

2019 Alaska Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Sample Parent/Guardian Permission Form

The _____ School District is participating in the Alaska Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). The survey is sponsored by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. It will be given January - March 2019.

The YRBS is an anonymous survey that is conducted in high schools throughout Alaska and the United States. Students complete the survey on paper. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed the survey to collect information about behaviors related to the health and well-being of students. The survey results will be used to learn about and address the health concerns of Alaska teenagers. School districts and community organizations use YRBS results to identify emerging health issues and track changes in the health behaviors of the overall Alaska adolescent population over time. The results also help school districts and other organizations create and obtain funding for programs for youth.

After the results are analyzed, reports are provided to the school districts. School districts are given 45 days to review the results. After review, the results are shared with the public upon request. Survey results for individual students are never identified, analyzed or reported.

The survey is given in a way that protects your student's privacy. Students will not put their names or any other identifying information on the survey. Students are allowed to skip any questions they do not want to answer. All students' responses will remain anonymous. Individual student responses are never studied or shared with others. Results from the survey are only ever reported out in aggregate, for example by school district or borough/census area.

The 2019 survey questionnaire is still being developed. _____ School District will let parents know when it is available for review. The 2017 YRBS questionnaire and results from past YRBS surveys are posted online at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Chronic/Pages/yrbs/yrbs.aspx>. The 2019 questionnaire will be posted on this website when it is completed.

We would like all selected students to participate to ensure meaningful results from the survey. It is your decision whether your student participates. Your written consent is required for your student to participate. There will be no actions against you or your student if your student does not participate.

Please read the section below. Check the appropriate box and return the form to your student's school. If you have any questions, please contact the Alaska YRBS Statewide Coordinator, Tazlina Mannix, at (907)-269-8107.

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YES, my student may participate in the survey.

NO, my student may not participate in the survey.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____