

# 2011/12 Adams County Student Survey

## Student Instructions

This survey asks your opinion about a number of things in your life, including your life at school, at home, and in your community. We want to find out what it is really like to be a student at your school. It is important that you give your honest opinions because what you think can help us improve your school and community.

Your answers to these questions are **completely private** and will only be used to help to improve your school. That means no one will know your answers. To help us keep your answers private, please do not write your name on the survey form. When answering the questions, **keep your answers to yourself by not talking out loud during the survey and by covering your answers with this instruction sheet.**

This survey is voluntary. That means you do not have to take it. If you choose to take it, **you may skip any question you don't want to answer.** If you don't know the answer to any particular question, simply leave it blank. Whether or not you answer the questions will not affect your grade in this class.

Please read every question carefully. There are different responses to different questions. Some questions ask about the **past 30 days** and others ask about the **past 12 months**. **It is very important that you pay attention to these details of the questions.** If you have questions about the survey, please raise your hand and your teacher will help you.

Fill in the circles completely with a Number 2 Pencil **ONLY**. When you are finished, give your survey to your teacher.

Thank you.



Jefferson County Juvenile Assessment Friday 02-11-2011 6:39am MT  
Mini-Assessment

What brings you here today

How do you feel about the situation you are in

List any ticket/charges you have received from the police. Please include the consequences you received for each situation (for example: shoplifting, court ordered fine and/or community service hours):

List the drugs you have used or tried (include alcohol and prescription medications not prescribed to you

How old were you when you first tried each drug and how often do you use it?

School you are currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your grades? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you in special education classes?

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from school?

Indicate if suspension(s) or expulsion(s) and explain why:

Have you ever had a job? \_\_\_\_\_ Where?

How many hours per week did you work?

Who do you live with (including siblings)?

Finish the sentence, I get along with my parent(s)...

Finish the sentence, when I argue with my parent(s) it's because

Have you or your family ever been involved with Social Services?

Have you ever been a victim or witness to physical/sexual abuse?

Have you ever thought about killing yourself? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain

Have you ever had thoughts of hurting someone else? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel like hurting or killing anyone right now? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain:

Do you and/or your family have a history of mental health diagnoses? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain:

Have you ever played with fire or lit anything on fire? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain:

Have you ever had, or now have any of the following (please circle answers that apply):

Changes in memory/concentration	Yes	No	Don't Know	Appetite Changes	Yes	No	Don't Know
Changes in energy levels	Yes	No	Don't Know	Problems sleeping	Yes	No	Don't Know
Weight loss or gain	Yes	No	Don't Know				

Are you sexually active? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many partners in th past six months?

What type of protection do you use? Have you ever had a sexually transmitted disease?

Have you ever ran away from home or been homeless? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain:

Do you hang around gang members? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a part of a gang?

Finish the sentence, during my free time I like to

Explain any other information the Assessment Center staff should know:

*There is more to this survey  
that we do not have*

# District 'data mining' students over grant money

## Invasive sex surveys 'specifically prohibited by federal law and regulations'

Posted: June 10, 2011  
1:40 am Eastern

By Bob Unruh

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A complaint has been filed by the Rutherford Institute with the U.S. Department of Education over a school district's demand that its students provide answers to invasive survey questions such as "I have had oral sex at some point in my life," to meet the needs of agencies seeking federal grant money.

"Parents send their children to public schools to receive an education; not to become subjects of governmental data mining," the letter from Rita Dunaway, representing The Rutherford Institute, said in a letter to Ellen Campbell, of the U.S. Department of Education's Family Policy Compliance Office.

"In every instance, it should be left to the parents, who know and love their children best, to decide whether the purposes and goals of proposed surveys warrant the associated intrusion upon their children's privacy and the potential desensitization of their children to sensitive subjects. This was clearly the collective intent of Congress in passing the Pupil Privacy Rights Amendment, and the circumvention of that law by the Fitchburg School Committee and Memorial Middle School must be stopped immediately," she wrote.

The complaint specifically cites the school for using "passive" parental consent procedures rather than actually obtaining permission from the parents – as required by federal law – for students to be subjected to overtly sexual and invasive questioning.

"No government official, whether it be a school official or a welfare agency, has the authority to usurp the rights of parents or the right of students to not be exposed to inappropriate, intrusive and sexually suggestive material," said John W. Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute. "These rights should certainly not be sacrificed in the quest, no matter how important others might consider it, to mine students for information about their personal thoughts, beliefs or practices."

HYPERLINK "<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=292873>" WND reported earlier when the Institute sent a letter to school officials about the situation, in which a client, Arlene Tessitore, expressed concern after her two young daughters were told by the school to answer questions about their experience with condoms, oral sex and whether they ever had sniffed glue.

Officials with the school did not respond to a WND request for comment.

