



A SURVEY OF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MISSOURI

On even numbered years, the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) conduct the **Missouri Student Survey (MSS)**, also known as the Safe and Drug-Free Schools survey.

- This survey is a valuable tool to learn more about students' tobacco, drug, and alcohol use as well as bullying, mental health, risk and protective factors, and other information.
- The MSS is administered online, at **no cost**, to school districts. Districts participating in the survey would be responsible for registering for the survey and administering the survey to students.
- District and school-level results will be provided to participating districts. The results are important to your district as you plan prevention activities and can provide information necessary for local grant applications.
- In order to protect the confidentiality of those participating, data are aggregated and only reported publicly at the county level. However, districts will be able to obtain their own data down to the building level.
- An average of 102,879 students from Missouri school districts participated in the last three Missouri Student Survey cycles.

This year, we are asking you to collect data from at least one classroom per grade (6th -12th grade) in each of your buildings. However, you are encouraged to have as many students as possible take the survey as this will increase the reliability of the data for your district.

Registration for the survey will open late fall. More information on how to register will be available in the next few months. The survey itself will be open January through March 2022.

If you have questions regarding the survey, you may contact the project director, Susan Depue with the Missouri Institute of Mental Health, at 314-516-8412 or susan.depue@mimh.edu.