

# Oakland Unified School District (OUSD)

FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

## Permission form for a survey of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

Please fill out this permission form and return it to your child's teacher or the school front office as soon as possible.



**OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Community Schools, Thriving Students

### We do this survey every year

For the past 20 years, OUSD schools have participated in the *California Healthy Kids Survey*. This survey is sponsored by the State of California Department of Education.

To participate in this survey, students must have permission from a parent or guardian. Each year, the majority of students participate.

### What kinds of questions are on the survey?

The questions on this survey ask students how they feel about themselves, their friends, their teachers and their school.

The survey covers other topics too, including physical activity, eating habits, whether students feel safe at school, and whether they've ever tried alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.

If you want to know more about the questions, you can see a copy of the survey at the front office of your child's school. Or, you can visit the OUSD website page for the California Healthy Kids Survey (<http://www.ousd.org/Page/516>).

### Important things to know

- The survey will be given in February and takes about 30 minutes.
- Privacy is protected because the survey is completely anonymous. Students do not put their names on the survey. There is no way for the school or anyone else to know how a particular student has answered the survey questions.
- The survey is voluntary. Students can skip questions they don't want to answer and can stop taking the survey at any time.
- If you have any questions, please call the OUSD Survey Administrator, Robert Dousa, at 925-321-0818.

### We use the survey results to improve our schools

The survey results give us valuable information about students' attitudes and behaviors. We use this information to develop better ways to help students become healthier, happier, and more successful in school and in life.

### Parent or guardian permission form

Is it okay with you for your child to take the *California Healthy Kids Survey*?

- Yes, I give my permission
- No, I do not give permission

Sign your name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Print your child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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