

Moraga School District

1540 School Street Moraga, CA 94556 Bruce K. Burns, Superintendent

CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY NOTIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL FORM 2014-2015 School Year

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your seventh grade child is being asked to be a part of our school's Healthy Kids Survey sponsored by the California Department of Education. This is a very important survey that will help promote better health among our youth and combat problems such as drug abuse and violence. Please read this form for information about the survey, and for instructions on how to withdraw your child. *If you <u>do not</u> want your child to complete the survey, you must notify the school by returning a Withdrawal Form (below) to Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School or contacting Brad Carn, JM Assistant Principal, (925) 377-4217.*

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. You may also examine the survey question and print this withdrawal form at the school district website: http://www.moraga.k12.ca.us/chks

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 will be recorded or attached to the survey forms or data. The results will be made available only under strict confidentiality controls.

Administration - The survey window will be February 23 - 27. It will take about one class period to complete (about 50 minutes) and will be administered in your child's regular Seventh Grade Science class.

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, please contact Carolyn Parker, Moraga School District, (925) 377-4107, <u>cparker@moraga.k12.ca.us</u> *If you do not want your child to participate, you must return this form to JM by February 20, 2015 or contact:* Brad Carn, Vice Principal, Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, (925) 377-4217

CHKS Withdrawal Form	
I <i>do not give permission</i> for my child to participate in the Healthy Kids Survey.	
(Please Print) My child's name is:	Grade:
Seventh Grade Science Teacher Name:	
Signature:	Date: