

**CONSENT FOR THE CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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 (CDE). 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. Participation is voluntary and requires your permission.*

Survey Content. The survey gathers information on developmental supports provided to youth; school connectedness and barriers to learning; school safety; health-related concerns such as physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; risk of depression and suicide; and protected class identifiers such as sexual orientation and gender identity.

You may examine the questionnaire in the Nevada City TRHS office or at the TRHS website [<https://www.twinridgeshomestudy.org/>].

The results from this survey are compiled into TRHS CHKS Reports. To view a copy of the TRHS Staff and Parent reports, go to the TRHS website link above and click the corresponding link on the main page.

It is 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.**

It is 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 at home before December 8, 2024.

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 25 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 for the CDE by WestEd, a public, non-profit educational institution. If you have any questions about this survey, or about your rights, call TRHS at [Jennifer Dearduff, 530-478-1815].

Parent Consent Form for the California Healthy Kids Survey

Please check below whether you grant permission, sign, and return this form within three days to the teacher who distributed it.

I **give permission** for my child to be in the California Healthy Kids Survey.

I **do not give permission** for my child to be in the California Healthy Kids Survey.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

My child's name is: _____
(Please Print)

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING AND RETURNING THIS CONSENT FORM TO YOUR SUPERVISING
TEACHER.**