

Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS)

Passive Parental Permission Form

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Our middle school and high school are taking part in the 2009-2010 Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) sponsored by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. All the school districts in Chester County will be participating in the survey. The survey will ask personal questions about the behaviors of high school students, including questions about violence, weapons usage, and substance abuse. You can view the entire survey at the Commission's website (www.pccd.state.pa.us). Students in grades 6,8,10 and 12 will be asked to fill out a questionnaire that takes about 45 minutes to complete. Our district has participated in this survey since its inception in 1999-2000. This survey is given every two years. Patton Middle School students will be taking the survey the week of 19 October and Unionville High School will be the week of 26 October .

Participation in this paper and pencil survey will cause little or no risk to any student. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive. The survey has been designed to protect each student's privacy. Students will not put their names on the survey. Also, no school or student will ever be mentioned by name in the reported results. The results of this survey will help students in the future. We would like all selected students to take part in the survey, **but the survey is voluntary**. **No action** will be taken against the school, you, or any student if the student does not participate. Students can skip any question that they do not wish to answer. In addition, students may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty.

Please read the section below. If you do **NOT** want the student to take part in the survey, check the box and return the form to the school no later than Friday 16 October. IF you have questions about the survey, please call Jim Fulginiti, UCFSD Director of Student Life (610)347-0970 X 3336. Thank You.

Sincerely,

James K. Fulginiti
Director of Student Life, UCFSD

Student's name: _____ Grade: _____

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

[] The student may **NOT** participate in this survey.

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone number: _____