

Dear Parents:

During the spring semester our school will be participating in the Arizona Youth Survey, a statewide prevention needs assessment for 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students conducted by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. The survey results will be used to inform existing and future substance use and delinquency prevention programs in our community. Questions in the survey will cover youth substance use, problematic behaviors, and the risk and protective factors related to those behaviors.

Some important facts about the survey:

1. It is anonymous. Students will be explicitly instructed to not put their names on the survey questionnaire. No one will be able to connect any individual student with his or her responses. School staff will not see any students' responses.
2. Participation in the survey is voluntary. Your child may decline to participate at any time or skip any question they do not wish to answer.
3. The survey will occur during one class period between February 1, 2018 – May 18, 2018. Please consult your child's teacher for the exact date.
4. We believe there to be minimal risk involved in your son/daughter taking this survey. Some students may feel anxious, stressed, or embarrassed when asked questions about problematic behaviors, but in the majority of these situations this does not create any risk of serious harm to the youth.

I hope that you will agree to allow your child to participate in this statewide effort that will help create better, more effective programming to combat the problem of alcohol and drug use by youth in our community. **If you agree, you do not need to do anything.** However, **if you do not wish your child to participate, please complete and return the attached denial of permission slip** to your child's teacher as soon as possible and your child will be excused from participation.

The materials used in the survey are available for your inspection in the Principal's Office or can be viewed at <http://azcjc.gov/content/arizona-youth-survey>. If you have any questions regarding the survey or your child's participation, please contact me or the staff of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, who are responsible for the statewide administration of the survey.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Principal

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**I DO NOT give permission for my child to participate in the Arizona Youth Survey.**

**Please print clearly.**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Signature (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

