

Attachment L Fact Sheet

Q. Why is the study being done?

A. The purpose of this study is to test the reliability of data collected by the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. To do that, students take the survey two times so we can understand if students are answering questions on the YRBS the same way each time. The CDC will use the results to develop better questionnaires to help measure the percentage of youth who practice health risk behaviors. That information will be used to create school health programs to help reduce these behaviors.

Q. Are sensitive questions asked on the survey?

A. Yes. Some questions are sensitive. HIV infection and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are major health problems. Sexual intercourse and injected drug use are behaviors that increase the risk of HIV infection. The only way to learn if youth are at risk of becoming infected with HIV or other STDs is to ask questions about these behaviors. Attempted suicide, tobacco use, alcohol and other drug use, and weapon-carrying also may be considered sensitive topics. Questions are written in a direct but sensitive way.

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 on the survey.

Q. How was my child picked to be in the study?

A. A class your child is in was selected to participate, and all students in that class are being asked to participate. A total of 2000 students in grades 9 through 12 in 20 schools were randomly selected to participate.

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 fill out the survey, which has 99 questions. The survey does not include a physical test or exam. The survey will be administered twice for this study.

Q. Can I see the questions my student will be asked?

A. Yes, a copy of the survey is at [_____].