



ILLINOIS YOUTH SURVEY

SURVEY FORMAT

The Illinois Youth Survey is available to schools for administration via traditional paper/pencil format or online. Both the online and paper surveys are available in both English and Spanish and also allow for up to 30 additional local questions to be added.

DECIDING TO SURVEY ONLINE OR BY PAPER/PENCIL

ONLINE FORMAT



PROS

- No paper materials to handle or ship
- No cost to schools for participation or results
- Students can often complete the survey in less time than paper format
- Access to survey results can be quicker than paper administration

CONS

- More proctor responsibility when monitoring the survey process to ensure all students have a chance to survey but none survey more than once
- Depending on the number of computers available, may require multiple survey days if all students cannot participate at once
- Need to check hardware, software and network requirements to ensure capacity exists in your building

PAPER/PENCIL FORMAT

PROS

- Familiar testing procedure
- All participating grade levels can complete surveying in 1 day
- All materials are provided, including presharpended pencils

CONS

- Paper materials can be misplaced
- Requires additional time to prepare and scan once completed surveys are returned



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ONLINE SURVEYING FORMAT

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

An Internet connection, either through a LAN (T1, etc.), WiFi or with an individual modem, connected to an Internet Service Provider.



Operating System Requirements: PC configured to run Windows XP to 10
Mac configured to run Mac OS X
Apple iPad2, Chrome OS on Chromebook

Network Requirements: Capacity to accommodate the number of students surveying simultaneously
Allow traffic to/from survey site

One of the following browsers: Microsoft Internet Explorer, v7.0 or higher
Mozilla Firefox, v1.0 or higher
Google Chrome, v13.0.782 or higher
Safari 5 or higher

IMPORTANT STEPS FOR SUCCESSFUL SURVEYING

- Schedule computer time to accommodate every participating student to have a turn. Each student will need approximately 45 minutes.
- Proctors will need to oversee participation, including having computers available when needed, ensure students arrive and begin at designated times, and track which students have completed surveying so that all have the opportunity to survey but only survey once.
- Contact an IYS coordinator to close surveying when surveys have been completed.

SAMPLE SCREEN SHOTS

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2016 ONLINE SURVEY - HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to the Survey

Please join us in answering the questions to participate in this study for youth in Illinois schools. The questions ask you about your health behaviors, your community, your friends, your school, and your family. This is your chance to be heard and contribute to making Illinois a better place for young people. You are completely anonymous and your answers will be kept confidential.

This study is completely voluntary, so you may skip any questions you do not wish to answer or stop the survey at any time.

If you decide to be heard and if you choose to begin the survey, it is important that you answer each question as thoughtfully and honestly as possible. Your answers will be kept strictly confidential. No one at school will see your answers. The site that you request the privacy of others and look only at your own survey.

Other students have said that these questionnaires can be lengthy, and they drop things that don't interest you. We know you will, too. Please do not get frustrated if some questions don't apply to you. We need to ask everyone the same questions. Be sure to read the instructions below before you begin to answer. Thank you very much for being an important part of this project.

Read the Instructions

1. This is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers. We want you to work fairly quickly, but that you can finish.

2. All of the questions should be answered by clicking one of the answer buttons or filling in a number. If you don't always feel an answer that fits exactly, use the one that comes closest. If any question does not apply to you, or you're not sure of what to answer, just skip it.

Please read the statement below available on the bottom before if you choose to participate in this online survey.

I understand I have the choice to NOT fill out this survey and understand that I can stop answering questions at any time. By clicking on the "I agree" button below, I freely choose to participate in this survey."

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Are you a student at the school you are currently attending?

How well do you know the people in your neighborhood?

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