



ILLINOIS YOUTH SURVEY

Administration Options

The Illinois Youth Survey is available to schools for administration via traditional paper/pencil format or online. For both methods, there is no cost to participate and no cost to receive results.

Deciding to Survey Online or by Paper/Pencil

ONLINE FORMAT



PROS

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

CONS

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

PAPER/PENCIL FORMAT

PROS

- Familiar administration procedure
- All participating grade levels can complete surveying in 1 day
- All materials are provided, including pre-sharpened pencils

CONS

- Paper materials can be misplaced
- Completed surveys need to be returned to CPRD
- May require more time for reports to be generated



EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR ONLINE SURVEYING Will be updated in October 2019

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 40-45 minutes.
- Proctors will need to oversee participation, including having computers available when needed, ensuring students arrive and begin at designated times, and tracking which students have completed surveying so that all have the opportunity to survey but only survey once.
- Inform CPRD when surveying is complete via the IYS reports viewer.

SAMPLE SCREEN SHOTS

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2016 ONLINE SURVEY - HIGH SCHOOL
Herrin Middle School

Thank you for accepting the invitation 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 let state and community leaders know how many young people are concerned with and affected by each of the topics covered.

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 this study is to be helpful 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. We ask that you respect the privacy of others and look only at your own survey.

Other students have said that these questionnaires are interesting, and they enjoy filling them out. We hope you will, too. Please be patient 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.

Instructions

1. This is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers; we would like you to work fairly quickly, so 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 find 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 it means, just skip it.

Please read the statement below and click on the button below if you choose to participate in this online survey.

"I understand I have the choice to NOT fill out in 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."

Cancel I agree

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P4. If you wanted to get a drug like cocaine, LSD, or amphetamines, how easy would it be for you to get some?

Very hard Sort of hard Sort of easy Very easy

P5. How wrong would most adults (over 21) in your neighborhood think it is for kids your age:

a. to use marijuana?

Very wrong Wrong A little bit wrong Not wrong at all

b. to drink alcohol?

Very wrong Wrong A little bit wrong Not wrong at all

c. to smoke cigarettes?

Very wrong Wrong A little bit wrong Not wrong at all

P6. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood?

Very safe Sort of safe Sort of unsafe Very unsafe

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