

Introductory Script for Elementary Survey Administration (In-person)

“Your district is conducting the California Healthy Kids Survey. You are among thousands of students throughout the state who are taking this survey. You were selected to participate because your classroom was selected at random (by chance).

The survey asks questions about your school, drug use, violence, and other health behaviors.

This is not a test. There are no right or wrong answers and you will not be timed. The answers you give are very important. Please read each question carefully and answer it based on what you really know or do. Answer the questions truthfully and as best as you can.

The survey is anonymous and confidential. No one will ever be able to connect you with your answers. Your answers are private.

Participation is voluntary. You are here because your parents or guardians gave their permission for you to participate, but you don't have to take the survey or complete any questions that you do not want to answer.

The State of California wants to thank you for your help in filling out the survey. Your participation will help us to better understand health-related behaviors and develop better health education and prevention programs. If you have any questions after completing the survey, your school principal or counselor is ready to spend time with anyone who feels that they would like to talk over their feelings about the survey. *Anyone who does not wish to participate should tell me now.*

It is important that you answer based on what you really know and do. Don't pick a response just because you think that's what someone wants you to say. The first questions ask some basic information about your background such as your age and gender. We need this information to understand how behaviors differ among youth.

Now you can read the directions on the computer screen and go to question number one. When you have completed the entire survey, click the submit button and exit the survey.

If you have any questions, please raise your hand. Thank you. Please begin.”

Introductory Script for Middle and High Survey Administration (In-person)

“Your district is conducting the California Healthy Kids Survey. You are among thousands of students throughout the state who are taking this survey. You were selected to participate because your classroom was selected at random (by chance).

The survey asks questions about your school, drug use, violence, and other health-risk behaviors.

This is not a test. There are no right or wrong answers and you will not be timed. The answers you give are very important. Please read each question carefully and answer it based on what you really know or do. Answer the questions truthfully and as best as you can.

The survey is anonymous and confidential. No one will ever be able to connect you with your answers. Your answers are private.

Participation is voluntary. You are here because your parents or guardians gave their permission for you to participate, but you don't have to take the survey or complete any questions that you do not want to answer.

The State of California wants to thank you for your help in filling out the survey. Your participation will help us to better understand health-related behaviors and develop better health education and prevention programs. If you have any questions after completing the survey, your school principal or counselor is ready to spend time with anyone who feels that they would like to talk over their feelings about the survey. *Anyone who does not wish to participate should tell me now.*

It is important that you answer based on what you really know and do. Don't pick a response just because you think that's what someone wants you to say.

The first questions ask some basic information about your background such as your age, gender, and ethnicity. We need this information to understand how behaviors differ among youth.

Now you can read the directions on the computer screen and go to question number one. When you have completed the entire survey, click the submit button and exit the survey.

If you have any questions, please raise your hand. Thank you. Please begin.”