

**Item Dictionary for the
NYS 2007/2008 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey**

SCALES AND QUESTIONS	RESPONSE CATEGORIES	07-08
DEMOGRAPHICS		
Are you:	Female Male	1
How old are you?	10 or younger, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 or older	2
What grade are you in?	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	3
Please choose the ONE answer that BEST describes what you consider yourself to be.	American Indian/Native American, Eskimo, or Aleut; Asian; Black, or African American; Pacific Islander; Spanish/Hispanic/Latino; White, not of Hispanic origin; Multi-racial or other	4
COMMUNITY: Low neighborhood Attachment		
If I had to move, I would miss the neighborhood I now live in.	same as above	100
I like my neighborhood.	same as above	102
I'd like to get out of my neighborhood.	NO!, no, yes, YES!	103
COMMUNITY: Community Disorganization		
<i>How much do each of the following statements describe your neighborhood:</i>		
Crime and/or drug selling.	NO!, no, yes, YES!	115a
fight.	same as above	115b
lots of empty or abandoned buildings.	same as above	115c
lots of graffiti.	same as above	115d
COMMUNITY: Laws and Norms Favorable to Drug Use		
<i>How wrong would most adults in your neighborhood think it was for kids your age:</i>		
to use marijuana.	Very Wrong, Wrong, A little bit wrong, Not wrong at all	114a
to drink alcohol.	same as above	114b
to smoke cigarettes.	same as above	114c
If a kid smoked marijuana in your neighborhood would he or she be caught by the police?	NO!, no, yes, YES!	107
If a kid drank some beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) in your neighborhood, would he or she be caught by the police?	NO!, no, yes, YES!	108

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If a kid carried a handgun in your neighborhood would he or she be caught by the police?	NO!, no, yes, YES!	109
COMMUNITY: Perceived Availability of Drugs		
If you wanted to get some cigarettes, how easy would it be for you to get some?	same as above	110
If you wanted to get some beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin), how easy would it be for you to get some?	Very hard, Sort of hard, Sort of easy, Very easy	111
If you wanted to get a drug like cocaine, LSD, or amphetamines, how easy would it be for you to get some?	same as above	112
If you wanted to get some marijuana, how easy would it be for you to get some?	same as above	113
COMMUNITY: Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement		
<i>Which of the following activities for people your age are available in your community?</i>		
sports teams.	No, Yes	106a
scouting.	same as above	106b
boys and girls clubs.	same as above	106c
4-H clubs.	same as above	106d
service clubs.	same as above	106e
COMMUNITY: Rewards for Prosocial Involvement		
My neighbors notice when I am doing a good job and let me know about it.	NO!, no, yes, YES!	101
There are people in my neighborhood who are proud of me when I do something well.	same as above	104
There are people in my neighborhood who encourage me to do my best.	same as above	105
FAMILY: Poor Family Management		
My parents ask if I've gotten my homework done.	NO!, no, yes, YES!	86
Would your parents know if you did not come home on time?	same as above	88
When I am not at home, one of my parents knows where I am and who I am with.	same as above	94
The rules in my family are clear	same as above	92

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My family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use.	same as above	97
If you drank some beer or wine or liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) without your parents' permission, would you be caught by your parents?	same as above	96
If you skipped school would you be caught by your parents?	same as above	76
If you carried a handgun without your parents' permission, would you be caught by your parents?	same as above	75
FAMILY: Family Conflict		
People in my family often insult or yell at each other.	NO!, no, yes, YES!	93
We argue about the same things in my family over and over.	same as above	95
People in my family have serious arguments.	same as above	87
FAMILY: Sibling Drug Use		
<i>Have any of your brothers or sisters ever:</i>		
drunk beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin)?	No, Yes, I don't have any brothers or sisters	90a
smoked marijuana?	same as above	90b
smoked cigarettes?	same as above	90c
FAMILY: Exposure to Adult ASB		
<i>About how many adults have you known personally who in the past year have:</i>		
used marijuana, crack cocaine, or other drugs?	None, 1 adult, 2 adults, 3 or 4 adults, 5 or more adults	116a
sold or dealt drugs?	same as above	116b
done other things that could get them in trouble with the police, like stealing, selling stolen goods, mugging or assaulting others, etc?	same as above	116c
gotten drunk or high?	same as above	116d
FAMILY: Parental Attitudes Favorable Toward Drug Use		
<i>How wrong do your parents feel it would be for <u>you</u> to:</i>		

