



## 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 Anonymous:** There is no way to connect survey answers to individual students. No one, including school staff, administrators, or survey proctors, can see student responses during the survey, regardless of the device.

**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 adaptations 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 Rural Network 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 Rural Network Fact Sheets 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.
- ✓ 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/)