

Dear Parent:

Our school has chosen to participate in an important research survey about student health and risks and protective behaviors. The Ohio Healthy Youth Environment Survey has been approved by your school. This research is commissioned by the <main agency (OHMHAS?)> with support from three state agencies; the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Education (ODE).

Answers will help policy-makers and researchers improve children's health programs in Ohio. If we can gather accurate information about our district, it will help us identify problems and develop solutions that fit our community.

It will be administered sometime between October 1st and November 20th, 2015. The survey is voluntary and will take one class period to complete. Students may skip any questions they do not wish to answer. No information is collected that can identify individual students and all answers are completely anonymous. Only your child will know how he or she answers the questions.

We hope that you will permit your child to participate so the results will be the most useful for finding out how health behaviors affect Ohio's youth. If you allow your child to participate in the Ohio Healthy Youth Environment Survey, you do not need to sign or return anything. Parents who do not wish their child to participate may download the Parent Consent Letter (ohyes.ohio.gov/Downloads) and return this form to their child's school. More information about the survey can be found at the survey website: ohyes.ohio.gov.

