



FOR 5TH GRADE ONLY

CONSENT FOR THE CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY Fall 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Pleasanton Unified School District would like your child to participate in the Healthy Kids Survey, sponsored by the California Department of Education. This very important survey, required by law, will help promote better health among our community's youth and combat problems such as drug abuse and violence. The survey has been approved by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Health Services, and our local Board of Education. The District plans to administer the survey during mid October.

Your written permission on this form is required for your child to participate in the survey.

SURVEY CONTENT The survey will gather information on health-risk behaviors such as physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; violence; and school safety. This survey's results, along with the data from the surveys administered in prior years, will help the district to evaluate current programs and plan for the future. There are no questions about family values. You may examine the entire questionnaire in the school office or on the internet. It will take no more than one class period for students to complete the survey.

STUDENT SELECTION All Pleasanton Unified School District students in grades 5, 7, 9, and 11 are asked to participate in the survey.

IT IS VOLUNTARY Your child does not have to take the survey. There will be no actions or penalties against you or your child for not participating. Students only have to answer the questions they want to answer and they may stop taking it at any time. Before the survey begins, the survey's purpose, content, and procedures will be explained. Your child will be able to ask questions and decline to participate. Students who do not take the survey will be assigned an alternate class activity.

IT IS ANONYMOUS & CONFIDENTIAL Your child's privacy is protected. No names will be recorded or attached to the survey. Your child cannot be identified or connected by his/her answers. Survey administrators sign pledges of confidentiality.

WHERE TO TURN FOR FURTHER INFORMATION If you have questions about this survey, or about your rights, you may call the Healthy Kids Survey Center at no charge at (888) 841-7536. Questions may also be directed to the District's Special Projects Office at 426-4326. The survey is posted at the district web site at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

PLEASE CHECK ONE, SIGN, AND RETURN THIS FORM DURING WALK THROUGH REGISTRATION

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 I give permission for my child to be in the California Healthy Kids Survey.

I do not give permission for my child to be in the California Healthy Kids Survey.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student's Name is: _____

School: _____

PLEASE PRINT

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