

PEACE PROJECT
ASSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE XXX SURVEY

Dear Student,

You are being invited to participate in a survey as part of the XXX Unified School District's PEACE project, a Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) Initiative. The PEACE project is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and is a comprehensive prevention, intervention, and education program that strives to create safe and drug-free schools and promote healthy development.

Purpose. The purpose of this survey is to examine the effectiveness of the PEACE project. The information collected will help us to better understand students' needs and for program improvement.

Student Selection. All students participating in the PEACE activities are invited to participate in this survey.

Procedures. You are invited to take the survey if you are participating in one or more of the PEACE activities. You will be asked to complete the survey at entry into the program and at the end of each school year.

Survey Content. The survey items are adapted from the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), a survey approved by the California Department of Education and Office of the Attorney General. These survey questions relate to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use as well as violence and will take about 20 - 25 minutes to complete.

It is Voluntary. You do not have to take the survey. There will be no actions or penalties against you for not participating. You only have to answer the questions that you want to answer, and you may stop taking it at any time. Before the survey begins, the survey's purpose, content, and procedures will be explained again. You will be able to ask questions and decline to participate even if your parents have given their permission.

It is Confidential. Your privacy is protected. No

names will be recorded or attached to the survey, but an identification code will be assigned to each survey form. You will be asked to detach this assent form from the survey. Assent forms will be collected and placed in a separate envelope from the completed surveys.

Potential Risks. There are no known risks of physical, psychological, or social harm to you. None have been reported in the past from surveys with the same questions. School staff will answer any questions or concerns that you might have as a result of participating in the evaluation.

Benefits. You will not benefit directly from this study. However, your community will benefit through greater knowledge about the risks facing youth related to alcohol and other drug use and violence. This will help improve programs to combat these problems and provide better youth services.

Compensation. You will not be paid to participate in the evaluation.

Questions. If you have questions about this study, or about your rights, you may call the evaluation director, June Lee Bayha, at 562.799.5149. You may also direct questions to the school principal and examine evaluation materials at the district's Pupil Resources Department. If you have questions or concerns you cannot resolve, you may contact Independent Review Consulting staff at 800.472.3241, P.O. Box 170, San Anselmo, CA 94979.

Yes, I am willing to take the survey.

Print Your Name

Today's Date

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)