



Santee School District

SCHOOLS:

- Cajon Park
- Carlton Hills
- Carlton Oaks
- Chet F. Harritt STEAM
- Hill Creek
- Pepper Drive
- PRIDE Academy
at Prospect Avenue
- Rio Seco
- Sycamore Canyon
- Alternative
Success Program

California Healthy Kids Survey Information

May 1, 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Attached are copies of the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS). The CHKS is usually taken in the spring every two years and gives the District and schools sites a great deal of information to help us address students' perceptions of school climate. This survey is taken every other year across the state of California in 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th grades. Santee School District identified the Core as a way to identify the school climate at all our sites and compare that data with statewide data. Santee also uses the military and core modules for evaluation of a Department of Defense Educational Activities (DODEA) grant at Chet F. Harritt and PRIDE Academy. The cost of the CHKS is covered by grant funds.

Your child is being asked to be a part of our school's California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) sponsored by the California Department of Education. This is a very important survey that will help promote better health and wellbeing among our youth, improve the school learning environment and combat problems such as drug abuse and violence. Your child does not have to take the survey. If you do not want your child to complete the survey, please notify your school site.

Survey Content. The survey gathers information on developmental supports provided to youth; school connectedness and barriers to learning; school safety; and health-related concerns such as physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco and other drug use; and risk of depression and perceived sexual orientation. The results from this survey are compiled into district and county-level CHKS Reports. To view a copy of your district's Report go to <http://chks.wested.org/reports/search> (Outside Source) and type in the district name.

It is Voluntary. Students who, with your permission, agree to participate do not have to answer any questions they do not want to answer, and may stop taking the survey at any time.

It is Anonymous. No names are recorded or attached to the survey forms or data. The results will be made available for analysis only under strict confidentiality controls.

Administration. The survey will be administered during April 2015. It will take about one class period to complete (about 50 minutes).

Potential Risks. There are no known risks of physical harm to your child. Risks of psychological or social harm are very small. None have been reported in 14 years of survey administration. In rare instances, some discomfort might be experienced from the questions. The school's counseling services will be available to answer any personal questions that may materialize.

For Further Information. The survey was developed by WestEd, a public, non-profit educational institution. If you have any questions about this survey, or about your rights, call the district at 619-258-2345 and speak with Meredith Riffel.

If you do not want your child to participate or you have questions about the survey, you may contact: Meredith Riffel, 619-258-2345 or Meredith.riffel@santeesd.net.

You may view copy of the California Healthy Kids Survey on the Santee School District website, www.santeesd.net under the parent tab.

CHKS Withdrawal Form

- By returning this form, I **do not give permission** for my child to be in the California Healthy Kids Survey.
- (Please Print) My child's name is: _____ Grade: _____
- Teacher's name or Class subject: _____
- Signature: _____ Date: _____

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING AND RETURNING THIS CONSENT FORM.

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