

Global School-based Student Health Survey (GSHS)

# 2016 UAE GSHS Questionnaire

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## UAE GLOBAL SCHOOL-BASED STUDENT HEALTH SURVEY 2016

This survey is about your health and the things you do that may affect your health. Students like you all over your country 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. No one will know how you answer. 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. Fill 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. ☒ (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H)

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

4. What is your Nationality?

- A. UAE
- B. Other GCC Countries (KSA, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, or Bahrain)
- C. Arab (Non-GCC)
- D. Asian (Non-Arab)
- E. European, American, Canadian, or Australian
- F. Some other nationality

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




5. 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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6. 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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7. 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 9 questions ask about what you might eat and drink.**

8. During the past 30 days, how many times per day did you **usually** eat fruit, such as dates, bananas, apples, oranges, mangos, berries, or any other fruits?

- 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

9. During the past 30 days, how many times per day did you **usually** eat vegetables, such as lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, carrots, or any other vegetables?

- 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

10. During the past 30 days, how many times per day did you **usually** drink carbonated soft drinks, such as Pepsi, Coca Cola, 7 Up, Sprite, Mountain Dew, Fanta, or any other carbonated soft drink? (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

11. How many times per week did you consume energy drinks, such as Red Bull?

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

12. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you eat food from a fast food restaurant, such as Mc Donald's, Pizza Hut, KFC, Burger King, Hardees, or any other fast food restaurants or cafeterias?

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

13. During the past 30 days, how many times per day did you **usually** drink milk or eat milk products, such as cheese, yogurt, laban, Labneh, or strawberry milk?

- A. I did not drink milk or eat milk products 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

14. During the past 30 days, how often did you eat breakfast?

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

15. During the past 30 days, did you **take any diet pills, powders, or liquids without a doctor's advice** to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight?

- A. Yes
- B. No

16. 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 5 questions ask about cleaning your teeth, washing your hands, and toilets at school.**

17. 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

18. 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

19. 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
20. 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
21. Are the toilets or latrines clean **at school**?
- A. There are no toilets or latrines at school
  - B. Yes
  - C. No

**The next 2 questions ask about your dental health.**

22. During the past 12 months, how often did you have a tooth ache or feel discomfort because of your teeth?
- A. Never
  - B. Rarely
  - C. Sometimes
  - D. Most of the time
  - E. Always
23. When was the last time you saw a dentist for a check-up, exam, teeth cleaning, or other dental work?
- A. During the past 12 months
  - B. Between 12 and 24 months ago
  - C. More than 24 months ago
  - D. Never
  - E. I do not know

**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.**

24. 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 physical fights. A physical fight occurs when two students of about the same strength or power choose to fight each other.**

25. 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

**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.**

26. 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

27. 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

28. 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 3 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.**

29. 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

30. 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

31. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes how to avoid being bullied?

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

**The next question asks about first aid.**

32. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes how to give first aid?

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

**The next 2 questions ask about riding a bicycle or a motor vehicle.**

33. During the past 30 days, how often did you use a helmet when riding a bicycle?

- A. I did not ride a bicycle
- B. Never
- C. Rarely
- D. Sometimes
- E. Most of the time
- F. Always

34. During the past 30 days, how often did you use a seat belt when riding in a car or other motor vehicle driven by someone else?

- A. I did not ride in a motor vehicle driven by someone else
- B. Never
- C. Rarely
- D. Sometimes
- E. Most of the time
- F. Always

**The next question asks about your safety at school.**

35. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you **not** go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?

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

**The next 4 questions ask about your feelings and friendships.**

36. During the past 12 months, how often have you felt lonely?

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

37. 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

38. How many close friends do you have?

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

39. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes how to handle stress in healthy ways?

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



**The next 8 questions ask about cigarette and other tobacco use.**

40. 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

41. 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

42. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use any tobacco products other than cigarettes, such as Sheesha, Medwakh, chewed tobacco, or electronic 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

43. 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

44. 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

45. If one of your friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it?

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

46. 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

47. 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 4 questions ask about drinking alcohol. This includes drinking beer or wine. A “drink” is a glass of wine, a bottle of beer, a small glass of liquor, or a mixed drink.**

48. When you watch television, videos, or movies, how often do you see actors drinking alcohol?
- A. I do not watch television, videos, or movies
  - B. Never
  - C. Rarely
  - D. Sometimes
  - E. Most of the time
  - F. Always
49. If one of your best friends offered you a drink of alcohol, would you drink it?
- A. Definitely not
  - B. Probably not
  - C. Probably yes
  - D. Definitely yes
50. During your life, have you had at least one drink of alcohol?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
51. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes the problems associated with drinking alcohol?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. I do not know

**The next question asks about drug use.**

52. During the past 6 months, did you use or take anabolic steroids (body building substances)?
- A. Yes
  - B. No

**The next 4 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, swimming, and aerobics.**

53. 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
54. 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

55. 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

56. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about opportunities for physical activity in your community?

- 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.**

57. 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 studying or using any electronic devices like iPads?

- 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 question asks about your sleep.**

58. On an average school night, how many hours of sleep do you get?

- A. 4 or less hours
- B. 5 hours
- C. 6 hours
- D. 7 hours
- E. 8 hours
- F. 9 hours
- G. 10 or more hours

**The next 9 questions ask about your experiences at school and at home.**

59. 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

60. 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

61. 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

62. 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
63. 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
64. 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
65. Do you think your parents should search your belongings?
- A. Yes
  - B. No
66. During the past 30 days, how often did your parents or guardians give you attention and listen to you?
- A. Never
  - B. Rarely
  - C. Sometimes
  - D. Most of the time
  - E. Always

67. Are your parents separated?

- A. Yes
- B. No

**The next 2 questions ask about HIV infection or AIDS.**

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

- A. Yes
- B. No

69. 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