



California School Climate, Health, and Learning Surveys

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING · 2023/24 SCHOOL YEAR

DISTRICT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

This agreement outlines conditions to be met by the above-named district (the “District”) and WestEd as they relate to access to and the administration of the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), the California School Staff Survey (CSSS), and the California School Parent Survey (CSPS), which are part of the comprehensive CalSCHLS data system, developed by WestEd under contract with the California Department of Education (CDE). **Survey access will not be granted until a signed copy of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is received.**

### I. DISTRICT AGREES TO:

- **Coordination.** Provide one district-level contact person for each participating district.
- **Surveys.** Administer each CalSCHLS survey selected by District (CHKS, CSSS, and/or CSPS) according to the procedures in the CalSCHLS Administration Instructions. Ensure that each survey administered is the most recent version.
- **Data Submission and Report Preparation.** Notify CalSCHLS Regional Center staff upon completion of each survey administration per the guidelines provided at registration.

### CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY (CHKS) ADMINISTRATION

- **Grades and Schools.** Survey Grades 3 through 12 as appropriate within the District. Provide current student enrollment figures for all schools by grade level.
- **Parent Consent.** Follow the active parental consent process with grades below seven, and passive parental consent with Grade 7 and above.
  - Follow written school board policy for active and/or passive consent and provide notification to parents of the approximate date(s) of survey administration and the availability of survey instruments for review at school and/or district offices. This is required regardless of consent type.
- **Privacy of Students.** Preserve respondent privacy and the confidentiality of the responses by ensuring that the room set-up prevents anyone from observing how the respondent is answering the survey questions and ensure that reasonable measures are taken to protect the responses after they are collected.
- **Assurance of Confidentiality Agreement.** Ensure that all teachers/proctors assigned to administer the survey sign the Assurance of Confidentiality Agreement and read the Introductory Script to students.
- **Response Rates.** Make best efforts to obtain a response rate of at least 70% of students in surveyed grades.

### CALIFORNIA SCHOOL STAFF SURVEY (CSSS) ADMINISTRATION

- Ensure that all staff at participating schools have the opportunity to complete the online survey (CSSS) at each school and for each grade level.

### CALIFORNIA SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY (CSPS) ADMINISTRATION

- Coordinate with CalSCHLS staff regarding the administration of online and paper parent survey materials.

- Administer the CSPPS to all parents, guardians, or other caregivers of students in all grades and schools in the district.
- Each family (parent/guardian/caregiver) should complete only one survey per school regardless of number of children enrolled in that school.

## PAYMENT

Make payment of all CalSCHLS fees, at the current rates for the applicable school year within thirty (30) days of completion of services and receipt of deliverables. See attached fee schedule for the 2023-2024 school year.

## II. WESTED AGREES TO PROVIDE:

- Comprehensive technical assistance via email and phone.
- Access to the CHKS online system.
- Access to the CSSS online system.
- Access to the CSPPS online system and master copy of the survey instrument for paper administration.
- Access to the CalSCHLS System website (calschls.org).
- Access to the integrated CalSCHLS Administration Instructions on each of the survey websites, which shall cover the tasks that need to be performed in conducting the surveys, and provide step-by-step instructions to District staff with responsibility for coordinating the survey.
- Access to the CalSCHLS Administration PowerPoint presentation, which shall be posted on the CalSCHLS website.
- Monthly editions of the School Climate Connection Newsletter during the school year.
- Scanning and online services.
- **District-level reports within six to ten weeks after receipt of accurate and complete survey information and materials.**

## III. ACCESS

Under the Public Records Act, any third-party (for example, the media) can request existing district reports from CDE. Raw data may be provided to public agencies and research agencies by request for analyses only after the requesting agency has executed an agreement with WestEd and/or CDE and has agreed to conditions of strict confidentiality in compliance with state and federal regulations including, but not limited to, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR part 99), the California Information Practices Act (California Civil Code § 1798 et. seq.), and the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. § 552).

CalSCHLS Regional Center staff post District CalSCHLS reports (CHKS and CSSS) to the CalSCHLS System websites in November of the year following survey administration.

