2026 Indiana Youth Survey
6th Grade Instrument

Please choose your LANGUAGE:

◯ English ◯ Spanish

PLEASE READ:

We appreciate your participation in this survey.

The following questions seek your opinions on various aspects related to you, your friends, family, neighborhood, and community.

Your individual answers to the survey are anonymous, which means that no one will know how you answered. All of your answers will be kept strictly **confidential**. No IP addresses will be tracked. Student answers will be summarized in a report that will not include anyone's name or personally identifying information.

This survey is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers. Your participation is completely **voluntary**. You can skip any questions that you do not want to answer. It is better to leave a question blank than to answer it randomly. If you do not want to participate in this survey, you don't have to enter the website.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Please enter the unique 8-digit school code and 4-digit passcode provided by your teacher.

8-digit School Code: _____

4-digit Passcode: _____

Please choose your GRADE:

◯ 6th grade ◯ 7-12th grade

The following questions ask about your PERSONAL AND FAMILY INFORMATION.

1. GRADE:
   - ◯ 5th
   - ◯ 6th
   - ◯ 7th
   - ◯ 8th

2. AGE:
   - ◯ 10 years old or younger
   - ◯ 11 years old
   - ◯ 12 years old
   - ◯ 13 years or older

3. SEX:
   - ◯ Male
   - ◯ Female

4. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
   - ◯ No
   - ◯ Yes

5. RACE:
   - ◯ White
   - ◯ Black or African-American
   - ◯ Asian
   - ◯ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
   - ◯ American Indian/Alaskan Native
   - ◯ Race not known or other
   - ◯ More than one race

6. During any time in your life, has either of your parents or caregivers been sent to Iraq, Afghanistan, or other combat zone because they are in the military? (Military includes Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, National Guard, and Reserves.)
   - ◯ No
   - ◯ Yes
   - ◯ Not sure

7. During any time in your life, has either of your parents or caregivers served time in jail or prison?
   - ◯ No
   - ◯ Yes
   - ◯ Not sure

The following questions ask about your USE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS.

8. How many times in the last month (30 days) have you used ... ?

	Never	1-5 times	6-19 times	20-39 times	40 times or more
Cigarettes	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Electronic vapor products (e-cigarettes, vaping pens, e-hookahs, etc.)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
FOR STUDENTS WHO INDICATED VAPING DURING THE PAST MONTH ONLY: How many times have you vaped the following substances in the past month (30 days)?					
Tobacco/Nicotine	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Marijuana/THC	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
CBD/CBD oil	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Synthetic marijuana (K2, Spice, delta-8, etc.)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Alcohol	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Flavoring only	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Other	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Alcohol (beer, wine, hard liquor, seltzer, ~~wine coolers~~)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Marijuana/Cannabis (smoked, vaped, ate, drank, dabbed, etc.)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
FOR STUDENTS WHO INDICATED USING MARIJUANA DURING THE PAST MONTH ONLY: How many times have you used marijuana/cannabis in the following ways in the past month (30 days)?					
Smoked it (in a joint, bong, blunt, pipe, etc.)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Vaped it (in an e-cigarette-like vaporizer or another vaporizing device)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Ate it (in brownies, cakes, cookies, ~~candy~~gummies, etc.)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Drank it (in tea, cola, alcohol, etc.)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Dabbed it (using waxes, concentrates, etc.)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Inhalants (whip-its, huffing, puffs, aerosol spray can, etc.)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Vivoxiline (Vivo) -> Cabeniferol (Cabbies)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Prescription drugs (like OxyContin, Xanax, Vicodin, Adderall, etc.) not prescribed to you	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Other illegal drugs	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

9. How old were you when you first used …?

	Never used	10 or younger	11	12	13 or older
Cigarettes	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Electronic vapor products (e- cigarettes, vaping pens, etc.)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Alcohol (beer, wine, hard liquor, seltzer, ~~wine coolers~~)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Marijuana/Cannabis (smoked, vaped, ate, drank, dabbed, etc.)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Inhalants (whip-its, huffing, puffs, aerosol spray can, etc.)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Vivoxiline (Vivo) -> Cabeniferol (Cabbies)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Prescription drugs (like OxyContin, Xanax, Vicodin, Adderall, etc.) not prescribed to you	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Other illegal drugs	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

The following questions ask about what you THINK OR FEEL.

10. How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they ... ?

	No risk	Slight risk	Moderate risk	Great risk
Smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day	◯	◯	◯	◯
Try marijuana once or twice	◯	◯	◯	◯
~~Smoke~~Use marijuana once or twice per week	◯	◯	◯	◯
Take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, or liquor) nearly every day	◯	◯	◯	◯
Have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week	◯	◯	◯	◯
Use prescription drugs not prescribed to them	◯	◯	◯	◯

11. How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to …?

	Very wrong	Wrong	A little bit wrong	Not at all wrong
Smoke tobacco	◯	◯	◯	◯
~~Smoke~~Use marijuana	◯	◯	◯	◯
Have one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day	◯	◯	◯	◯
Use prescription drugs not prescribed to you	◯	◯	◯	◯

12. How wrong do your parents/caregivers feel it would be for you to …?

	Very wrong	Wrong	A little bit wrong	Not at all wrong
Have one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day	◯	◯	◯	◯