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drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) regularly?	Very wrong, Wrong, A little bit wrong, Not wrong at all	89a
smoke cigarettes?	same as above	89b
smoke marijuana?	same as above	89c
FAMILY: Parental Attitudes Favorable to Antisocial Behavior		
steal anything worth more than \$5?	Very wrong, Wrong, A little bit wrong, Not wrong at all	89d
draw graffiti, or write things, or draw pictures on buildings or other property (without the owner's permission)?	same as above	89e
pick a fight with someone?	same as above	89f
FAMILY: Attachment		
Do you feel very close to your mother?	NO!, no, yes, YES!	77
Do you share your thoughts and feeling with your mother?	same as above	78
Do you share your thoughts and feeling with your father?	same as above	80
Do you feel very close to your father?	same as above	84
FAMILY: Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement		
My parents ask me what I think before most family decisions affecting me are made.	same as above	79
If I had a personal problem, I could ask my mom or dad for help.	same as above	83
My parents give me lots of chances to do fun things with them.	NO!, no, yes, YES!	85
FAMILY: Rewards for Prosocial Involvement		
Do you enjoy spending time with your mother?	NO!, no, yes, YES!	81
Do you enjoy spending time with your father?	same as above	82
My parents notice when I am doing a good job, and let me know about it.	Never or almost never, Sometimes, Often, All the time	99
How often do your parents tell you they're proud of you for something you've done?	same as above	98
SCHOOL: Academic Failure		
Are your school grades better than the grades of most students in your class?	NO!, no, yes, YES!	11

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Putting them all together, what were your grades like last year?	Mostly F's, Mostly D's, Mostly C's, Mostly B's, Mostly A's	15
SCHOOL: Little Commitment to School		
How often do you feel that the school work you are assigned is meaningful and important?	Almost Always, Often, Sometimes, Seldom, Never	14
How important do you think the things you are learning in school are going to be for your later life?	Very Important, Quite Important, Fairly Important, Slightly Important, Not at all Important	16
How interesting are most of your courses to you?	Very Interesting & Stimulating, Quite Interesting, Fairly Interesting, Slightly Dull, Very Dull	17
<i>Now, thinking back over the past year in school, how often did you...</i>		
enjoy being in school?	Never, Seldom, Sometimes, Often, Almost Always	13a
hate being in school?	same as above	13b
try to do your best work in school?	same as above	13c
During the LAST FOUR WEEKS how many whole days of school have you missed because you skipped or "cut"	None, 1, 2, 3, 4-5, 6-10, 11 or more	18
SCHOOL: Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement		
In my school, students have lots of chances to help decide things like class activities and rules.	NO!, no, yes, YES!	5
There are lots of chances for students in my school to get involved in sports, clubs, and other school activities outside of class.	same as above	7
There are lots of chances for students in my school to talk with a teacher one-on-one.	same as above	8
I have lots of chances to be part of class discussions or activities.	same as above	12
SCHOOL: Rewards for Prosocial Involvement		
My teacher(s) notices when I am doing a good job and lets me know about it.	NO!, no, yes, YES!	6
The school lets my parents know when I have done something well.	same as above	9
My teacher(s) praise me when I work hard in school.	same as above	10
PEER-INDIVIDUAL: Rebelliousness		

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I do the opposite of what people tell me, just to get them mad.	Very False, Somewhat False, Somewhat True, Very True	31
I like to see how much I can get away with.	same as above	32
I ignore the rules that get in my way.	same as above	33
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Early Initiation of Drug Use		
<i>How old were you when you first:</i>		
smoked marijuana?	Never, 10 or younger, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 or older	21a
smoked a cigarette, even just a puff?	same as above	21b
had more than a sip or two of beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin)	same as above	21c
began drinking alcoholic beverages regularly, that is, at least once or twice a month?	same as above	21d
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Early Initiation of Antisocial Behavior		
<i>How old were you when you first:</i>		
got suspended from school?	same as above	21f
got arrested?	same as above	21g
carried a handgun?	same as above	21h
attacked someone with the idea of seriously hurting them?	same as above	21i
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Favorable Attitudes Toward Antisocial Behavior		
<i>How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to...</i>		
take a handgun to school?	Very Wrong, Wrong, A Little Bit Wrong, Not Wrong at All	22a
steal anything worth more than \$5?	same as above	22b
pick a fight with someone?	same as above	22c
attack someone with the idea of seriously hurting them?	same as above	22d
stay away from school all day when their parents think they are at school?	same as above	22e
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Favorable Attitudes Toward Drug Use		
<i>How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to:</i>		
drink beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin) regularly?	Very Wrong, Wrong, A Little Bit Wrong, Not Wrong at All	22f

