



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child is being asked to be a part of our school's California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), sponsored by the California Department of Education. The survey has been conducted biennially in PAUSD since 2003. The CHKS will be administered at each school site for students in grades 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th. For the 2019-2020 school year, the survey will be administered during the administration window of November 6th-20th, 2019.

We are administering the survey as part of the District's commitment to the PAUSD Promise goal to support student [Wellness and Safety](#). Specifically, we will measure the "extent to which students are engaged and connected to the school environment (e.g. feel personally accepted, respected, included, and supported by staff and peers)."

It has been a critical component of the districts monitoring of student physical and psychological well-being. The survey includes questions about alcohol, tobacco, and other drug issues, as well as questions about school safety and the learning environment. The results are used by school sites to inform Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and Western Association of Schools and College (WASC), by Leadership to understand school climate and culture, and for accountability purposes of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and CA Dashboard through the Local Indicators.

You may view the survey modules at <https://www.pausd.org/student-services/california-healthy-kids-survey>

SURVEY CONTENT: The survey gathers information on developmental supports provided to youth; school connectedness and barriers to learning; behaviors such as physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; sexual behavior and school safety.

IT IS VOLUNTARY: Students who, with your permission, agree to participate do not have to answer any questions they do not want to answer, and may stop taking the survey at any time.

IT IS ANONYMOUS: No names are recorded or attached to the survey forms or data. The results will be made available for analysis only under strict confidentiality controls.

ADMINISTRATION: It will take about 50 minutes to complete and will be administered in your child's regular classroom.

POTENTIAL RISKS: There are no known risks of physical harm. Risks of psychological or social harm are very small. None have been reported in 18 years of administration. In rare instances, some discomfort might be experienced from the questions. The school's counseling services will be available to answer any questions that may arise.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: The survey was developed by WestEd, a public, non-profit educational institution, in collaboration with the California Department of Education.

If you have any questions about this survey, or about your rights, contact Marisol Fernandez, at mfernandez@pausd.org

PARENT CONSENT FORM FOR THE CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY

Please check below whether you grant permission, sign, and return this form within three days to the teacher who distributed it. (Note: This is an opportunity to override your response given on the annual data update.)

I **give permission** for my child to be in the California Healthy Kids Survey.

I **do not give permission** for my child to be in the California Healthy Kids Survey.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING AND RETURNING THIS CONSENT FORM TO YOUR TEACHER BY NOVEMBER 1ST!