

# Global School-based Student Health Survey (GSHS)

## 2017 Liberia GSHS Questionnaire



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## 2017 LIBERIA GLOBAL SCHOOL-BASED STUDENT HEALTH SURVEY

This survey is about your health and the things you do that may affect your health. Students like you all over Liberia are doing this survey. Students in many other countries around the world also are doing this survey. The information you give will be used to develop better health programs for young people like yourself.

DO NOT write your name on this survey or the answer sheet. The answers you give will be kept private and secret. No one will know your answers. Answer the questions based on what you really know or do. There are no right or wrong answers.

Completing the survey is voluntary. Your grade or mark in this class will not be affected whether or not you answer the questions. If you do not want to answer a question, just leave it blank.

Make sure to read every question. Shade in the circles on your answer sheet that match your answer. Use only the pencil you are given. When you are done, do what the person who is giving you the survey says to do.

Here is an example of how to fill in the circles:

Fill in the circles like this  Not like this  or 

Survey

1. Do fish live in water?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No

Answer sheet

1.        

Thank you very much for your help.

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
  - G. 17 years old
  - H. 18 years old or older

2. What is your sex?
  - A. Male
  - B. Female

3. In what grade are you?
  - A. Grade 7
  - B. Grade 8
  - C. Grade 9
  - D. Grade 10
  - E. Grade 11
  - F. Grade 12

The next 3 questions ask about your height, weight, and going hungry.

4. How tall are you without your shoes on? ON THE ANSWER SHEET, WRITE YOUR HEIGHT IN THE SHADED BOXES AT THE TOP OF THE GRID. THEN FILL IN THE OVAL BELOW EACH NUMBER.

**Example**

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5. How much do you weigh without your shoes on?  
ON THE ANSWER SHEET, WRITE YOUR WEIGHT IN THE SHADED BOXES AT THE TOP OF THE GRID. THEN FILL IN THE OVAL BELOW EACH NUMBER.

**Example**

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6. During the past 30 days, how often did you go hungry because there was not enough food in your home?
- A. Never
  - B. Rarely
  - C. Sometimes
  - D. Most of the time
  - E. Always

**The next 5 questions ask about what you might eat and drink.**

7. During the past 30 days, how many times per day did you **usually** eat fruit, such as pawpaw, oranges, plum, lemon, grapefruit, or apples?
- A. I did not eat fruit during the past 30 days
  - B. Less than one time per day
  - C. 1 time per day
  - D. 2 times per day
  - E. 3 times per day
  - F. 4 times per day
  - G. 5 or more times per day
8. During the past 30 days, how many times per day did you **usually** eat vegetables, such as water greens, potato greens, pumpkin, bitter boye, kittily, or watermelon?
- A. I did not eat vegetables during the past 30 days
  - B. Less than one time per day
  - C. 1 time per day
  - D. 2 times per day
  - E. 3 times per day
  - F. 4 times per day
  - G. 5 or more times per day
9. During the past 30 days, how many times per day did you **usually** drink carbonated soft drinks, such as Coca Cola, Fanta, Sprite, or Grape? (Do **not** include diet soft drinks.)
- A. I did not drink carbonated soft drinks during the past 30 days
  - B. Less than one time per day
  - C. 1 time per day
  - D. 2 times per day
  - E. 3 times per day
  - F. 4 times per day
  - G. 5 or more times per day

10. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you eat food from a fast food restaurant, such as Musu Spot, Diana Restaurant, Sam Barbey Cube, PA Rib House, Gold Beach Restaurant, Sajj House, or Paulma Fast Food Center?

