

# Big Lake Schools Plan to Survey Students

## 2025 Minnesota Student Survey

### Parent Decision Not to Participate

Big Lake Schools is asking students in grades 5, 8, 9, and 11 to participate in the 2025 Minnesota Student Survey (MSS). Federal law requires us to notify parents of this school activity. The MSS is conducted in schools across our state every three years.

Questions on the survey are about many topics relating to young people's lives. The survey asks about how well school is going, future plans, out-of-school activities, physical and mental health, relationships, substance use and more. High school students are asked about sexual behavior. This useful information about their thoughts and behaviors helps communities and schools develop effective programs and provide better services.

The survey is anonymous. To prevent individuals or families from being identified, students do not provide their names, student identification numbers or personal information.

The survey is voluntary. You may choose to have your child not take the survey by completing and returning the form below. Students may also decline to take any part of the survey or the whole survey. They are informed of that option by staff.

If you have questions about the survey, please contact: Scott Pierce, 763-262-7259, [s.pierce@biglakeschools.org](mailto:s.pierce@biglakeschools.org)

You have the right to review a copy of the survey. For details on how to do this, please contact: Kim Johnson, 763-262-5218, [ki.johnson@biglakeschools.org](mailto:ki.johnson@biglakeschools.org)

The Minnesota Student Survey will be administered to Independence Elementary STEM, 5th Grade on **Thursday, Feb. 6th.**

***If you do not want your child to take the Minnesota Student Survey, please return this form to: Scott Pierce by: Wednesday, Feb. 5th.***

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's school: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_