

2021 Alaska Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Parent/Guardian Permission Form

The Anchorage 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 sometime between **October through December 2021**.

The YRBS is an anonymous survey that is conducted in high schools throughout Alaska and the United States. Students complete the survey on paper or electronically. 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 30 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 link below will allow you to review the 2021 YRBS survey questions, view frequently asked questions, and review the 2019 YRBS results.

yrbs.dhss.alaska.gov

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, Gina Agron at (907)-269-8030. gina.agron@alaska.gov / <http://yrbs.dhss.alaska.gov/>

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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: _____