



Manhattan Beach Unified School District

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CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY NOTIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL FORM 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your ninth- or eleventh-grade child is being asked to be a part of the California Healthy Kids Survey sponsored by the California Department of Education. This important survey provides us with valuable information on our continual efforts to provide safe and drug-free, positive learning environments for MBUSD students. We value opportunities for meaningful student feedback and involvement. Research has shown that healthy students learn better. Developing schools that are drug-free, safe havens for positive youth development is central to our mission and ability to teach. Research studies and reviews over the past decade have consistently concluded that student health and wellness status and achievement are inextricably intertwined. Student participation is optional. Please read this form for information about the survey, and for instructions on how to withdraw your child. If you do not want your child to complete the survey, you must complete and return the form below to Jan Norris in the MCHS Administration Office.

Survey Content. The survey gathers information on behaviors such as physical activity and nutritional habits; drug use; school safety; and environmental and individual strengths and assets. The CA Healthy Kids Survey, along with more detailed information, is available to view at our district's website at www.mbusd.org under the "Student Services Department" tab.

Administration. The survey will be administered this fall. It will take about 30 minutes to complete and will be administered by one of your child's teachers.

Participation is Voluntary and Anonymous. Your child does not have to take the survey. No names or any other identifying information is connected to the answers except for the name of the school. Students who participate only have to answer the questions they want to answer, and they may stop taking the survey at any time.

Potential Risks. There are no known risks of physical harm to your child. Risks of psychological or social harm are very small. None have been reported in MBUSD during the 16+ years of survey administration. In rare instances, some questions might make students feel uncomfortable. As always, the school's staff and counseling services are available to answer any questions that may arise.

For Further Information. The survey was developed by WestEd, a public, non-profit educational institution for the California Department of Education. If you have any questions about this survey, please call Kerry Riccio Aguero, Director of Student Services, at (310) 318-7345, x5989 or visit the CA Healthy Kids Survey webpage on the district website.

If you do not want your son/daughter to participate, return the form below to Jan Norris, Administrative Assistant, MCHS Administration Office. Thank you.

CHKS Withdrawal Form

By returning this form, I **do not give permission** for my child to participate in the California Healthy Kids Survey.

(Please Print) My child's name is: _____ Grade: _____

9th Grade Students: English teacher's name and class period: _____

11th Grade Students: English teacher's name and class period: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____