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smoke cigarettes?	same as above	22g
smoke marijuana?	same as above	22h
use LSD, cocaine, amphetamines or another illegal drug?	same as above	22i
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Perceived Risks of Drug Use		
<i>How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they:</i>		
Smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?	No Risk, Slight Risk, Moderate Risk, Great Risk	41a
Try marijuana once or twice?	same as above	41b
Smoke marijuana regularly?	same as above	41c
Take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day.	same as above	41d
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Interaction with Antisocial Peers		
<i>Think of you <u>four best friends</u> (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many of your best friends have:</i>		
been suspended from school?	None, 1, 2, 3, 4	19e
carried a handgun?	same as above	19f
sold illegal drugs?	same as above	19g
stolen or tried to steal a motor vehicle such as a car or motorcycle?	same as above	19h
been arrested?	same as above	19i
dropped out of school?	same as above	19j
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Friends' Use of Drugs		
<i>Think of you <u>four best friends</u> (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many of your best friends have:</i>		
smoked cigarettes?	0, 1, 2, 3, 4	19a
tried beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin) regularly?	same as above	19b
used marijuana?	same as above	19c
used LSD, cocaine, amphetamines or other illegal drugs?	same as above	19d
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Rewards for Antisocial Involvement		
<i>What are the chances you would be seen as cool if you:</i>		

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smoked cigarettes?	No or Very Little Chance, Little Chance, Some Chance, Pretty Good Chance, Very Good Chance	20a
began drinking alcoholic beverages regularly, that is, at least once or twice a month?	same as above	20c
smoked marijuana?	same as above	20e
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Gang Involvement		
Have you ever belonged to a gang?	No; No, but would like to; Yes, in the past; Yes, belong now; Yes, but would like to get out	25
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Depressive Symptoms		
Sometimes I think that life is not worth it.	NO!, no, yes, YES!	35
At times I think I am no good at all.	same as above	36
All in all, I am inclined to think that I am a failure.	same as above	37
In the past year have you felt depressed or sad MOST days, even if you felt OK sometimes.	same as above	38
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Religiosity		
How often do you attend religious services or activities?	Never, Rarely, 1-2 Times a Month, About Once a Week or More	30
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Social Skills		
You're looking at CD's in a music store with a friend. You look up and see her slip and CD under her coat. She smile and says "Which one do you want? Go ahead, take it while nobody's around." There is nobody in sight, no employees and no other customers. What would you do now?	Ignore her, Grab a CD and leave the store, Tell her to put the CD back, Act like it's a joke and ask her to put the CD back	26
You are visiting another part of town, and you don't know any of the people your age there. You are walking down the street, and some teenager you don't know is walking toward you. He is about your size, and as he is about to pass you, he deliberately bumps into you and you almost lose your balance. What would you say or do?	Push the person back, Say "Excuse me" and keep on walking, Say "Watch where you're going" and keep on walking, Swear at the person and walk away	27

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You are at a party at someone's house, and one of your friends offers you a drink containing alcohol. What would you say or do?	Drink it; Tell your friend "No thanks, I don't drink" and suggest that you and your friend go and do something else; Just say "No, thanks" and walk away; Make up a good excuse, tell your friend you had something else to do, and leave	28
It's 8:00 on a week night and you are about to go over to a friend's home when your mother asks you where you are going. You say "Oh, just going to go hang out with some friends." She says, "No, you'll just get into trouble if you go out. Stay home tonight." What would you do now?	Leave the house anyway, Explain what you are going to do with your friends, tell her when you'd get home, and ask if you can go out, Not say anything and start watching TV, Get into an argument with her	29
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Belief in Moral Order		
I think it is okay to take something without asking if you can get away with it.	NO!, no, yes, YES!	40
I think sometimes it's okay to cheat at school.	same as above	34
It is all right to beat up people if they start the fight.	same as above	38
It is important to be honest with your parents, even if they become upset or you get punished.	same as above	91
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Prosocial Involvement		
<i>How many times in the past year (12 months) have you...</i>		
participated in clubs, organizations and activities at school?	Never 1 or 2 times, 3-5, 6-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40+	24i
done extra work on your own for school?	Same as above	24j
volunteered to do community service?	Same as above	24k
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Rewards for Prosocial Involvement		
<i>What are the chances you would be seen as cool if you:</i>		
worked hard in school?	Very good chance, Pretty good chance, Some chance, Little chance, No or very little chance	20b
defended someone who was being verbally abused at school?	Same as above	20d
regularly volunteered to do community service?	Same as above	20f
PEER-INDIVIDUALS: Student Perception Of Substance Use		

