

## WA STATE HEALTHY YOUTH SURVEY (HYS) — Essential for Rural Communities! —



### Tips for Teachers

*We wouldn't blame you for thinking, "Oh wow—another survey!" But we are here to support you!*

This survey collects important data that directly helps your community receive essential funding and grants for prevention, public health, and more. Your help implementing this survey is vital, especially in our rural community. If a rural community does not have enough student participation in the survey, data is not available for that community to apply for funding, conduct an accurate analysis, or write strategic plans.

#### What you and your students should know:

**The HYS Survey** is completely anonymous, even if students are on a school computer. No one can see their answers, no matter what device they use.

**Participation is always voluntary;** Students can skip any question.

**Please stress the importance** of this survey to your students. It is important that they are thorough and answer each question honestly. If you take it seriously, your students are more likely to as well.

**Most students answer honestly,** and we want honest answers!

#### Other ways to ensure success:

**Rural schools should aim** to have a 90% or higher participation rate to avoid data suppression. (This happens when there are fewer than 25 usable surveys in each grade level.)

**Make sure the survey is implemented** when most, if not all, students in a grade level are at school. (For example, do not conduct the survey when students are transferred for sports, or off campus for a job fair, or when several are absent.)

**Implement the survey during class time**—do not send the survey link out to students for them to do on their own.

#### Your local community coalition can support implementation every step of the way:

COALITION NAME:

COALITION  
COORDINATOR:

CONTACT INFO:

LOCAL COALITION  
LOGO:



#### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SURVEY:

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



#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

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