PASSIVE PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

Our school is taking part in the 2022-2023 Online Youth Risk Behavior Survey (OYRBS). The research survey will ask about the health behaviors of 6th through 12th grade students. The survey will ask about nutrition, physical activity, tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use. It also will ask about sexual behaviors that cause AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases, and pregnancy.

Doing this online survey will cause little or no risk to your child. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive. The survey has been designed to protect you child’s privacy. Students will not put their names or ID numbers on the survey. Also, no school or student will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the OYRBS results. Your child will get no benefit right away from taking part in the survey. However, the results of this survey will help plan risk reduction efforts in the future. We would like all students to take part in the survey, **but the survey is voluntary**. **No** **action will be taken against the school, you, or your child, if your child does not take part.** Students will be told that they can skip any question that they do not wish to answer and they may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty.

Please read the section below. If you do **not** want your child to take part in the survey, check the box and return the form to the school **within three days.** Please see the other side of this form for more facts about the survey. If your child’s teacher or principal cannot answer your questions about the survey, please call Andrew M. Muriuki, PhD, Research Analyst, Research and Evaluation, at (414) 475- 8049.

Thank you.

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Child’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have read this form and know what the survey is about.

¨ **NO**. My child may **not** take part in this survey.

Parent’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Online Youth Risk Behavior Survey (OYRBS)

SURVEY FACT SHEET

**Q: Who is doing the survey?**

**A:** Milwaukee Public Schools. Specifically, Research and Evaluation is conducting the OYRBS.

**Q: Why is the survey being done?**

**A:** MPS will use the OYRBS results to measure how many Wisconsin middle and high school youth practice health-risk behaviors and to create school health programs to help reduce these behaviors.

**Q: What does the OYRBS measure and why are these things important?**

**A:** The OYRBS focuses on health-risk behaviors that result in the highest rates of death, disability, and social problems during both adolescences and adulthood. These include: 1) behaviors that result in injuries, such as fights and carrying a weapon; 2) tobacco use; 3) alcohol and other drug use; 4) sexual behaviors that may result in AIDS or unintended pregnancies; 5) eating habits; and 6) physical activity.

**Q:** **Can I view a copy of the survey?**

**A:** Yes, a copy of the survey will be kept at your child’s school for parents to review. You can contact the principal to arrange a time to review the survey.

**Q: Will students’ names be used or linked to the surveys?**

**A:** No. The survey has been designed to protect your child’s privacy. Students do not put their name or ID number on the survey.

Q: Do students take the survey more than once to see how their behaviors change?

**A: S**tudents who participate cannot be tracked to see if behaviors change because no identifying information will be collected. All results will be totaled and are reported school- or district-wide.

**Q: How was my child picked to be in the survey?**

**A:** All students enrolled in grades 6 through 12 have been requested to complete the survey.

Q: How long does it take to fill out the survey? Does the survey include a physical test?

**A:** One class period is needed to answer the online survey. The survey does not include a physical test or exam.

**Q: Who supports the survey?**

**A:** This survey is supported by many state organizations interested in the health of youth. The Wisconsin Association of School Boards, Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, and the Wisconsin Education Association Council have given letters of support. It is also supported by many national organizations. People from over 100 state and local health and education agencies and 19 federal agencies helped develop the survey.

**Q: What will be done with the results?**

**A:** Data will be collected by MPS. Remember—no child will ever be mentioned by name.

**Q: Who can I contact if I have questions about the survey?**

**A:** Andrew M. Muriuki, PhD

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