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<i>Now think about all the students in your grade at school. How many of them do you think:</i>		
a. smoke one or more cigarettes a day?	None (0%); Few (1-10%); Some (11-30%); Half or less (31-50%); Half or more (51-70%) Most (71-90%); Almost All (91-100%)	23a
b. drank alcohol sometime in the past month?	same as above	23b
c. used marijuana sometime in the past month?	same as above	23c
d. use an illegal drug in the past month (not including marijuana)?	same as above	23d
DRUG USE OUTCOMES		
Have you ever used smokeless tobacco (chew, snuff, plug, dipping tobacco, chewing tobacco)?	Never; Once or twice; Once in a while but not regularly; Regularly in the past; Regularly now	71
How frequently have use used smokeless tobacco during the past 30 days?	Never; Once or twice; Once or twice per week; Three to five times per week; About once a day; More than once a day	72
Have you ever smoked cigarettes?	Never; Once or twice; Once in a while but not regularly; Regularly in the past; Regularly now	73
How frequently have you smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days?	Not at all; Less than one cigarette per day; One to five cigarettes per day; About one-half pack per day; About one pack per day; About one and one-half packs per day; Two packs or more per day	74
On how many occasions (if any) have you had alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or hard liquor) to drink in your lifetime - more than just a few sips?	0 occasions, 1-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-19, 20-39, 40 or more	42
On how many occasions (if any) have you had beer, wine or hard liquor during the past 30 days?	same as above	43
Think back over the last two weeks. How many times have you had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row?	None, Once, Twice, 3-5 times, 6-9 times, 10 or more times	70

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On how many occasions (if any) have you used marijuana (grass, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil) in your lifetime?	0 occasions, 1-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-19, 20-39, 40 or more	44
On how many occasions (if any) have you used marijuana (grass, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil) during the past 30 days?	0 occasions, 1-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-19, 20-39, 40+ above	45
On how many occasions (if any) have you used LSD (acid) or other hallucinogens (like PCP, mescaline, peyote, "shrooms" or psilocybin) in your lifetime?	same as above	46
On how many occasions (if any) have you used LSD (acid) or other hallucinogens (like PCP, mescaline, peyote, "shrooms" or psilocybin) during the past 30 days?	same as above	47
On how many occasions (if any) have you used cocaine (like cocaine powder) or "crack" (cocaine in chunk or rock form) in your lifetime?	same as above	48
On how many occasions (if any) have you used cocaine (like cocaine powder) or "crack" (cocaine in chunk or rock form) during the past 30 days?	same as above	49
On how many occasions (if any) have you sniffed glue, breathed the contents of an aerosol spray can, or inhaled other gases or sprays, in order to get high in your lifetime?	same as above	50
On how many occasions (if any) have you sniffed glue, breathed the contents of an aerosol spray can, or inhaled other gases or sprays, in order to get high during the past 30 days?	same as above	51
On how many occasions (if any) have you used phenoxydine (pox, px, breeze) in your lifetime?	same as above	52
On how many occasions (if any) have you used phenoxydine (pox, px, breeze) during the past 30 days?	same as above	53
Used methamphetamine (meth, speed, crank, crystal meth) by any method in your lifetime?	same as above	54
Used methamphetamine (meth, speed, crank, crystal meth) by any method during the past 30 days?	same as above	55

