



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ABOUT THE ONLINE TOOLBOX

—Surveys administered online by students in the afterschool or summer program—

What are the Online Toolbox surveys?

The Afterschool Outcome Measures Online Toolbox is available to afterschool and summer programs interested in the outcomes for youth that participate in their program. A brief description of the type of questions included in the surveys for students, program staff and classroom teachers are at bottom of this page. For more information about this project go to the Online Toolbox website: <http://afterschooloutcomes.org/>].

How do the surveys work?

Your child's after school program is participating in this project and students enrolled in the program have been asked to complete an online survey about their experiences in the program and their skill development and behavior.

Students complete pre and post surveys at the beginning and end of the program. The survey questions are easy to read and understand for students grades 3 through 12, and take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. English Language Learners and Special Needs students can receive additional support. An option to complete the survey in Spanish is also available to students. Your child's survey responses are confidential.

What is the purpose of the surveys?

Programs receive reports of their survey results as well as California statewide results as a comparison. Mean scores are reported for the program and each site as a whole. The reports programs receive do not include individual student scores. Programs can report these outcome scores to the State Department of Education or to other stakeholders in the community. The information may be used to help to improve the quality of the programming offered to students.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SURVEY QUESTIONS

Student Surveys—Students complete surveys on their skill development, positive behavior, and program experiences. Examples of questions from the student survey include: “I finish my work on time”; “I am interested in Science”; “I work well with other kids”; “I trust the teachers here”; “I have gotten into a fight at school”.

Program Staff & Classroom Teacher Surveys about Students—Program staff and classroom teacher report on students' skill development and positive behavior. In addition, classroom teachers assess students on six academic subject areas. Examples of questions from the staff/classroom teacher surveys on individual students include: “Uses time wisely”; “Understands others' feelings”; “If this student can't do a job the first time, he/she keeps trying until he/she can”; “Offers help or comfort when classmates are upset”; “Taunts and teases classmates”.