



Safe Schools/Healthy Students Survey Active Parental Consent Form

Kershaw County School District is pleased to inform you that your child's school has been chosen to participate in the Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) initiative. The initiative is designed to create safer schools, promote healthy child development, prevent youth violence and prevent alcohol, tobacco and drug use. The grant funds for these activities are a huge asset to our district. In fact, results from this survey recently lead to Kershaw County receiving an additional grant designed to reduce alcohol use and driving under the influence.

Sixth through 11th grade students will be participating in the Safe Schools/Healthy Student's Survey later this year. The survey provides administrators with information about: school safety, alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and school environment. This online survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. A copy of the survey is available for your review on our Website at www.kershaw.k12.sc.us/safeschools/

Important facts about the survey:

- The survey is **anonymous** and has been designed to protect your child's privacy. School staff will not see any student's responses. The survey does not ask for your child's name, so there will be no connection between student and responses. No student will ever be mentioned in a report of the results.
- Taking the survey is **voluntary**. No action will be taken against a student who does not take the survey. Completing this survey poses no risk to your child although some students may find certain questions to be sensitive in nature. Students **can skip** any question(s) that they do not wish to answer.
- Your child will receive no inducement to participate in the survey. The survey results will be used for future curriculum planning and school and community-based programs that will benefit all children.

Please complete the form below indicating if you give your child permission to take part in the survey and return it along with your child's registration. If you have questions you may contact Kevin Rhodes, Project Director for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative at 425-8094.

Child's Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

I have read the information concerning the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Survey.

- Please **check one** of the following statements:

I give my consent for my student to take the alcohol/drug survey.

I do not give my consent for my student to take the alcohol/drug survey.

- Please **sign** below and **return** this form with your student to his/her school or mail in the enclosed envelope.

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____