

2025 and 2027 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Attachment I1

Survey Administration Script for the national YRBS

**SURVEY ADMINISTRATOR SCRIPT
NATIONAL YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY**

STEP 1 - VERIFY THAT ALL ASSEMBLED STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THE APPROPRIATE PERMISSION FORM PROCESS REQUIRED FOR THIS SCHOOL AND THAT NONPARTICIPATING STUDENTS (IF ANY) HAVE AN ALTERNATE ACTIVITY.

STEP 2 - INTRODUCE THE SURVEY TO THE CLASS.

Thank you for participating in the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey today. By participating, you are taking part in an extremely important effort to understand the health and well-being of the nation's teens. This is an opportunity to make sure the voices of high school students are heard. YOUR voice matters, and participating allows you to anonymously share your needs and concerns directly with adults, educators, and health officials. This is a big deal because it has the power to influence changes in what is taught in your classes, what kinds of programs and services are available to you, and even changes in school policies. Thank you for making a difference through your participation.

This survey is being conducted on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (also known as CDC). Participating is voluntary, and your grade in this class will not be affected whether you answer the questions or not. However, only a limited number of students in a small number of schools are being invited to participate, so the answers you give are important as they represent thousands of other students.

This is not a test about you or your school. It is important that your answers are accurate and truthful. You will be asked questions about your health behaviors (such as nutrition, physical activity, and sleep routine), experiences (including emotional well-being and social media use), and general characteristics about yourself (such as your age, grade, and race/ethnicity). You will also be asked about sexual behaviors, and tobacco, alcohol, and drug use. If at any time you do not feel comfortable answering a question or do not understand the question, you can skip it.

STEP 3 - EMPHASIZE PRIVACY/ ANONYMITY.

Throughout the entire process, I will maintain strict procedures to protect your privacy. Because the survey is anonymous, no one will know your answers. There is nowhere you are asked to provide your name, and results will never be reported by name, class, or school. I will be distributing tablets and instruction cards to each of you to use. When you finish, close the tablet case and leave it and your instruction card on your desk.

PAUSE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND DISTRIBUTE TABLETS.

STEP 4 - INSTRUCT THE CLASS IN FILLING OUT SURVEY.

The instruction cards I will pass out next tell you how to open the tablet, launch the survey application, and log in. Each instruction card will have a unique 5-digit access code that is randomly generated and cannot be tied back to you. Once you're logged in, the first screen

will tell you your rights as a survey participant, much of which I just shared with you. The second screen will show survey instructions. Please take a moment to read these two screens before answering any questions. As you advance through the questionnaire, your answers will automatically be saved.

It is important that you answer the questions based on what you really know, believe, and do. Don't pick a response just because you think that's what someone wants you to say. **Your teacher and I are not allowed to answer any questions. Simply do the best that you can.**

STEP 5 - SHUFFLE SIGN-IN CARDS TO EMPHASIS RANDOMNESS OF DISTRIBUTION. PASS OUT CARDS TO STUDENTS WITH PARENTAL CONSENT.

When you reach the end, you will see a button that says, "Submit Your Survey." On that screen, you have the option to review your answers or to answer any questions you may have skipped. We have allowed 35 minutes for completing the survey, but you may stop at any time. If you submit your survey before that time, please close the tablet case and leave it and your instruction card on your desk. I will come around and collect them.

Please begin.

**NOTE TO DATA COLLECTOR:
(DO NOT READ ALOUD TO STUDENTS)**

While students are taking the survey, complete the Permission Form Tracking Log with the teacher. Remember when counting eligible students, do not include students that appear on the roster but are not typically present or active members of the class.

STEP 6 - AS STUDENTS FINISH THE SURVEY AND CLOSE THEIR TABLET, COLLECT TABLETS AND SIGN-IN CARDS. VERIFY APPLICATION IS READY FOR THE NEXT USER.

STEP 7 - THANK PARTICIPANTS.

The CDC would like to thank all of you for participating. The information you have provided will be used to develop better health programs for students around the country. If you have any questions related to the topics on the survey, please contact: (SCHOOL-REFERRED CONTACT NAME HERE). I am also distributing cards with some information about additional resources available to teens.

STEP 8 - THANK THE TEACHER.