

What is the survey?

- The Legacy Center uses the Attitudes & Behaviors Survey from Search Institute, who have expertise in positive youth development. The survey is based upon 40 years of research from Search Institute into what youth need to thrive.
- The survey examines the internal strengths youth have and the supports they experience in their families, schools, and communities.
- It looks at specific behaviors, both positive and negative, that kids participate in.

Why do we do the survey?

- The Legacy Center conducts this survey every five years to ensure that our community has current and relevant information on the wellbeing of students.
- The data provides insights into what is going well for kids, and also identifies gaps and concerns that need addressing.
- School administrations and community agencies use the results to support youth programming that benefits local youth.
- Ultimately, local kids benefit because our community is better equipped to meet their needs.

How is the survey conducted?

- It will be completed during one class period. Search Institute provides a survey link for students to complete.
- The survey takes approximately 30 minutes for students to complete, but more may be necessary for some students.
- It must be completed in one session, so we ask teachers to start the survey at the beginning of the class period.

How are students' identities protected?

- While general demographic questions will be asked, the survey is anonymous.
- Individual responses cannot and will not be traced back to students.
- Results are collected by Search Institute, and a data file is provided to The Legacy Center for analysis.

◆ What do I do if my parents have questions?

- If parents have questions, direct them to the FAQ page or to your school's administration.

◆ What should parents do if they don't want their student to take the survey?

- They can fill out the "opt-out" form and send it back to the school. Additional copies can be found in the front office or at <https://www.tlc4cs.org/youth-survey/>.

◆ Why do you ask such personal questions?

- Student success involves a lot of factors, inside and outside of the classroom. All of these things influence how well they are doing in school.
- The survey includes personal questions, such as whether students have participated in risk-taking behaviors and a little about their family life (like discipline, family meals, etc.). These questions provide insights into what is going well for students and what challenges they are facing.
- The best way to gather information about these issues is to ask students directly. This removes adult assumptions and biases.
- Research has demonstrated that asking students questions on a survey does not encourage participation in related behaviors.

◆ What do I do if a student has a question about the survey while they are filling it out?

- If your student is asking you how to answer a question because they do not know something, you do not have to educate them on what it is. Simply tell the student to fill in "never", "n/a", or "I don't know". If they don't know what it is, they most likely have never done it before.

◆ What if we have tech problem?

- Each district and school building will have a designated tech coordinator for the tech aspects of the survey. They should be able to troubleshoot.
- Note that each building will have a different survey link and those links will only be opened and closed on the day the survey is conducted. You should not share the link with anyone outside of your building, as that will cause technology problems.