

2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) & 2023 Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS)

High School (levels 9-12) & Middle School (levels 7-8): YRBS & YTS Surveys

Northern Cass Middle School and High School is taking part in the 2023 North Dakota Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and the 2023 North Dakota Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS) sponsored by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction and Department of Health. The YRBS survey will ask about nutrition, physical activity, injuries, tobacco, alcohol, other drug use, sexual behavior and school climate. The content of the YTS survey includes tobacco questions related to prevalence (electronic vapor products, cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigars, and pipes); knowledge and attitudes; cessation; environmental tobacco smoke; media and advertising; minors' access; and school curriculum.

Learners in levels 9-12 will be asked to fill out a questionnaire on February 22nd during Homeroom time (9:00-9:25), we are going to extend homeroom twenty minutes to accommodate the survey that takes about 45 minutes to complete.

Learners in levels 7 and 8 will be asked to fill out a questionnaire on February 23rd during their Homeroom time (8:30-8:55), we are going to extend homeroom twenty minutes to accommodate the survey that takes about 45 minutes to complete.

Doing this survey will cause no risk to learners. The survey has been designed to protect learner privacy. No learner or class will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the results. The results of the survey will help establish trends over time that can be utilized in school planning and curriculum development.

We would like all selected learners to take part in the survey, but the survey is voluntary. No action will be taken against the school, you, or your child, if your child does not take part. Learners can skip any question they do not wish to answer. In addition, learners may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty.

Additional parent information about the survey can be found on the [Northern Cass Parent Portal](#)

- Letters of Support from the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction and the North Dakota Department of Public Health & Human Services, and the North Dakota School Boards Association.
- YRBS-YTS "Fact Sheet and Answers to Frequently Asked Questions" and a CDC "School General Fact Sheet"
- Administering the YRBS & YTS While Protecting Student Confidentiality: Frequently Asked Questions
- CDC "Parent General Fact Sheet"

The surveys will be available in the front office for you to preview if you desire. At this time, if you decide you do not want your child to take part in the survey, we will have you sign the appropriate form. Please contact the Northern Cass District Office to receive a form if you do not want your learner to take part in the survey. Opt-out forms must be completed and returned to the school before February 20th. If you have any additional questions, please contact:

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