- A. 0 days
- B. 1 day
- C. 2 days
- D. 3 days
- E. 4 days
- F. 5 days
- G. 6 days
- H. 7 days

11. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes the benefits of healthy eating?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

**The next 6 questions ask about cleaning your teeth and washing your hands.**

12. During the past 30 days, how many times per day did you **usually** clean or brush your teeth?

- A. I did not clean or brush my teeth during the past 30 days
- B. Less than 1 time per day
- C. 1 time per day
- D. 2 times per day
- E. 3 times per day
- F. 4 or more times per day

13. Which of the following do you use most often to clean your teeth or gums?

- A. Toothbrush
- B. Wooden toothpicks
- C. Plastic toothpicks
- D. Dental floss or thread
- E. Charcoal
- F. Chew stick or bush stick
- G. Something else

14. During the past 30 days, how often did you wash your hands before eating?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

15. During the past 30 days, how often did you wash your hands after using the toilet or latrine?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

16. During the past 30 days, how often did you use soap when washing your hands?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

17. Are there separate toilets or latrines for boys and girls at school?

- A. There are no toilets or latrines at school
- B. Yes
- C. No

**The next question asks about physical attacks. A physical attack occurs when one or more people hit or strike someone, or when one or more people hurt another person with a weapon (such as a stick, knife, or gun). It is not a physical attack when two students of about the same strength or power choose to fight each other.**

18. During the past 12 months, how many times were you physically attacked?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 time
  - C. 2 or 3 times
  - D. 4 or 5 times
  - E. 6 or 7 times
  - F. 8 or 9 times
  - G. 10 or 11 times
  - H. 12 or more times

**The next question asks about times someone stole or damaged your property.**

19. During the past 30 days, how many times has someone stolen or deliberately damaged your property, such as your bike, clothing or books, on **school property**?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 time
  - C. 2 or 3 times
  - D. 4 or 5 times
  - E. 6 or 7 times
  - F. 8 or 9 times
  - G. 10 or 11 times
  - H. 12 or more times

**The next 2 questions ask about physical fights. A physical fight occurs when two students of about the same strength or power choose to fight each other.**

20. During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 time
  - C. 2 or 3 times
  - D. 4 or 5 times
  - E. 6 or 7 times
  - F. 8 or 9 times
  - G. 10 or 11 times
  - H. 12 or more times
21. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes how to avoid physical fights and violence?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. I do not know

**The next 3 questions ask about serious injuries that happened to you. An injury is serious when it makes you miss at least one full day of usual activities (such as school, sports, or a job) or requires treatment by a doctor or nurse.**

22. During the past 12 months, how many times were you seriously injured?
- A. 0 times
  - B. 1 time
  - C. 2 or 3 times
  - D. 4 or 5 times
  - E. 6 or 7 times
  - F. 8 or 9 times
  - G. 10 or 11 times
  - H. 12 or more times

23. During the past 12 months, what was the most serious injury that happened to you?
- A. I was not seriously injured during the past 12 months
  - B. I had a broken bone or a dislocated joint
  - C. I had a cut or stab wound
  - D. I had a concussion or other head or neck injury, was knocked out, or could not breathe
  - E. I had a gunshot wound
  - F. I had a bad burn
  - G. I was poisoned or took too much of a drug
  - H. Something else happened to me

24. During the past 12 months, **what was the major cause** of the most serious injury that happened to you?
- A. I was not seriously injured during the past 12 months
  - B. I was in a motor vehicle accident or hit by a motor vehicle
  - C. I fell
  - D. Something fell on me or hit me
  - E. I was attacked or abused or was fighting with someone
  - F. I was in a fire or too near a flame or something hot
  - G. I inhaled or swallowed something bad for me
  - H. Something else caused my injury

**The next 2 questions ask about bullying. Bullying occurs when a student or group of students say or do bad and unpleasant things to another student. It is also bullying when a student is teased a lot in an unpleasant way or when a student is left out of things on purpose. It is not bullying when two students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or when teasing is done in a friendly and fun way.**

25. During the past 30 days, on how many days were you bullied?
- A. 0 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

26. During the past 30 days, how were you bullied **most often**?
- A. I was not bullied during the past 30 days
  - B. I was hit, kicked, pushed, shoved around, or locked indoors
  - C. I was made fun of because of my race, nationality, or color
  - D. I was made fun of because of my religion
  - E. I was made fun of with sexual jokes, comments, or gestures
  - F. I was left out of activities on purpose or completely ignored
  - G. I was made fun of because of how my body or face looks
  - H. I was bullied in some other way

**The next 7 questions ask about your feelings and friendships.**

27. During the past 12 months, how often have you felt lonely?
- A. Never
  - B. Rarely
  - C. Sometimes
  - D. Most of the time
  - E. Always

