

# TENNESSEE SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY PARENT CONSENT FORM

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Dekalb County School District is conducting a survey about school climate and learning in school. The survey will help us create safe and supportive school environments that promote academic success. In prior years, schools have used this information to drive positive changes for student and staff culture. We are asking permission for your child to complete the survey. The survey is voluntary. The survey includes questions about student relationships with teachers, school principals, and other students; school safety, bullying, and substance use; and school rules and the school environment. However, note that there is a delay between the administration of the survey and the analysis of data, so the TN School Climate Survey should not be viewed as a means of communicating health or safety risks. The survey is voluntary. Students who take the survey may skip any question they do not want to answer or may stop taking the survey at any time. Your child's teacher will be there to help answer questions. This survey is designed to be anonymous and your child will be asked not to provide their name or any identifying information. Any personnel who have access to the TN School Climate Survey data are required to maintain the confidentiality of these data. This survey is sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Education. You may request a copy of the student survey from [kathybryant@dekalbschools.net](mailto:kathybryant@dekalbschools.net). The survey will be administered to students online between January 12 – March 12, 2021. The survey will take about 15-20 minutes to complete. Please read the section below. If you do not want your child to participate in the survey, sign the form and return it to the school within three days. You may contact your child's teacher or principal with any questions about the survey. You may also contact Dr. Rashida Askia with the Tennessee Department of Education at [Rashida.Askia@tn.gov](mailto:Rashida.Askia@tn.gov). Thank you.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this form and understand what the survey covers.

**PLEASE CHECK THE BOX BELOW AND SIGN**

NO, my child may not take part in this survey.

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Parent/Guardian Signature      Date