## IV. CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

Districts agreeing to administer any of the CalSCHLS surveys (CHKS, CSSS, and CSPPS), understand that data will be subject to the conditions stated above. Once produced, district-level reports will be available to outside agencies via the website or upon request, and raw data may be provided to public and research agencies for analysis under strict conditions of confidentiality.

District further agrees to use the CalSCHLS surveys only for use in its own district, and only for so long as this MOU is in effect.

## V. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- a. Terms. This MOU is effective on September 1, 2023 and expires on June 30, 2024.
- b. Amendments. This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the parties without additional consideration, provided that before any amendment shall take effect, it shall be in writing and signed by both parties.
- c. Severability. The provisions of this MOU are severable and the unenforceability of any provision of this MOU shall not affect the enforceability of any other provision hereof.
- d. Limitation of Liability. Each party shall bear all costs, risk, and liabilities incurred by it arising out of its obligations and efforts under this MOU. Neither party shall have any right to reimbursement, payment or compensation of any kind from the other party, unless expressly agreed to in writing.
- e. Indemnification. District shall defend, indemnify, and hold WestEd, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from and against any and all liability, loss, expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees), or claims for injury or damages arising out of the performance of this MOU but only in proportion to and to the extent such liability, loss, expense, attorneys' fees, or claims for injury or damages are caused by or resulting from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of District, its officers, agents, or employees.

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- f. Dispute resolution. District and WestEd shall exercise commercially reasonable efforts to settle any claim, controversy, or dispute (collectively, "Dispute") arising out of or relating to this MOU. The parties shall discuss any Dispute no later than thirty (30) days after either party gives written notice to the other party of a Dispute, including the legal and factual basis for such Dispute. No arbitration or other proceeding may be commenced before the parties have met pursuant to this provision. In the event that a Dispute cannot be resolved through good faith negotiations, the parties agree that such Dispute shall be finally settled through binding arbitration. The arbitration shall be administered by JAMS, in San Francisco, California, pursuant to its Comprehensive Arbitration Rules and Procedures. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and conclusive upon the parties. Judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrators may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may seek injunctive or provisional relief to protect confidential information at any time.
- g. Assignment. District shall not voluntarily or by operation of law, assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under this MOU without prior written consent from WestEd. Any purported assignment in violation of this paragraph shall be void.
- h. Execution. This MOU has been negotiated by all parties and shall not be strictly construed against the parties. This MOU may be executed in one or more original, electronic, or faxed counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Each of the persons signing this MOU represents that he or she has the authority to sign on behalf of and bind their respective party.



## California Survey Administration Fees 2023–2024

All Fees include CDE Subsidies

Questions? Email us at [calschls@wested.org](mailto:calschls@wested.org)

### Data Dashboard

#### Password-Protected Data Dashboard – \$75 per eligible school

Districts may purchase a two-year subscription to a password-protected, private data dashboard that displays up to 10 years of CalSCHLS data at the district level and individual school level at the subsidized rate of \$75 per eligible school.

### Survey-Related Fees

	CHKS Student	CSSS Staff	CSPS Parent
<b>Survey Set-up Fee</b> – per survey type	\$150	\$150*	\$150
<b>Enrollment Fee</b> – per student enrolled	\$0.40		
<b>Paper Processing Fee</b> – per parent survey paper copy returned for manual processing			\$0.40
<b>Supplementary Modules</b> – per supplemental module	\$100	\$100	\$100
<b>School Reports</b> – per school, includes school special reports (Elementary and secondary student reports are charged separately.)	\$75	\$75	\$75
<b>District Raw Data</b> – per data set	\$75	\$75	\$75
<b>Countywide Raw Data</b> – per data set	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>Countywide Report</b> – per report	\$500	\$500	

\* If you are a district surveying less than 100 students, the CSSS Survey Set-up Fee will be waived.

### Custom Services

**Custom Modules** – \$200 development fee for every three questions or fraction thereof; \$100 for subsequent use of the same module (with no changes)

**Custom Workshops** – \$125 per hour (for staffing-related costs), plus travel expenses

**Other Custom Requests** – \$100 per hour

By signing this document, the named District and WestEd signify that each party, has reviewed, understands, agrees to, and will comply with the terms and conditions stated above.

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District Representative:

WestEd Staff:

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Signature

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