

**(PLACE ON SCHOOL LETTERHEAD)**  
**Sample Active Parental Permission Form**

Our school is taking part in the 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. This survey is sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The survey will ask about the health behaviors of 9th through 12th grade students. The survey will ask about nutrition, physical activity, injuries, and tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use. It will also ask about sexual behaviors that could lead to pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV.

Students will be asked to fill out a survey that takes about 35 minutes to complete.

Doing this online survey will cause little or no risk to your child. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive. The survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy. Students will not put their names on the survey. Also, no school or student will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the results. For the survey results to be accurate, it is important that all students, regardless of whether they have engaged in health-risk behaviors, are given an opportunity to participate in the survey, but the survey is voluntary. No action will be taken against the school, you, or your child if your child does not take the survey. Students may skip any questions they do not wish to answer. In addition, students may stop taking the survey at any point without penalty. If you would like to see the survey, a copy is available with the school principal. We have also posted the survey on the Cumberland County Schools website. It can be found at: <https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/NCYRBS2021>

**Please complete the section below and return it to the school no later than November 19th.** If you have additional questions about the survey your child's teacher or principal cannot answer, please email Les Spell, Data and Policy Consultant at the Department of Public Instruction at [Les.Spell@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Les.Spell@dpi.nc.gov). Thank you.

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Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this form and know what the survey is about.

Check one:

YES, my child may take part in this survey.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_