

## Information for Parents and Student

Our school will be participating in the COVID-19 Student Survey in the spring of 2021.

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Please share this information with your student.  
Then talk about the survey and decide if your student will participate.

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**Q. What is the purpose of the survey?**

**A.** The purpose of the survey is to collect information to help teachers, school leaders, parents, and community partners better understand how to meet the needs of youth. This survey asks questions about student's thoughts, feelings and behaviors during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Q. Who will be asked to take the survey?**

**A.** Students in grades 6 to 12 across Washington state.

**Q. Is the survey voluntary?**

**A.** Yes! Students taking the survey can skip questions and stop taking the survey at any time. If you do not want your student to participate in the survey, you can call the school to excuse your student. Students can also tell their teacher that they do not want to take the survey. Students not taking the survey will take part in a different activity, such as studying or reading. There is no penalty for not taking part in the survey. Your student's grades will not be affected.

**Q. How is student identity protected?**

**A.** The survey is completely anonymous. Students will not put their names on the survey. There are no codes or information to match a survey to a student. No one from school will look at their answers. Survey results will not identify any student.

**Q. What questions are on the survey?**

**A.** Various topics are covered on the survey including:

- Demographic information, such as grade level, gender, sexual orientation and race/ethnicity
- Thoughts and feelings pertaining to school during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Mental and physical health
- Attitudes towards and use of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs
- COVID-19 precautions
- Hope
- Social connectiveness; support from peers and adults

**Q. How are the results used?**

**A.** Teachers, school leaders, parents, community partners and policy leaders will use the results to help understand how to meet the needs of the youth in the state.

**Need More Information?**

If you have any questions about the purpose of the survey or survey procedures:

- Check out: [csswashington.org](http://csswashington.org)
- Or [contact@csswashington.org](mailto:contact@csswashington.org)

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