Rutherford's letter to the Fitchburg City School Committee warned by allowing such surveys to be administered to students without written parental consent, the district is



ADAMS COUNTY  
 YOUTH INITIATIVE  
 SAFE SCHOOLS/HEALTHY STUDENTS

Adams County Student Survey  
 2011/12  
 Middle School

Survey Code B

1. How old are you?
  - A. 12 years old or younger
  - B. 13 years old
  - C. 14 years old
  - D. 15 years old
  - E. 16 years old
  - F. 17 years old
  - G. 18 years old or older
  
2. What grade are you in?
  - A. 6<sup>th</sup>
  - B. 7<sup>th</sup>
  - C. 8<sup>th</sup>
  
3. What is your sex?
  - A. Female
  - B. Male
  
4. Are you Hispanic or Latino? By this we mean a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  
5. What is your race? (Select one or more responses)
  - A. American Indian or Alaska Native
  - B. Asian
  - C. Black or African American
  - D. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - E. White
  - F. Other

During the past <u>12 months</u> , how many times ...	0 times	1 to 3 times	4 to 7 times	8 or 11 times	12 or more times
6. have you been harassed or bullied on school property?	A	B	C	D	E
7. has someone tried to hurt you by hitting, punching, or kicking you while on school property?	A	B	C	D	E
8. has a classmate said bad things about you to hurt your reputation or friendships with others?	A	B	C	D	E
9. have you been insulted or threatened by others using the internet or a cell phone?	A	B	C	D	E





During the past <b>12 months</b> , how many times ...	0 times	1 to 3 times	4 to 7 times	8 or 11 times	12 or more times
10. have other students kept you from taking part in activities while at school?	A	B	C	D	E
11. have you hit, punched, or kicked someone while on school property?	A	B	C	D	E
12. have you said bad things about others to hurt their reputation or friendships?	A	B	C	D	E
13. have you insulted or threatened others using the internet or a cell phone?	A	B	C	D	E
14. have you kept other students from taking part in activities while at school?	A	B	C	D	E
15. were you in a physical fight on school property?	A	B	C	D	E

16. I feel safe at my school.

- A. Strongly agree    B. Agree    C. Disagree    D. Strongly disagree

17. I feel safe on my way to and from school.

- A. Strongly agree    B. Agree    C. Disagree    D. Strongly disagree

18. During the past **30 days**, on how many days did you not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?

- A. 0 days    B. 1 day    C. 2 or 3 days    D. 4 or 5 days    E. 6 or more days

19. During the past **30 days**, has someone said something bad about you because of your weight, size, gender or physical appearance?

- A. Yes    B. No

How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
20. There is at least one teacher or adult at this school whom I can talk to if I have a problem.	A	B	C	D
21. Students tell teachers when other students are being bullied.	A	B	C	D
22. If another student talked about killing someone, I would tell one of the teachers or staff at school.	A	B	C	D
23. If another student brought a gun to school, I would tell one of the teachers or staff at school.	A	B	C	D
24. If another student was involved in unsafe or dangerous behavior, I would report it anonymously (without anyone knowing it was me).	A	B	C	D
25. I am being honest on this survey.	A	B	C	D

During the past <b>30 days</b> , on how many days did you...	0 days	1 or 2 days	3 to 5 days	6 to 9 days	10 to 19 days	20 to 29 days	All 30 days
26. smoke cigarettes?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
27. have at least one drink of alcohol?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G



During the past <b>30 days</b> , on how many days did you...	0 days	1 or 2 days	3 to 5 days	6 to 9 days	10 to 19 days	20 to 29 days	All 30 days
28. have at least one drink of alcohol on <b>school property</b> ?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
29. have 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
30. use marijuana?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
31. use marijuana on school property?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
32. use derbisol (also known as derbs, DB, or dirt)?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
33. take a prescription drug without a doctor's prescription, such as painkillers (like oxycontin, codeine, or percocet) stimulants (like ritalin or adderall), or depressants (like valium or xanax)?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
34. use methamphetamines (also known as crank, crystal meth, and ice)?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G

During the past <b>30 days</b> , on how many days do you think <b>a typical student at your school</b> did the following...	0 days	1 or 2 days	3 to 5 days	6 to 9 days	10 to 19 days	20 to 29 days	All 30 days
35. smoked cigarettes?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
36. used alcohol?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
37. used marijuana?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
38. had 5 or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
39. used derbisol?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G

40. During the past **year** (12 months), has anyone offered, sold, or given you an illegal drug on school property?

- A. Yes
- B. No

41. I would prefer to date a non-smoker.

- A. Yes
- B. No

42. I would prefer to date a non-drinker.

- A. Yes
- B. No

43. I would prefer to date a non-drug user.

- A. Yes
- B. No

44. Have you ever worked together with someone or some group to solve a problem in the community where you live?

- A. Yes, within the last 12 months
- B. Yes, but not within the last 12 months
- C. No, never



