



## Coordinators and Organizers Should Know:

The Healthy Youth Survey (HYS) provides critical data to support schools, communities, and policymakers in understanding and addressing the needs of youth. As a coordinator or organizer, your role is essential in helping schools, families, and students feel confident and informed about their participation.

### What to Share with Schools, Families, and Youth:

**Completely Confidential:** The survey responses are not connected to individual students through identifiers.

**Voluntary Participation:** Students can skip any question or opt out of participation altogether.

**Student Voice Matters:** The HYS provides youth with an opportunity to share their experiences confidentially, which helps shape and improve programs and services.

### Small & Rural School Options:

- ✓ Districts with fewer than 150 students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 can also survey grades 7, 9, and 11.
- ✓ Grades 6 and 7 receive a shorter, simpler version of the survey.
- ✓ This flexibility enables small schools to collect more accurate, locally relevant data.

### Survey Customization:

**Schools can request exemptions** or opt in to a few of the questions to better fit their communities.



**Find out more about these exemptions:**

[www.askhys.net/Hys/Exemptions](http://www.askhys.net/Hys/Exemptions)

### Timeline and Key Tasks:

#### Spring

- ✓ HYS registration opens.
- ✓ Identify the HYS coordinator for your district.
- ✓ Utilize flyers from the HYS Planning Committee to promote participation.
- ✓ Check your district's registration status at [AskHYS.net](http://AskHYS.net).
- ✓ Review FAQs and survey content: [askhys.net/About#FAQ](http://askhys.net/About#FAQ).

#### End of June

- ✓ Check in with your district's HYS Coordinator.
- ✓ Start planning for fall implementation with Student Assistance Professionals (SAPs) and school staff.

#### Fall

- ✓ Attend back-to-school events to share HYSPC-approved fact sheets and information and information about HYS with youth and families.
- ✓ Share the Healthy Youth Survey Intro Video with schools, families, and youth [youtube.com/watch?v=XcyEQznDqwQ](https://youtube.com/watch?v=XcyEQznDqwQ)
- ✓ Assist with survey administration in October.

#### Following Spring

- ✓ Survey results released.
- ✓ Access county data on [AskHYS.net](http://AskHYS.net). District-level data requires login.
- ✓ With required permissions share data with schools, families, and students to guide programs and policies. Utilize various HYS data presentations: [askhys.net/Resources/Data](http://askhys.net/Resources/Data)



### **Pro Tips for Engagement:**

**Every district and administrator is different** — some may be very receptive, while others are less so. Approach with confidence and flexibility.

**Utilize your local style and voice** to connect authentically.

**Don't hesitate to contact** the HYS team or Rural Network for technical assistance or support. They're here to help you succeed!



### **LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SURVEY:**

[www.askhys.net](http://www.askhys.net)



### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

Check out Prevent's online toolkit at  
[www.preventcoalition.org/rural/toolkit/](http://www.preventcoalition.org/rural/toolkit/)