28. During the past 12 months, how often have you been so worried about something that you could not sleep at night?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

29. During the past 12 months, how often have you had a hard time staying focused on your homework or other things you had to do?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

30. During the past 12 months, did you ever **seriously** consider attempting suicide?

- A. Yes
- B. No

31. During the past 12 months, did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?

- A. Yes
- B. No

32. During the past 12 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide?

- A. 0 times
- B. 1 time
- C. 2 or 3 times
- D. 4 or 5 times
- E. 6 or more times

33. How many close friends do you have?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3 or more

**The next 7 questions ask about cigarette and other tobacco use.**

34. How old were you when you first tried a cigarette?

- A. I have never smoked cigarettes
- B. 7 years old or younger
- C. 8 or 9 years old
- D. 10 or 11 years old
- E. 12 or 13 years old
- F. 14 or 15 years old
- G. 16 or 17 years old
- H. 18 years old or older

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

- A. 0 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

36. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use any tobacco products other than cigarettes, such as snuff?

- A. 0 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

37. During the past 12 months, have you ever tried to stop smoking cigarettes?

- A. I have never smoked cigarettes
- B. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 12 months
- C. Yes
- D. No

38. At any time during the next 12 months, do you think you will smoke a cigarette?

- A. Definitely not
- B. Probably not
- C. Probably yes
- D. Definitely yes

39. During the past 7 days, on how many days have people smoked in your presence?

- A. 0 days
- B. 1 or 2 days
- C. 3 or 4 days
- D. 5 or 6 days
- E. All 7 days

40. Which of your parents or guardians use any form of tobacco?

- A. Neither
- B. My father or male guardian
- C. My mother or female guardian
- D. Both
- E. I do not know

**The next 7 questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking palm wine, piasawa wine, kalao, cane juice, and army bitter. Drinking alcohol does not include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes. A “drink” is a glass of wine, a bottle of beer, a small glass of liquor, or a mixed drink.**

41. How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?

- A. I have never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips
- B. 7 years old or younger
- C. 8 or 9 years old
- D. 10 or 11 years old
- E. 12 or 13 years old
- F. 14 or 15 years old
- G. 16 or 17 years old
- H. 18 years old or older

42. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink containing alcohol?

- A. 0 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

43. During the past 30 days, on the days you drank alcohol, how many drinks did you **usually** drink per day?

- A. I did not drink alcohol during the past 30 days
- B. Less than one drink
- C. 1 drink
- D. 2 drinks
- E. 3 drinks
- F. 4 drinks
- G. 5 or more drinks

44. During the past 30 days, how did you **usually** get the alcohol you drank? SELECT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.

- A. I did not drink alcohol during the past 30 days
- B. I bought it in a store, shop, or from a street vendor
- C. I gave someone else money to buy it for me
- D. I got it from my friends
- E. I got it from my family
- F. I stole it or got it without permission
- G. I got it some other way

**Staggering when walking, not being able to speak right, and throwing up are some signs of being really drunk.**

45. During your life, how many times did you drink so much alcohol that you were really drunk?

- A. 0 times
- B. 1 or 2 times
- C. 3 to 9 times
- D. 10 or more times

46. During your life, how many times have you got into trouble with your family or friends, missed school, or got into fights, as a result of drinking alcohol?

- A. 0 times
- B. 1 or 2 times
- C. 3 to 9 times
- D. 10 or more times

47. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes the effects of alcohol use on decision making?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

**The next 5 questions ask about drug use. This includes using marijuana, amphetamines, cocaine, inhalants, and crack.**

48. How old were you when you first used drugs?

- A. I have never used drugs
- B. 7 years old or younger
- C. 8 or 9 years old
- D. 10 or 11 years old
- E. 12 or 13 years old
- F. 14 or 15 years old
- G. 16 or 17 years old
- H. 18 years old or older

49. During your life, how many times have you used marijuana (also called weed)?

- A. 0 times
- B. 1 or 2 times
- C. 3 to 9 times
- D. 10 to 19 times
- E. 20 or more times

50. During the past 30 days, how many times have you used marijuana (also called weed)?

- A. 0 times
- B. 1 or 2 times
- C. 3 to 9 times
- D. 10 to 19 times
- E. 20 or more times

