



ILLINOIS YOUTH SURVEY

SURVEY FORMAT

The Illinois Youth Survey is available to schools for administration via traditional paper/pencil format or online.

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 7 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, v11 Mozilla Firefox, v52 esr or higher Google Chrome, v62 or higher Edge 62

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.



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