

Communities That Care Survey Information

Sometime during the year, our school will administer an annual statewide needs assessment, called the *Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey*. The purpose of the survey is to gather information to combat such problems as alcohol and other drug use, bullying, gambling and violence in our schools and communities. The study will be conducted with students in the sixth, eighth, tenth and twelfth grades.

This survey is a good tool for teachers and parents to understand the extent of drug and alcohol awareness by our kids, as well as the extent of substance use. More importantly, it is a worthwhile undertaking that will help create more effective prevention programming by our school and various community organizations to address problems associated with alcohol and drug use.

The survey includes questions on alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and family and community factors related to substance use. You may also be interested to know the following:

- 1. It is completely anonymous.** Students will not be asked for their names on the questionnaire, nor will anyone be able to connect any individual student with his/her responses. School staff will not see any one student's responses, but only summaries of results. To further guarantee anonymity, results will not be reported on any particular question without sufficient response from enough students.
- 2. Participation is entirely voluntary.** Your child may decline to participate in the survey, or may simply skip any particular question they do not wish to answer.
- 3. Annual participation is important.** Even if your child has participated in previous surveys, annual data is extremely helpful in determining the effectiveness of previous efforts and changes in program areas.