

**Consent for the California Healthy Kids Survey
2023-2024 School Year
Grades 7th, 9th and 11th**



Dear Parent/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 (CDE). The intent of this survey is to promote better health and well-being among our youth, improve the school learning environment, and combat problems such as drug abuse and violence. *Your child does not have to take the survey. Participation is voluntary. If you do not want your child to complete the survey, you must notify the school in writing.*

Survey Content: The survey gathers information on developmental supports provided to youth; school connectedness and barriers to learning; school safety; health-related concerns such as physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco and other drug use; risk of depression and suicide; and protected class identifiers such as sexual orientation and gender identity.

You may examine the survey in the school office or on the district's website, www.ojUSD.org.

The results from this survey are compiled into district- and county-level CHKS reports and will be posted on the district website when they become available.

It is Voluntary. Students who 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: The survey will be administered between December 4 and 15. The survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. Students who do not participate will be given an alternative assignment.

Further Information: The survey was developed for the California Department of Education by WestEd, a public, non-profit educational institution. If you have questions about the survey or about your rights, contact Armida Colón, Director of State and Federal Programs, (209) 848-4884 or acolon@ojUSD.org.

California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) Opt Out

I do not give permission for my child to participate in the California Healthy Kids Survey.
Sign and return this document to the main office.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____