

Dear Parent or Guardian:

During the weeks of May 16-27, 2016, Fairfield Warde High School will conduct a very important study on the needs, attitudes, and behaviors of our students in grades nine, ten, eleven and twelve. The survey is being conducted by RYASAP, Regional Youth/Adult Social Action Partnership, and has been approved by the Fairfield Board of Education. Randomly selected English classes, comprising approximately 20% of our student population, will participate in the survey. If your student's class is selected the teacher will be distributing these forms directly to the students in the class.

The survey is titled Search Institute Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors. It will provide our school and community with a wide range of information, such as how students spend their time, their perceptions of school and community life, and their participation in a wide range of risk behaviors. Most important, the survey will tell us the extent to which our students are experiencing Developmental Assets. Developmental Assets are the "building blocks" of positive relationships, opportunities, skills and values that young people need to grow into healthy, caring, and responsible adults. The survey results will help all of us as we seek to address the developmental needs of our youth.

Additional information

- Students will be given approximately 30 minutes in which to complete the survey. The surveys are completed anonymously. No one will know how individual students respond to the questions.
- All students within each classroom complete an online version of the survey. All results are sent electronically to Search Institute (Minneapolis) for processing. No one at our school will review any of the completed surveys. Survey results will be securely stored in Minneapolis for 90 days, at which point they will be destroyed.
- The final research report will present findings by the total group, by grade, and by gender. No individual student data are reported.
- Students are told that their participation is voluntary and that they may skip items or withdraw their participation at any time if they so choose.
- The survey is not a test they take for school grades, and their grades will not be affected if they choose not to participate.

Please give serious consideration for your child to participate in this study. A copy of the survey is available for your review in the Deputy Superintendent's Office. The value of a study of this kind depends upon the participation of every student.

If you do not want your child to participate, you must return the form at the bottom of this letter to your child's English teacher by Friday, May 13, 2016. If no form is received, your child may be asked to participate in the study.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David M. Ebling
Headmaster

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Please withdraw my child from participation in the Attitudes and Behaviors survey.

Child's name (please print) _____

Parent's signature _____ Date _____