

# Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment

## FAQs for Parents/Guardians

<p>What is the Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Known as the “OPNA”, the Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment is a biennial survey of public, private, and charter school students in the 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades and is <b>required by HB1103</b>.</li><li>● The survey is a project of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS), and has been conducted in Oklahoma since 2004 and is available for students to take either English or Spanish.</li></ul>
<p>What is the purpose of the survey?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The OPNA is designed for the purpose of improving student mental health and substance abuse outcomes. Questions address a variety of issues including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Alcohol</li><li>○ Tobacco</li><li>○ Other drug use</li><li>○ Mental illness</li><li>○ Academic failure</li><li>○ Violence</li></ul></li><li>● Survey data can assist school districts with measuring the overall effectiveness of current prevention and intervention efforts and identify areas of additional need.</li></ul>
<p>Are students required to participate in the survey?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Students are <b>NOT</b> required to participate in the survey and parents/guardians will have multiple opportunities to notify school staff of their choice to opt their student out of the survey.</li><li>● Communication to all 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade parents/guardians about the OPNA will be sent during the weeks of November 13th, 20th, and 27th.</li><li>● Parents/Guardians choosing to opt their student out of the survey will have until November 29th to notify school staff through an electronic form.</li><li>● Students also maintain the ability to decline to participate or to skip any question they prefer not to answer on the day the survey is administered.</li></ul>
<p>Is it possible to review the survey questions beforehand?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Copies of the survey instruments can be viewed by clicking <a href="#">here</a>.</li></ul>
<p>Are survey submissions anonymous?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The OPNA survey does not ask for students’ names or any identifying information.</li><li>● The surveys are electronic and distributed through an anonymous link on a secure web-based platform and submitted directly back to the survey contractor, Oklahoma State University Center for Family Resilience.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● When completing the survey, students will be arranged so their responses cannot be seen by the employee administering the survey or by any peers.</li> </ul>
<p>How will survey results be made available and to whom?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Results will be generated on several levels, including state, county, school district, and school.</li> <li>● State and county-level results will be made available to the public via the OPNA Data Query System Dashboard which can be accessed <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>● District and school-specific data will be available to district leaders via a secure online portal.</li> </ul>
<p>Who should parents contact if they have questions about the OPNA or their student's participation?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Heath Hayes Oklahoma Department of Mental Health &amp; Substance Abuse Services 405-315-2079 <a href="mailto:Heath.Hayes@odmhsas.org">Heath.Hayes@odmhsas.org</a></li> </ul>