



2008 Healthy Youth Survey Cowlitz County Healthy Youth Survey 2008 Participation Rates

Attached are the Healthy Youth Survey 2008 participation rates for school buildings in Cowlitz County. All participation rates are estimates, based on the 2006-2007 school year enrollments, because 2008 enrollment figures were not available at the time the reports were generated.

Low participation rates on the 2008 Healthy Youth Survey can limit the ability to generalize data from the students who took the survey to other students in the county. Whether these data are generalizable depends on how students who took the survey differ from those who did not take the survey. If there are differences between these two groups of students that might affect survey results, you should discuss these differences when using the data.

In general, the following guidance may be used when reviewing your data; however, if important groups of students are missing from your data, there may be limitations even if you have a high participation rate.

If your participation rates are...

- **70% or greater:** Your Healthy Youth Survey results are probably representative of students in this grade in your county.
- **40-69%:** Your Healthy Youth Survey results may be representative of students in this grade in your county, but further examination of other data (by school or district) to identify any important differences between participants and non-participants should be completed before generalizing results to the county. Comparisons could be done using information from non-HYS sources such as the census, school achievement test results, or other information.
- **Less than 40%:** Participation rates less than 40% are quite low, and your Healthy Youth Survey results should not be interpreted as representative of the county. They are, of course, representative of the students who took the survey, and may be representative of sections of your county. We urge caution in using these results.

Participation Summary for Cowlitz County

Cowlitz County had the following student participation rates by grade:

Grade 6: 88%
Grade 8: 89%
Grade 10: 61%
Grade 12: 58%

These participation rates were calculated by dividing the number of valid surveys by the number of students enrolled in public schools in your county, based on final 2006-2007 school year enrollment figures available at <http://www.k12.wa.us/dataadmin/>.¹ Surveys that were dropped during cleaning are included with non-participants. However, this shouldn't dramatically affect the participation rates. The table on the next page showing the participation rates for each school may help you figure out which students in your county these data describe best.

¹ The Participation rate may be >100% if enrollment was greater in 2007 than 2008. School enrollment data for 2008 are now on the OSPI website if you wish to recalculate your participation rates.

For more information:

HYS 2008 administration website: <http://www.hys.wa.gov/>

Interpretive Guide: will be available soon at: <http://www.hys.wa.gov/Reporting/Default.aspx>

HYS DOH website: <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hys/>

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Participating Schools:

Cowlitz County

Grade	District	School	# Valid Surveys	06-07 Enrollment	Participation rate**
6	Castle Rock School District	Castle Rock Elementary	102	93	110%
6	Kalama School District	Kalama Jr Sr High	57	71	80%
6	Kelso School District	Huntington Middle School	145	167	87%
6	Kelso School District	Coweeman Middle School	171	207	83%
6	Longview School District	Monticello Middle School	153	179	85%
6	Longview School District	Cascade Middle School	150	165	91%
6	Longview School District	Mt. Solo Middle School	156	178	88%
6	Toutle Lake School District	Toutle Lake Elementary	41	51	80%
6	Woodland School District	Woodland Middle School	0	1	0%
6	Woodland School District	Woodland Intermediate School	147	166	89%
8	Castle Rock School District	Castle Rock Middle School	98	107	92%
8	Kalama School District	Kalama Jr Sr High	83	91	91%
8	Kelso School District	Huntington Middle School	166	169	98%
8	Kelso School District	Cowlitz Co Detention Ctr	0	2	0%
8	Kelso School District	Coweeman Middle School	169	199	85%
8	Longview School District	Monticello Middle School	166	211	79%
8	Longview School District	Cascade Middle School	154	175	88%
8	Longview School District	Mt. Solo Middle School	170	159	107%
8	Toutle Lake School District	Toutle Lake High School	40	59	68%
8	Woodland School District	Woodland Middle School	161	179	90%
8	Woodland School District	Woodland Intermediate School	0	1	0%
10	Castle Rock School District	Castle Rock High School	76	127	60%
10	Kalama School District	Kalama Jr Sr High	51	87	59%
10	Kelso School District	Loowit High School	0	13	0%
10	Kelso School District	Kelso High School	322	449	72%
10	Kelso School District	Cowlitz Co Detention Ctr	0	10	0%
10	Longview School District	R A Long High School	137	306	45%
10	Longview School District	Mark Morris High School	212	324	65%
10	Toutle Lake School District	Toutle Lake High School	36	61	59%
10	Woodland School District	Woodland Alternative School	4	21	19%
10	Woodland School District	Woodland High School	117	168	70%
10	Woodland School District	Woodland Intermediate School	0	3	0%
12	Castle Rock School District	Castle Rock High School	87	126	69%
12	Kalama School District	Kalama Jr Sr High	43	93	46%
12	Kelso School District	Loowit High School	0	7	0%
12	Kelso School District	Kelso High School	254	488	52%
12	Kelso School District	Cowlitz Co Detention Ctr	0	11	0%
12	Kelso School District	Special Education	0	1	0%
12	Longview School District	R A Long High School	88	236	37%
12	Longview School District	Mark Morris High School	180	259	69%
12	Toutle Lake School District	Toutle Lake High School	39	54	72%
12	Woodland School District	Woodland Alternative School	22	20	110%
12	Woodland School District	Woodland High School	114	132	86%

** May be >100% if enrollment greater in 2008 than 2007