



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

Our school will participate in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey in the Fall

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### **Q: Who will be asked to take the survey?**

**A:** Students in Grades 9 through 12 may be asked to take the survey. Classrooms in these grades will be randomly selected, and all students in the selected classrooms will be asked to participate.

### **Q: Is the survey voluntary?**

**A:** Yes! Students taking the survey can skip questions and stop taking the survey at any time. Students can also tell their teacher that they do not want to take the survey. There is no penalty for not taking part in the survey. Your student's grades will not be affected.

### **Q: What questions are on the survey?**

**A:** The survey will ask about nutrition, physical activity, injuries, sexual behaviors, and tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use.

### **Q: How is student identity protected?**

**A:** The survey has been designed to protect your student's privacy. Students do not put their name nor any other identifying information (such as a school ID number) on the survey.

### **Q: How are the survey results used?**

**A:** Seattle Public Schools will use the results to understand our students and to provide them with the services they need. Survey results help measure the percentage of youth who practice health risk and protective behaviors. The information will be used to create school health programs to help reduce risk behaviors and increase protective behaviors.

*If you do not want your student to participate in the survey, you can call the school's main office to excuse your student. To learn more about the survey, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/yrbs/>.*