

*CONSENT FOR THE CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY  
2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR  
FALLON MIDDLE SCHOOL*

May 2016

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent or Guardian:

Your child is being asked to be a part of our school's California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) sponsored by the California Department of Education. This is a very important survey that will help promote better health and wellbeing among our youth, improve the school learning environment and combat problems such as drug abuse and violence. *Your child does not have to take the survey. If you do not want your child to complete the survey, you must notify your school.*

**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.

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

**Administration.** The survey will be administered in June. It will take about one class period to complete (about 50 minutes) and will be administered in your child's PE 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, call **Tess Johnson, Director of Student Services at 925-828-2551 extension 8035.**

If you do not want your child to participate, sign and return the form below to **Kelly Zummo, Assistant Principal at Fallon Middle School.**

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**CHKS Withdrawal Form 2016**

By returning this form, I ***do not give permission*** for my child to be in the California Healthy Kids Survey.

My child's name is: \_\_\_\_\_ PE Teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING AND RETURNING THIS NONCONSENT FORM  
By June 1, 2016 to Kelly Zummo, Assistant Principal at Fallon Middle School**