

Information Sheet for the *Texas Youth Tobacco Survey*

On March 6-17, 2023, students at _____ will take *The Texas Youth Tobacco Survey*. This year, as many as 15,000 students will take part in *The Texas Youth Tobacco Survey*. The survey takes about thirty-five minutes and should not interfere with overall teaching objectives.

Survey questions have been carefully designed to draw out student responses as to actual use of tobacco products, current smoking patterns, lifetime smoking history, age of initiation, quitting history, health risks, perceived social norms related to smoking, attitudes and beliefs, and social influences related to tobacco use.

Participation in The Texas Youth Tobacco Survey is completely voluntary. There will be no adverse consequences---grades or class standing will not be affected in any way whatsoever--- for any student choosing not to participate. Those choosing not to participate are asked to read or work quietly during the administration of the survey. Research design and protocols ensure that **participation in The Texas Youth Tobacco Survey is completely anonymous.** This means no names or other personal identifiers will be collected.

The Texas Youth Tobacco Survey has two primary objectives. It serves to inform state and local policy-makers about the extent and nature of the tobacco use problem in Texas schools and provides a statewide standard of comparison for districts conducting local assessments of tobacco use. Administration of *The Texas Youth Tobacco Survey* is conducted by The Bush School at Texas A&M University on behalf of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

This research study has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board --- Human Subjects in Research, Texas A&M University. For research-related problems or questions regarding subjects' rights, the Institutional Review Board may be contacted at (979) 458-4067.

If you would like to view a copy of the survey instrument, or if you have any questions concerning the survey methodology, you may contact Shannon Peairson at The Bush School at Texas A&M University at (979) 862-3437 or via email at txschoolssurvey@tamu.edu.

****If you do not want your child to participate, please fill out the form below****

This form must be returned to _____ School Nurse
by: February 27, 2023.

My child MAY NOT participate in the Texas Youth Tobacco Survey

(Child's Name)

(Name of Parent/Guardian)

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

