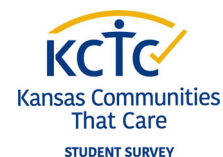


## Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) Student Survey Information for Parents



### Overview

The Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) student survey measures teen substance use, delinquency, and related problem behaviors. We know that students are influenced by many factors and behavior and attitudes do not develop in isolation. What happens at home affects youth performance and behavior at school. What happens in our schools can affect youth attitudes toward the community, and vice versa. It is critical that we look at the whole picture to determine the most appropriate approaches to focus on prevention efforts. If problem behaviors decrease in schools and communities, they are better places to learn, grow, and live.

#### 1. Why is this survey important?

The KCTC student survey provides schools with data. This data is used to help districts gauge what is working and what needs work within their schools. Districts can then look into different programs to address weaknesses or enhance strengths. Districts can also use the data when seeking funding for programming.

#### 2. Is the information confidential?

- The survey is completely anonymous
- Students are not asked for their names or other personally identifiable information on the questionnaire
- No one can connect any student with his/her responses
- School staff do not see any one student's responses

#### 3. What questions are asked?

The survey is a valuable tool in asking questions to help us understand how students behave, think, and feel about alcohol, marijuana, and other drug use, bullying and school safety. The survey also includes questions regarding student-teacher relationships and student involvement.

#### 4. Who uses the data? What is it for?

There are many community organizations (e.g., United Way, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs, Kansas Children's Service League, Communities In Schools, Juvenile Justice Authority, and community coalitions) counting on annual survey data to apply for grant funding for student and community prevention programming that will benefit the students.

#### 5. How much time does the survey take from the school day?

The survey will take approximately 50 minutes to complete and will be administered during a single class period.

#### 6. Who pays for the survey?

This survey is funded through the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and is available at no cost to all districts.

#### 7. How long has the survey been offered in Kansas?

The survey has been administered annually in Kansas since 1994-95.

#### Resources:

KCTC Website - [www.kctcdata.org](http://www.kctcdata.org)

KCTC Survey - [www.kctcdata.org](http://www.kctcdata.org)

KCTC Video - <http://bit.ly/KCTCVideo>