

Minnesota Student Survey

Minnesota students want to tell us how they are doing, and what they need to thrive and succeed. We just need to ask them! The Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) helps us do that.



Why is the MSS important and how are survey results used?



The MSS has been an important source of information on youth for over 30 years.



Results are used by schools, districts, communities, and the state.



Results are used to create programs, change policies, and provide resources.



Youth councils have used results to advocate for more mental health and well-being resources.

Based on results from the 2019 MSS, the state of Minnesota:



increased funding for school-linked mental health grants by **\$1.2 million**



secured **\$4 million** for youth e-cigarettes use prevention and cessation

Snapshots on Minnesota Youth: 2016 Minnesota Student Survey Whole Child Report



Look Inside!

See how MSS results are shared:

http://sumn.org/~media/541/Minnesota_Student_Survey_Whole_Child_Report_Oct_17.pdf

What is the MSS?



It asks about students' feelings and experiences related to health and well-being, supportive and caring relationships, safety, and engagement in school and activities.



It's supported by local schools and the Minnesota Departments of Education, Human Services, Health, Public Safety, and Corrections.



It comes in three age-appropriate versions for 5th through 12th graders.



It has been done every 3 years for over 30 years, and will happen again in 2022.

How is student privacy protected?



They are NOT asked for their name, student ID number, or other identifying information.



They can choose to skip any questions they do not want to answer.

Individual answers are combined with other students' answers and shared at the school-level.



"Our students are talking to us and we must listen."

-Former Minnesota Education Commissioner Mary Cathryn Ricker

Contact

For more information please contact:

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Passive Consent Notice to Parents

School District Plan to Survey Students

2022 Minnesota Student Survey

Our school district is asking students in grades 5, 8, 9 and 11 to participate in the 2022 Minnesota Student Survey (MSS). Federal law requires us to notify parents of this school activity. The MSS is conducted in schools across our state every three years.

Questions on the survey are about many topics relating to young people's lives. The survey asks about how well school is going, future plans, out-of-school activities, physical and mental health, relationships, substance use and more. High school students are asked about sexual behavior. This useful information about their thoughts and behaviors helps communities and schools develop effective programs and provide better services.

Date(s) the Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) will be administered: May 20, 2022

If you have questions about the survey, please contact: Amy Riley (218) 333-3400 ext 49405

You have the right to review a copy of the survey. For details on how to do this, please contact:

Amy Riley (218) 333-3400 ext 49405

This survey is anonymous. To prevent individuals or families from being identified, students do not provide their names, student identification numbers or other personal information.

This survey is voluntary. You may choose to have your child not take the survey by completing and returning the form below. Students may also decline to take any part of the survey or the whole survey. They are informed of this option by staff.

If you do not want your child to take the Minnesota Student Survey, please return this form to:

Amy Riley by: May 20, 2022

Student's name: _____ Grade: _____

Student's School: _____

Parent/Guardian name (please print): _____ Relationship to student: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