51. During your life, how many times have you used amphetamines or methamphetamines (also called daga)?

- A. 0 times
- B. 1 or 2 times
- C. 3 to 9 times
- D. 10 to 19 times
- E. 20 or more times

52. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes the problems associated with using drugs, such as marijuana, cocaine, opium, crack, or daga?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. I do not know

**The next 5 questions ask about sexual intercourse.**

53. Have you ever had sexual intercourse?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
54. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
  - B. 11 years old or younger
  - C. 12 years old
  - D. 13 years old
  - E. 14 years old
  - F. 15 years old
  - G. 16 or 17 years old
  - H. 18 year old or older
55. During your life, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
  - B. 1 person
  - C. 2 people
  - D. 3 people
  - E. 4 people
  - F. 5 people
  - G. 6 or more people

56. The **last time** you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom or rain coat?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
  - B. Yes
  - C. No

57. The **last time** you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use any other method of birth control, such as withdrawal, rhythm (safe time), birth control pills, or any other method to prevent pregnancy?
- A. I have never had sexual intercourse
  - B. Yes
  - C. No
  - D. I do not know

**The next 5 questions ask about physical activity. Physical activity is any activity that increases your heart rate and makes you get out of breath some of the time. Physical activity can be done in sports, playing with friends, or walking to school. Some examples of physical activity are running, fast walking, biking, dancing, football, jumping rope, lapa, or kick ball.**

58. During the past **7 days**, on how many days were you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day? **ADD UP ALL THE TIME YOU SPENT IN ANY KIND OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY EACH DAY.**
- A. 0 days
  - B. 1 day
  - C. 2 days
  - D. 3 days
  - E. 4 days
  - F. 5 days
  - G. 6 days
  - H. 7 days

59. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you walk or ride a bicycle to or from school?

- A. 0 days
- B. 1 day
- C. 2 days
- D. 3 days
- E. 4 days
- F. 5 days
- G. 6 days
- H. 7 days

60. During this school year, on how many days did you go to physical education (PE) class each week?

- A. 0 days
- B. 1 day
- C. 2 days
- D. 3 days
- E. 4 days
- F. 5 or more days

61. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes the benefits of physical activity?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

62. During this school year, did your school have a physical education teacher?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

**The next question asks about the time you spend mostly sitting when you are not in school or doing homework.**

63. How much time do you spend during a **typical or usual** day sitting and watching television, playing computer games, talking with friends, or doing other sitting activities, such as ludo, checkup, tag, cards, marbor, or scramble?

- A. Less than 1 hour per day
- B. 1 to 2 hours per day
- C. 3 to 4 hours per day
- D. 5 to 6 hours per day
- E. 7 to 8 hours per day
- F. More than 8 hours per day

**The next 7 questions ask about your experiences at school and at home.**

64. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you miss classes or school without permission?

- A. 0 days
- B. 1 or 2 days
- C. 3 to 5 days
- D. 6 to 9 days
- E. 10 or more days

65. During the past 30 days, how often were most of the students in your school kind and helpful?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

66. During the past 30 days, how often did your parents or guardians check to see if your homework was done?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

67. During the past 30 days, how often did your parents or guardians understand your problems and worries?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

68. During the past 30 days, how often did your parents or guardians **really** know what you were doing with your free time?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

69. During the past 30 days, how often did your parents or guardians go through your things without your approval?

- A. Never
- B. Rarely
- C. Sometimes
- D. Most of the time
- E. Always

70. During this school year, did your school have a health promoting group, such as a school health club or science club?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

**The next 6 questions ask about HIV infection or AIDS.**

71. Have you ever heard of HIV infection or the disease called AIDS?

- A. Yes
- B. No

72. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about HIV infection or AIDS?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

73. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes how to avoid HIV infection or AIDS?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

74. Have you ever talked about HIV infection or AIDS with your parents or guardians?

- A. Yes
- B. No

75. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes the signs and symptoms of HIV infection or AIDS?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know

76. During your life, have you ever had a sexually transmitted infection, such as gonorrhea, syphilis, or HIV?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do not know