



Dear Superintendent and School Leaders:

Students are not immune to the growing mental health challenges in Ohio. Some face anxiety, depression and thoughts of suicide, while others engage in unhealthy and risky behaviors.

With the help of data from the [Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey](#), known as OHYES!, district and school leaders can respond by:

- Identifying mental health needs and environmental challenges among students;
- Tailoring positive behavioral interventions and mental health supports;
- Advancing school culture and climate goals;
- Making strategic use of Student Wellness and Success funds; and
- Partnering with local mental health and health organizations to improve student health.

About OHYES!

OHYES! is administered by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services in partnership with the Ohio Departments of Education and Health.

The survey is:

- Free, voluntary and web-based;
- Designed for students in grades 7-12; and
- About 30-35 minutes in duration.

Schools often find non-instructional times to administer the survey, minimizing disruptions to classes. Superintendents and principals decide which of two versions of the survey they want to administer, when the survey is administered, and which grades to survey. We recommend that schools survey all students in grades 7, 9 and 11.

Survey administration has been designed to protect student privacy and anonymity. Supporting materials are provided to obtain parent or guardian consent and assist with administering the survey.

Important Dates

September 12-December 21, 2022 – Administration

OHYES! can be administered from September 12 through December 21, 2022.

November 21 – Registration Deadline

Registration occurs June through November. After registration, please allow for one month before administration of the survey. The last day to register is November 21.

March 2023 – Results

Results are expected in March 2023. District and school-level results are available only to superintendents and principals. County summary data will be available on the OHYES! website if two or more districts in a county participate.

Next Steps

To decide if OHYES! is right for your district or school, please:

- Visit the [OHYES! website](#);
- Watch this [YouTube video](#); and
- Explore the [FAQs](#).

The standard 110-question survey, as well as the optional 120-question version, are available on the OHYES! website.

Conclusion

To meet the needs of middle and high school students, school leaders must first understand what their student population faces. That is why we strongly encourage you to participate and benefit from the important information that OHYES! provides.

To register, look for an email coming soon from OHYES! with your district's unique registration link. Contact OHYES! School and Community Lead Jessica Kickel at info@ohyes.ohio.gov if you have any questions.

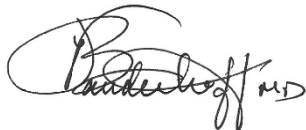
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