Drink beer, wine or hard liquor (for example vodka, whiskey, or gin) regularly (at least once or twice a month)	◯	◯	◯	◯
Smoke cigarettes	◯	◯	◯	◯
~~Smoke~~Use marijuana	◯	◯	◯	◯
Use prescription drugs not prescribed to you	◯	◯	◯	◯
Steal something worth more than $5	◯	◯	◯	◯
Draw graffiti, or write things or draw pictures on buildings or other property (without the owner's permission)	◯	◯	◯	◯
Pick a fight with someone	◯	◯	◯	◯

13. Please answer the following questions:

	No	Yes
During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?	◯	◯
During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?	◯	◯
During the past 12 months, did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?	◯	◯

The following questions ask about your FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

INSTRUCTION:
Choose the big **YES!!** if you think the statement is DEFINITELY TRUE for you.
Choose the little **yes** if you think the statement is MOSTLY TRUE for you.
Choose the little **no** if you think the statement is MOSTLY NOT TRUE for you.
Choose the big **NO!!** if you think the statement is DEFINITELY NOT TRUE for you.

14. Please answer the following questions:

	YES!	yes	no	NO!
The rules in my family are clear.	◯	◯	◯	◯
My parents/caregivers ask if I've gotten my homework done.	◯	◯	◯	◯
When I am not at home, one of my parents/caregivers knows where I am and who I am with.	◯	◯	◯	◯
My family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use.	◯	◯	◯	◯
We argue about the same things in my family over and over.	◯	◯	◯	◯
People in my family have serious arguments.	◯	◯	◯	◯
People in my family often insult or yell at each other.	◯	◯	◯	◯
My parents/caregivers ask me what I think before most family decisions affecting me are made.	◯	◯	◯	◯
If I had a personal problem, I could ask my parents/caregivers for help.	◯	◯	◯	◯
My parents/caregivers give me lots of chances to do fun things with them.	◯	◯	◯	◯

15. Please answer the following questions:

	All the time	Often	Sometimes	Never or almost never
My parents/caregivers notice when I am doing a good job and let me know about it.	◯	◯	◯	◯
How often do your parents/caregivers tell you they're proud of you for something you've done?	◯	◯	◯	◯

The following questions ask about your SCHOOL EXPERIENCES.

16. Please answer the following questions:

	YES!	yes	no	NO!
In my school, students have lots of chances to help decide things like class activities and rules.	◯	◯	◯	◯
Teachers ask me to work on special classroom projects.	◯	◯	◯	◯
My teacher(s) notices when I am doing a good job and lets me know about it.	◯	◯	◯	◯
There are lots of chances for students in my school to get involved in sports, clubs, or other school activities outside of class.	◯	◯	◯	◯
There are lots of chances for students in my school to talk with a teacher one-on-one.	◯	◯	◯	◯
I feel safe at my school.	◯	◯	◯	◯
The school lets my parents/caregivers know when I have done something well.	◯	◯	◯	◯
My teachers praise me when I work hard in school.	◯	◯	◯	◯
There are lots of chances to be part of class discussions or activities.	◯	◯	◯	◯
Are your school grades better than the grades of most students in your class?	◯	◯	◯	◯

17. Putting them all together, what were your grades like last year?

- ◯ Mostly A's
- ◯ Mostly B's
- ◯ Mostly C's
- ◯ Mostly D's
- ◯ Mostly F's

18. Please answer the following questions:

	YES!	yes	no	NO!
Would your parents/caregivers know if you did not come home on time?	◯	◯	◯	◯
If you drank some beer or wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) without your parents/caregivers' permission, would you be caught by your parents/caregivers?	◯	◯	◯	◯
If you carried a handgun without your parents/caregivers' permission, would you be caught by your parents/caregivers?	◯	◯	◯	◯
If you skipped school, would you be caught by your parents/caregivers?	◯	◯	◯	◯
Do you enjoy spending time with your mother/caregiver?	◯	◯	◯	◯
Do you enjoy spending time with your father/caregiver?	◯	◯	◯	◯
My neighbors notice when I am doing a good job and let me know about it.	◯	◯	◯	◯
There are people in my neighborhood who are proud of me when I do something well.	◯	◯	◯	◯
There are people in my neighborhood who encourage me to do my best.	◯	◯	◯	◯

19. Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many of your best friends have ... ?

	None	1	2	3	4
Participated in clubs, organizations, or activities at school	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Made a commitment to stay drug-free	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Liked school	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Regularly attended religious services	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Tried to do well in school	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

Bullying is when 1 or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again. It is not bullying when 2 students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way.

20. During the past 12 months, have you ever been bullied on school property?

◯ Yes ◯ No

21. During the past 12 months, have you ever been electronically bullied? (Count being bullied through texting, Instagram, Facebook, or other social media.)

◯ Yes ◯ No

22. The next question asks about social media, such as Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, and X (formerly known as Twitter).

How often do you use social media?

- ◯ I do not use social media
- ◯ A few times a month
- ◯ About once a week
- ◯ A few times a week
- ◯ About once a day
- ◯ Several times a day
- ◯ About once an hour
- ◯ More than once an hour

23. How truthfully have you answered these questions?

◯ Not truthfully at all ◯ Somewhat truthfully ◯ Completely truthfully

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

If your teacher gives you additional questions, please answer them using the spaces below.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
2.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
3.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
4.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
5.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
6.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
7.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
8.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
9.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
10.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
11.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
12.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
13.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
14.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
15.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

Thank you for your participation!