

# 2021 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

## HEALTHY STUDENTS ARE BETTER ABLE TO LEARN

**We know teachers are asked to do a lot everyday, so why are we asking for your help?**

### IT'S IMPORTANT.

The DC YRBS is the most comprehensive, representative source of data regarding risky health behaviors of DC middle and high school students.

### YOUR PARTICIPATION MATTERS.

All public and charter middle and high schools across the city are required to administer the survey. If participation is low, the data will not be representative of the District.

### IT'S QUICK AND EASY.

The survey takes less than one class period. All survey materials are provided. Students take the web-based survey on any internet-connected device.

### WHY COLLECT THESE DATA?

Schools and community partners use these results to make evidence-based decisions to inform professional development needs, drive intervention efforts, and guide investments in student supports.

### What do we need to do?

- ✓ Plan early. Mark the scheduled date from the Summary of School Arrangements document on your calendar.
- ✓ Inform parent/guardians. A few days before the survey, send home and collect any returned opt-out forms.
- ✓ Conduct a make-up survey with any students absent on the survey administration day.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.** To learn more, visit [osse.dc.gov/service/dc-youth-risk-behavior-survey-yrbs](https://osse.dc.gov/service/dc-youth-risk-behavior-survey-yrbs)