department on the community's health.

**Durham County Board of Health
Agenda Item Summary**

Meeting Date: October 12, 2023

Agenda Item Subject: Review findings of 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Report

Attachment (s): PowerPoint Presentation/YRBS Final Report

Staff or Board Member Reporting: Savannah Carrico, MPH

Purpose: Action
 X Information only
 Information with possible action

Objectives:

- Share the results of the 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey and inform the Board of Health of next steps.

Summary Information:

The Durham County Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is a part of a national school-based survey produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and administered every other year by the Durham Public Schools (DPS). The purpose of this survey is to assess health risk behaviors that can contribute to injury and leading causes of death among the adolescent population.

The YRBS measures specific behaviors that fall into six categories: Behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence; Sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV infection; Alcohol and other drug use; Tobacco use; Unhealthy dietary behaviors; and Inadequate physical activity. The 2021 survey included new questions on LGBTQ+ mental health, COVID-19 and disability.

The results are often used by state and local education and public health officials to develop and track goals, seek funding for programs, implement strategies, and inform policies that promote prevention and health promotion among youth.

- Recommended Action:**
- _____ Approve
 - _____ Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action
 - _____ Approve & forward to _____
 - X Accept as information
 - _____ Revise & schedule for future action
 - _____ Other (details): _____