



## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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Dear SCUSD Principals:

It is time to administer the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. This survey is integral in providing the District with the data needed to provide quality programs to students that improve school climate and students' social/emotional wellbeing while addressing issues such as school safety, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug usage, and violence. The survey is voluntary and anonymous. No names will be recorded or attached to the survey forms or data.

**The California Healthy Kids Survey will be administered during the Fall of the 2020-2021 school year. Survey will begin Monday, November 2, 2020 and will close on Friday, December 18, 2020 (no exceptions).**

### WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT:

- It is Required
  - According to the California Department of Education (CDE) standards, a district must survey 70% of students at each surveyed grade level to produce representative data.
- Geographic Comparability
  - A district can compare its data to other district's throughout the state and to state norms. The system is a rich resource for research and program planning at the county and state levels.
- Identification of Student Subgroup Needs
  - The secondary CHKS provides data on a wide variety of student subgroups, enabling the identification of the vulnerable populations
- School-level Reports and Report Cards
  - User-friendly, graphic School Climate Report Card summarizes key findings in eight domains and provides a total School Climate Index score



- **Due to distance learning the CHKS survey administration will be done remotely!**
  - SCUSD's TUPE Youth Services Specialist will implement CHKS administration 100% online by allowing students to access their specific school site survey links via their district emails
    - NO staff/teacher proctors required
    - NO physical handling of forms or documents
  - All consent forms (active consent for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and passive permission slips for 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>) will be sent, received, and monitored electronically. *\*Please note:*
    - *6<sup>th</sup> grade students whose parent/guardian fails to return the permission slip will not be given survey access*
    - *7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> students who return their withdrawal forms with their parent/guardian signature will not be given survey access*
- **California Healthy Kids Survey Data Dashboard**
  - Allows for real time review and tracking of survey completion, access to school site reports and survey data, District level data, and data comparisons.
- **6<sup>th</sup> grade has been added to the required group of student participants**
  - CHKS survey participants now includes **all** enrolled SCUSD 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Your support is critical for achieving the optimum participation rate! Thank you in advance for your time and flexibility. If you have any questions, please contact Miamah Reed at (916) 825-9859 or email at [Miamah-Reed@scusd.edu](mailto:Miamah-Reed@scusd.edu).

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