45. Have you volunteered or done any voluntary community service for no pay?  
 A. Yes, within the last 12 months      B. Yes, but not within the last 12 months      C. No, never
46. During the past **30 days**, how many times did you perform any organized community services as a non-paid volunteer, such as serving meals to the elderly, picking up litter, helping out at a hospital, or building homes for the poor?  
 A. 1 time      B. 2 or 3 times      C. 4 or 5 times      D. 6 or more times      E. I did not do this
47. Do you participate in after school activities such as clubs or sports on the school campus?  
 A. Yes  
 B. No
48. If yes, for how many hours per week (during an average school week)?  
 A. 0 hours      B. 1 to 4 hours      C. 5 to 8 hours      D. 9 to 12 hours      E. 13 to 20 hours      F. 21 or more hours
49. Do you participate in off-campus activities such as clubs or sports (for example, at a Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, community center, or with a faith-based group)?  
 A. Yes  
 B. No
50. If yes, for how many hours per week (during an average school week)?  
 A. 0 hours      B. 1 to 4 hours      C. 5 to 8 hours      D. 9 to 12 hours      E. 13 to 20 hours      F. 21 or more hours
51. During the summer break, do you participate in organized activities such as a summer camp or sports?  
 A. Yes  
 B. No
52. Have you participated in any of the following activities in the past year? (mark all that apply)  
 A. CASASTART      B. Adams County Camp      C. Boys and Girls Club
53. How important is it to you to finish high school?  
 A. Not at all important      B. Not very important      C. Important      D. Very important
54. How important is it for you to go to college?  
 A. Not at all important      B. Not very important      C. Important      D. Very important
55. During the last 30 days, how many whole days of school have you missed because you skipped or "cut" (not because you were sick or had an excused absence)?  
 A. No days      B. 1 day      C. 2 or more days

In my home...	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true
56. there is a parent or some other adult who is interested in my school work.	A	B	C	D
57. there is a parent or some other adult who talks with me about my problems.	A	B	C	D
58. there is a parent or some other adult who listens to me when I have something to say.	A	B	C	D



In my home...	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true
59. there is a parent or other adult who expects me to follow the rules.	A	B	C	D
60. there is a parent or some other adult who believes that I will be a success.	A	B	C	D
61. there is a parent or some other adult who always wants me to do my best.	A	B	C	D

Outside of my home or school...	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true
62. there is an adult who really cares about me.	A	B	C	D
63. there is an adult who notices when I am upset about something.	A	B	C	D
64. there is an adult who I trust.	A	B	C	D
65. there is an adult who tells me when I do a good job.	A	B	C	D
66. there is an adult who believes that I will be a success.	A	B	C	D
67. there is an adult who always wants me to do my best.	A	B	C	D

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
68. I know when I am getting angry.	A	B	C	D
69. I know how to deal with stress.	A	B	C	D
70. I set goals and plan how to reach those goals.	A	B	C	D
71. I get along well with other people.	A	B	C	D
72. I know what makes me sad.	A	B	C	D
73. I calm myself down when I get angry.	A	B	C	D
74. I know how to handle problems when they happen.	A	B	C	D
75. I have high expectations and standards for success.	A	B	C	D
76. I find it easy to make friends.	A	B	C	D
77. I know when my mood is changing.	A	B	C	D
78. I keep on trying when solving problems.	A	B	C	D





	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
79. I find it easy to try again when I fail.	A	B	C	D
80. I can tell what other people are feeling.	A	B	C	D
81. I work well in a group.	A	B	C	D
82. I know what makes me happy.	A	B	C	D
83. I can control my anger.	A	B	C	D
84. I am able to tell when other people are upset.	A	B	C	D
85. I'm able to tell what my feelings are.	A	B	C	D
86. I can understand another person's way of thinking.	A	B	C	D
87. I know how to be accepted in a group.	A	B	C	D
88. I believe I will succeed in everything I do.	A	B	C	D

89. Are there any gangs at your school?

- A. Yes      B. No      C. Do not know

90. I currently belong to a gang.

- A. Yes      B. No      C. Do not know

91. I have been pressured to join a gang at my school.

- A. Yes      B. No      C. Do not know

92. During the past **30 days**, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club?

- A. 0 days      B. 1 day      C. 2 or 3 days      D. 4 or 5 days      E. 6 or more days

93. During the past **30 days**, on how many days did you carry a gun?

- A. 0 days      B. 1 day      C. 2 or 3 days      D. 4 or 5 days      E. 6 or more days

94. During the past **30 days**, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club **on school property**?

- A. 0 days      B. 1 day      C. 2 or 3 days      D. 4 or 5 days      E. 6 or more days

95. During the past **30 days**, on how many days did you carry a knife with a 3-inch blade or longer **on school property**?

- A. 0 days      B. 1 day      C. 2 or 3 days      D. 4 or 5 days      E. 6 or more days