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<i>Amphetamines have been prescribed by doctors to help people loose weight or give people more energy. They are sometimes called uppers, ups, speed, bennies, dexies, pep pills, and diet pills. Amphetamines do Not include over-the-counter diet pills (like Dexatrim), or stay awake pills (like No-Doze), or any mail-order drugs.</i>		
On how many occasions (if any) have you used amphetamines, other than methamphetamines, without a doctor telling you to take them, in your lifetime?	same as above	56
On how many occasions (if any) have you used amphetamines, other than methamphetamines, without a doctor telling you to take them, during the past 30 days?	same as above	57
<i>Sedatives, including Barbiturates, are prescribed by doctors to help people relax or get to sleep. They are sometimes called downs or downers, and include Phenobarbital, Tuinal, Nembutal, and Seconal.</i>		
On how many occasions (if any) have you used Sedatives, without a doctor telling you to take them, in your life time?	same as above	58
On how many occasions (if any) have you used Sedatives, without a doctor telling you to take them, during the past 30 days?	same as above	59
<i>Tranquilizers are sometimes prescribed by doctors to calm people down, quite their nerves, or relax their muscles. Librium, Valium, Xanax, are all tranquilizers.</i>		
On how many occasions (if any) have you taken Tranquilizers, without a doctor telling you to take them, in your lifetime?	same as above	60
On how many occasions (if any) have you taken Tranquilizers, without a doctor telling you to take them, during the past 30 days?	same as above	61
On how many occasions (if any) have you used heroin in your lifetime?	same as above	62
On how many occasions (if any) have you used heroin during the past 30 days?	same as above	63
On how many occasions (if any) have you taken narcotics other than heroin (such as methadone, opium, morphine, codeine, Demerol, Vicodin, OxyContin, and Percocet) without a doctor telling you to take them, in your lifetime?	same as above	64

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On how many occasions (if any) have you taken narcotics other than heroin (such as methadone, opium, morphine, codeine, Demerol, Vicodin, OxyContin, and Percocet) without a doctor telling you to take them, during the past 30 days?	same as above	65
On how many occasions (if any) have you used MDMA ('X', 'E', or ecstasy) in your lifetime?	same as above	66
On how many occasions (if any) have you used MDMA ('X', 'E', or ecstasy) during the past 30 days?	same as above	67
Steroids, or anabolic steroids, are sometimes prescribed by doctors to promote healing from certain types of injuries. Some athletes, and others, have used them to try to increase muscle development		
On how many occasions (if any) have you taken steroids, without a doctor telling you to take them, in your lifetime?	same as above	68
On how many occasions (if any) have you taken steroids, without a doctor telling you to take them, during the past 30 days?	same as above	69
OUTCOME: Antisocial Behavior		
<i>How many times in the past year (12 months) have you...</i>		
been suspended from school?	Never, 1 or 2 times, 3-5, 6-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40+	24a
carried a handgun?	same as above	24b
sold illegal drugs?	same as above	24c
stolen or tried to steal a motor vehicle such as a car or motorcycle?	same as above	24d
been arrested?	same as above	24e
attacked someone with the idea of seriously hurting them?	same as above	24f
been drunk or high at school?	same as above	24g
Taken a handgun to school?	same as above	24h
GAMBLING QUESTIONS		
In the past year (12 months), did you bet any money or other things of value, on the results of a card game, sporting event, lottery ticket, internet gambling, video poker, dice, race, bingo, or other games?	No, Yes	117

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<i>During the past year (12 months), on how many days (if any) did you...</i>		
bet on card games (poker)?	Never, 1 day, 2-3 days, 4-9 days, 10-19 days, 20-39 days, 40 or more days	118a
bet using Internet gambling sites?	same as above	118b
bet on sporting events?	same as above	118c
buy lottery, scratch-off tickets?	same as above	118d
bet on pool, bowling, other games of skill?	same as above	118e
bet on video poker, VLT's or other gambling machines?	same as above	118f
bet on dice games?	same as above	118g
bet on bingo?	same as above	118h
bet on horse racing?	same as above	118i
bet at a casino?	same as above	118j
ADDITIONAL QUESTION		
<i>How old were you when you first:</i>		
Used phenoxydine (pox, px, breeze)?	Never, 10 or younger, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 or older	21e
FINAL QUESTION		
How honest were you in filling out this survey?	I was very honest; I was honest pretty much of the time; I was honest some of the time; I was honest once in a while; I was not honest at all	119