





# Minnesota Student Survey

Minnesota students want to tell us how they are doing, and what they need to thrive and succeed. We just need to ask them! The Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) helps us do that.



## Why is the MSS important and how are survey results used?

-  The MSS has been an important source of information on youth for over 30 years.
-  Results are used by schools, districts, communities, and the state.
-  Results are used to create programs, change policies, and provide resources.
-  Youth councils have used results to advocate for more mental health and well-being resources.

### Based on results from the 2019 MSS, the state of Minnesota:



increased funding for school-linked mental health grants by **\$1.2 million**



secured **\$4 million** for youth e-cigarettes use prevention and cessation



### Look Inside!

See how MSS results are shared:  
[http://sumn.org/~media/541/Minnesota\\_Student\\_Survey\\_Whole\\_Child\\_Report\\_Oct\\_17.pdf](http://sumn.org/~media/541/Minnesota_Student_Survey_Whole_Child_Report_Oct_17.pdf)

## What is the MSS?



It asks about students' feelings and experiences related to health and well-being, supportive and caring relationships, safety, and engagement in school and activities.



It's supported by local schools and the Minnesota Departments of Education, Human Services, Health, Public Safety, and Corrections.



It comes in three age-appropriate versions for 5th through 12th graders.



It has been done every 3 years for over 30 years, and will happen again in 2022.

## How is student privacy protected?



They are NOT asked for their name, student ID number, or other identifying information.



They can choose to skip any questions they do not want to answer.

Individual answers are combined with other students' answers and shared at the school-level.



**"Our students are talking to us and we must listen."**

-Former Minnesota Education Commissioner Mary Cathryn Ricker

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