

**PARENT CONSENT LETTER FOR  
THE CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY, CALIFORNIA STUDENT SURVEY & IN-SCHOOL  
EVALUATION OF THE TOBACCO USE PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child may be asked to participate in one or more of the above surveys administered by the State Department of Health Services and the State Department of Education. These are mandatory for all School Districts and are very important surveys that help promote better health among our community's youth and combat problems such as drug abuse and violence. The following are facts to help you make your decision:

Survey Content The surveys gather information on health-risk behaviors such as physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; and violence, gang membership, and delinquency. There are no questions about family values. It will take about one class period to complete.

Student Selection. Your child may be asked to be in the survey only because he/she is in a classroom that was chosen at random (by chance).

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 again. Your child will be able to ask questions and decline to participate.

It is Anonymous & Confidential. Your child's privacy is protected. No names will be recorded or attached to the survey. No information will permit your child to be identified or connected with his/her answers. Survey administrators have signed pledges of confidentiality.

More Information: Read the back of this letter for how the data is used by the schools and how to obtain more information and view the Surveys.

***Thank You for your support.***



**SIGNATURE FORM FOR CALIFORNIA STUDENT SURVEY AND  
THE CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY**

*Parents or guardian*, This is required **only** if you **DO NOT** give permission for your son/daughter to participate in these surveys. You can return this form by mail to the District or it may be hand carried back to your home school. They will forward it to the District Office. It will be kept on file with the District until your son or daughter graduates or moves out of our area.

r I do not give permission for my son/daughter take the Healthy Kids Survey or the California Student Survey.

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

My child's name is: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

What school does your son/daughter attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Where to Turn for Further Information and copies of the surveys:

If you have questions about the surveys, or about your rights, you may call

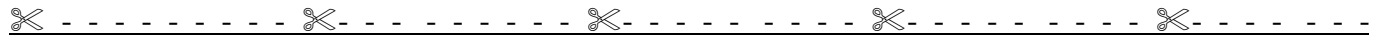
- ◆ The Healthy Kids Survey center at no charge at (888) 841-7536  
[www.californiahealthykids.org](http://www.californiahealthykids.org) then select “*Surveys and Reports*”
- ◆ District’s Drug Prevention Safety Office at 408-347-5182.  
District’s web-page [www.esuhdsd.org](http://www.esuhdsd.org)  
Then select on “*Educator Resources*” and then select “*East Side Curriculum*”

You may examine the questionnaire in the District Office, at your school’s MST Coordinator’s Office,  
Or at the websites listed above.

How Do Schools Benefit? The data received from these surveys provides districts with information to meet several CDE (California Department of Education) requirements for schools to continue to receive Federal and State funding. For example:

1. Required LEAP (*Local Education Agency Plan*) data is aligned with the CHK Survey
2. SDFSCA (*Safe and Drug Free Schools Community Act*) and TUPE (*Tobacco Use Prevention Education*) entitlements and competitive TUPE funding data requirements are met by the surveys. Survey results are used in annual reports to show progress on goals and performance indicators.
3. Coordinated Compliance Reviews data requirements are met by the surveys.
4. Distinguished School Applications and many other grant applications are strengthened by use of the survey data.

These surveys and others like the national Youth Risk Behavior Survey provide necessary data to help districts/schools/county health departments assure healthy, safe environments. Research has demonstrated that ensuring that students are safe, drug-free, healthy and resilient is central to improving academic performance and promoting positive youth development.



*Please return before the  
survey date to*

\_\_\_\_\_.

(Name)

*Survey date will be* \_\_\_\_\_.

(Date)