

Parental Consent Form



Your school is taking part in the New Mexico Youth Risk & Resiliency Survey (NM-YRRS) sponsored by the New Mexico Public Education Department and the New Mexico Department of Health. This research survey will ask about the health behaviors of 6th through 12th grade students. Students in grades 6-8 will take the Middle School version of the survey. Students in grades 9-12 will take the High School version of the survey. These surveys will ask questions about nutrition, physical activities, injuries, suicide, tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use. It also will ask about sexual behaviors that could result in sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, and/or unintended pregnancy. The surveys will measure the level of support for students provided by their schools, families, and communities. Copies of both versions of the NM-YRRS- survey are available in the central office of the school for your review by appointment. The QR code on the top right of this page will lead you to a website that includes copies of the surveys, frequently asked questions, and other information.

Students will be asked to fill out a survey that will take one class period or less to complete.

Doing this survey will cause little or no risk to your child. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive. The NM-YRRS has been designed to protect your child's privacy. Students will not put their names on the survey. Also, no school or student will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the results. The results of this survey will serve as an important guide in the development and funding of student health and risk behaviors in schools and communities throughout New Mexico. We would like all selected students to take part in the survey.

This survey is voluntary. Students can skip any question that they do not wish to answer or stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty. No action will be taken against the school, you, or your child, if your child does not take part.

If you do NOT want your child to participate, fill out the form below and return it to the school right away. Otherwise, you need do nothing. If your child's teacher or principal cannot answer your questions about the survey, please call Anne Marlow-Geter at the Public Education Department (505.827.1803), Dan Green at the Department of Health (505.476.1779), or Dr. Rebecca Kilburn at the University of New Mexico (505.272.4462).

No, my child may not participate in YRRS (**Submit only if you decline consent**)

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

I have read this form and know what the survey is about.

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

