

1. INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR STUDENT SURVEY

During the Spring of 2019 if your child is in grades 3 - 12, your child will be invited to complete a brief Conditions for Learning Survey online. **Participation in the Survey is nameless and strictly voluntary, and no student is required to fill out the survey.** The Survey will take about 30 minutes to complete.

Purpose of the survey

The purpose of the Survey is to obtain information about how students feel about the culture and climate of their school and teachers, as well as the safety of their school. The information collected will help the state, our schools, and local community improve the school. It is important to ask children to tell us what is good and working about their experience in school, and what needs to be improved, in their eyes. You may review Survey questions located in the office of your school or request an electronic version.

Parental Rights:

- You have the right and the responsibility to be informed about what your child volunteers to participate in at school.
- You have the right to receive accurate information about the Conditions for Learning Survey in order for you to make good decisions for your family.

Confidentiality:

All information collected will be nameless. Students will not put names, birthdates, or any other way to identify them on the Survey, and all surveys will be private. Results are reported only in terms of the way various groups of people have responded. [In an effort to maintain anonymity, information on results for sub-groups (by race, gender, grade, etc) with fewer than ten people are omitted.]

Compensation:

There will be no payment or reward for students filling out the Survey.

Voluntary:

- All students in grades 3-12 will be invited to fill out the Conditions for Learning Survey. Students will have the right to refuse to answer any questions on the Survey. If a student decides they want to change their mind and not complete the Survey they may do so.
- If, as a parent or legally approved adult, you do not want your child/children to participate, you must send the school the *Refusal of Consent* form provided in this letter, and your child/children will be provided with another activity during the Survey class period. There is no penalty for anyone who decides not to participate.

Risk:

There is no direct risk in filling out the Survey. Students may find some questions uncomfortable or difficult to answer. They may leave blank any question they do not wish to answer and may stop taking the survey at any point.

Benefits:

The data collected throughout the state will provide schools and communities with the information they need to provide programs that will support schools, communities and families in keeping their children safe and hopeful about their future.

Reviewing the Surveys:

Copies of the brief Conditions for Learning Survey are available to review at the school office or an electronic version can be provided to you.

Questions:

Questions regarding the brief Conditions for Learning Survey are welcome. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your school principal or Staci Hupp, Iowa Department of Education, Staci.Hupp@iowa.gov .

2. WRITTEN REFUSAL FORM

I have read the information Summary provided. I understand that my child/children’s participation in the Survey is *voluntary*. I also understand my right to review the surveys at the school office and District Administration Office **until the date of Survey administration**. I **do not** want my child/children listed below to complete the Conditions for Learning Survey. I understand that a different activity will be provided for them during the Survey time and that there is no penalty for my family members not completing the Survey. I understand that refusal of consent needs to be received by the school no later than the date that the Survey is administered. Please return this form with your child’s name and your name signed below to the building principal if you do not want your child to participate.

Names of child/children who will not participate in completing the brief Conditions for Learning Survey online in Spring 2019:

Child Name

Grade

Child Name

Grade

Child Name

Grade

Signature: Parent/Guardian/Legally Responsible
Adult Date
