



## Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey (OHYES!) Registration is Open for Academic Year 2020-21

The [Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey \(OHYES!\)](#) is a free, voluntary, web-based survey to collect information that schools and communities can use to determine services and resources to reduce risk behaviors and create healthy and safe community, school and family environments. The survey is designed to be implemented in a single class period, and the survey itself takes students 15-20 minutes to complete. The survey is available to all public and nonpublic schools in Ohio. By implementing the OHYES!, districts and schools are allowing students to voice the risks that they perceive to their health and wellness, as well as their sense of resiliency to live healthy lives. Administering the OHYES! sends a clear message to students that their voice matters. Registration is currently open for the 2020-2021 school year.

To learn more about the OHYES! and register, please visit the [website](#) or watch this [YouTube video](#). The website includes all of information necessary for school district administrators to decide if the OHYES! is right for them. Some leaders may have specific questions about administering the OHYES! while COVID-19 challenges are present. A list of frequently asked questions is included below, followed by contact information if there are further questions.

### **OHYES! Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) During the Pandemic**

#### **How soon after we register for the OHYES! can we administer it?**

Once a district or school completes registration, it will be sent the planning and administration information by email. Schools need about one week to plan their survey and three weeks to notify parents using a passive consent process. After that three-week period, the OHYES! may be administered. For full details on the informed consent process, please visit the [OHYES! website](#) or watch this [YouTube video](#).

#### **When is the last day that a school district can register for the OHYES! in the 2020-2021 school year?**

Due to the three-week informed consent period, the last day that a school district can register for the OHYES! is April 16. If the registration is complete on that day, the school district must administer the survey by May 21.

#### **When is the last date the OHYES! can be administered for the 2020-2021 school year?**

The OHYES! administration date is based upon the registration date and the informed consent period. That said, **the last date to administer the OHYES! is May 21.**

#### **When will we get our results? Will collecting data now allow for us to plan as we anticipate fully open schools in fall of the 2021-2022 school year?**

It is anticipated that school district administrators can [request access](#) to their school- and district-level reports in late August 2021. All [public access reports](#) are scheduled to be uploaded to the OHYES! website on August 31, 2021.

#### **How do we select students to participate in the OHYES!?**

While there is flexibility based upon school district preference and any grade level 7-12 is eligible, it is recommended that districts survey all students in grades 7, 9 and 11. If you have questions about selecting students, we can work with you during the registration process. Within districts, individual schools may opt in or out of participation at the discretion of the district superintendent.

### **How long does it take students to complete the OHYES!?**

Completing the survey takes approximately 30-35 minutes total from start-to-finish to complete the log-in, hear the survey directions, and take the survey. Once students are logged into the system and ready to go, it takes students 15-20 minutes to take the survey. It can readily be completed within one class period. To help estimate timing, the [Survey Day Checklist](#) can be found on the Downloads page of the OHYES! website.

### **How do students complete the OHYES!?**

The OHYES! is a web-based application that requires a technology device (computer, laptop, Chromebook, iPad, etc.), an active internet connection and a compatible browser (Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari).

Due to the pandemic is that many districts issued Chromebooks, iPads or other personal technology devices directly to students. If students bring their personal technology devices to school on survey administration day, it will streamline the survey process as most students will no longer have to go to a computer lab to take the survey. For more information on conducting a “Technology Check-up” prior to the OHYES! administration, please see the [OHYES! School Planning and Administration Manual](#).

### **Is it still possible to administer the OHYES! on a hybrid schedule?**

The survey is available to all students who spend at least one day a week attending in-person classes. For school districts that are on a hybrid schedule and do not have all students attending on the same day, the OHYES! can be administered over several days so that all students who are attending in-person can participate.

### **What about our students receiving remote education? Can they still participate in the OHYES?**

To protect student confidentiality, the survey can only be administered on school property. Students educated remotely or virtually are not eligible to participate.

### **Some of our students opted-out of in-person instruction. As such, we would not be surveying our whole student body. Should we still participate?**

YES! While the survey results may have an “asterisk” indicating that this year COVID-19 challenges are present, it is still valuable to offer the survey to students.

### **If we are a community organization that could benefit from learning more about the needs and assets of Ohio’s students, what can we do?**

Community partners can become OHYES! Champions who can advocate for and collaborate with schools to implement the OHYES! For more information on how to be an OHYES! Champion, please visit the [OHYES! website](#) or watch this [YouTube video](#).

If you have questions about the survey, you can reach out to the OHYES! Administrator Dr. Lara Belliston at [info@ohyes.ohio.gov](mailto:info@ohyes.ohio.gov).