

# MODOC JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

906 W 4th Street  
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## CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY 2021/2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child is being asked to be a part of our school's California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) sponsored by the California Department of Education. This is a very important survey that will help promote better health and well-being among our youth, improve the school learning environment and combat problems such as drug abuse and violence. *Your child does not have to take the survey. If you do not want your child to complete the survey, you must notify your school.*

**SURVEY CONTENT** The survey gathers information on developmental supports provided to youth; school connectedness and barriers to learning; school safety; and health-related concerns such as physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco, vaping and other drug use; and risk of depression and suicide and perceived sexual orientation.

The results from this survey are compiled into district- and county-level CHKS Reports. To view a copy of your district's report, go to <https://calschls.org/reports-data/search-lea-reports/> (Outside Source) and type in the district name.

**VOLUNTARY** Students who, with your permission, agree to participate do not have to answer any questions they do not want to answer, and may stop taking the survey at any time.

**ANONYMOUS** No names are recorded or attached to the survey forms or data. The results will be made available for analysis only under strict confidentiality controls.

**ADMINISTRATION** The survey will be administered during the Fall of 2021. The administration of the survey will take one class period to complete (about 50 minutes).

**POTENTIAL RISKS** There are no known risks of physical harm to your child. Risks of psychological or social harm are very small. None have been reported in 21 years of survey administration. In rare instances, some discomfort might be experienced from the questions. The school's counseling services will be available to answer any personal questions that may materialize.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** The survey was developed by WestEd, a public, non-profit educational institution. If you have any questions about this survey, or about your rights, call Modoc County Office of Education, (530) 233-7128.

If you do not want your child to participate, please contact Modoc County Office of Education, De Funk at (530) 233-7128 or [dfunk@modocoe.org](mailto:dfunk@modocoe.org).