

Survey Validation

Specific IYS questions assess the accuracy and legitimacy of survey responses. Individual surveys are invalidated as follows:

Fake drug use

- Question: “On how many occasions (if any) have you used [fake drug] in the past year?”
- Response options: 1 “0 occasions” 2 “1-2 occasions” 3 “3-5 occasions” 4 “6-9 occasions” 5 “10-19 occasions” 6 “20 or more occasions”
- Student must answer 1 “0 occasions” or the entire survey is invalidated and not reported

Honesty question

- Question: “How honest were you in filling out this survey?”
- Response options: 1 “I was very honest” 2 “I was honest pretty much of the time” 3 “I was honest some of the time” 4 “I was honest once in a while” 5 “I was not honest at all”
- Student must answer options 1, 2, or 3 or the entire survey is invalidated and not reported

Partial completion

- At least 40% of the questions on the survey must be answered, excluding the demographics section
- The high school and middle school survey forms have a different number of questions and therefore the number of responses relative to the number of questions is calculated separately for each form
- If less than 40% of the questions on the survey are answered, the entire survey is invalidated and not reported