

Mounds View Public Schools

2019 Minnesota Student Survey

Our school district is inviting students in the 5th, 8th, 9th and 11th grades to participate in the 2019 Minnesota Student Survey (MSS). This survey is voluntary and has been conducted in schools across our state every three years since 1989. The survey is anonymous and confidential. The privacy of students is protected, as students do not provide their names, student identification numbers or other personal information. No individuals or their families can be identified. The results are reported on our students as a whole.

Questions on the survey are about many topics relating to young people's lives. The survey asks about how well school is going, future plans, out-of-school activities, physical and mental health, relationships, substance use and more. High school students are asked about sexual behavior. This useful information about their thoughts and behaviors helps communities and schools develop effective programs and provide better services for students.

The survey is administered online. Students will have the ability to read the questions or have the questions read to them through the technology they use to access the survey. The survey takes approximately 45 minutes or one class period to complete.

Our school district has informed parents of such surveys in the past and now federal law also requires us to notify parents of this school activity. The Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) will be administered at Mounds View Public Schools from January 22- February 8, 2019

You are welcome to review a copy of the survey at <https://minnesotastudentsurvey.org/Documents> For additional support on how to do this or if you have any questions about the survey, please contact: Mary Stobb, Assistant Director of Assessment /Evaluation at 651-621-6042 or mary.stobb@moundsvIEWSchools.org

Should you choose not to have your student take the survey please complete and return the form below directly to your student's school by January 22, 2019. Students may also decline to take any part of the survey or the whole survey and are informed of that option by staff on the day of the survey administration.

If you do not want your child to participate in the Minnesota Student Survey, please return this form to the school the child attends by: January 22, 2019

Student's name: _____ Grade: _____

Student's School: _____

Parent/Guardian name (please print): _____ Relationship to student: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____