

D.A.R.E. works... and we can prove it!

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police developed a national client survey of the D.A.R.E. program surveying students, parents, teachers, principals and detachment commanders. It is the first Canadian national survey of the D.A.R.E. program. The national study resulted in an extremely positive view of the program from the standpoint of students, parents, teachers, principals and detachment commanders.

Surveying of 221 schools across nine provinces and the Yukon, determined all five stakeholder groups found dramatic benefits from the program. Overall responses to the survey questions found overwhelmingly positive responses generally exceeding 95% approval ratings among all five constituent groups.

Of the 5,337 students surveyed, 93% agreed that they learned new ways to make good and informed decisions about the use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs by attending the D.A.R.E. program. 95% of the students felt attending the D.A.R.E. program helped them decide against using drugs in the future

Over 96% of the 3050 parents surveyed felt D.A.R.E. had a positive effect on their children's attitudes towards drugs and also on their children's decision-making skills. Parents indicated very positive support for the program and felt their children benefited from the program (99%)

Of 284 teachers surveyed, 97% expressed very positive feelings about having D.A.R.E. officers in their classrooms to deliver the program. 96% of the teachers felt the program had a positive effect on their students.

Principals showed strong support for the program and agreed that D.A.R.E. had a positive effect on their school's students (98%). Of the 200 school principals surveyed, 96% felt the program fully met their professional educational standards and practices.

With 102 detachment commanders responding to the survey, 97% agreed that the D.A.R.E program benefits their communities and reflects very positively on their detachments (96%).

The survey results reflect the D.A.R.E., program was overwhelmingly well-received by all stakeholders. Across all stakeholder groups, participants found that the D.A.R.E. program was beneficial to students and exceeded their expectations.