



Ohio Youth Surveys

Dear Superintendents and School Leaders:

As you know, student mental health needs in Ohio are increasing. The free [Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey](#) (OHYES!) helps schools identify and address mental health needs and improve overall student health.

In the coming months, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce will email a registration link for your schools serving grades 7-12 to participate in OHYES!. Using data from the OHYES!, district and school leaders can:

- Identify mental health needs and environmental challenges among students;
- Tailor positive behavioral interventions and mental health supports;
- Advance school culture and climate goals;
- Make strategic use of Student Wellness and Success Funds; and
- Partner with local mental health and health organizations to improve student health.

About OHYES!

Administered by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services in partnership with the Ohio departments of Education and Workforce and Health, the survey is:

- Free, voluntary and web-based;
- Anonymous for students;
- Designed for students in grades 7-12; and
- About 30-35 minutes in duration.

It is recommended that, at a minimum, schools survey all students in grades 7, 9, and 11, but schools may choose to survey students in grades 7-12. The standard 110-question survey and the optional 120-question version are available on the [OHYES! website](#).

The website offers information about parent or guardian consent, registration, administration, and confidentiality.

Next Steps

The departments of Education and Workforce and Mental Health and Addiction Services will host a webinar to share information about the OHYES! Survey. Schools and districts can [register here for the OHYES! Webinar on Sept. 5](#).

To decide if OHYES! is right for your district or school, please visit the [OHYES! website](#) to learn more.

To register for the survey, look for an email coming soon with the link. Contact info@ohyes.ohio.gov with any questions.

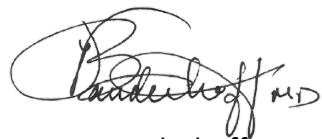
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