



DIAMOND RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Canyons School District regularly collects information from students, teachers, and other community members about how the schools are doing. The district uses this information to guide improvements within our classrooms, schools, and community. For instance, we look at classroom data, student feelings, and feedback from parents to better understand how we can improve schools. This data will be used by schools to establish specific goals for improvement and to support applications for new community partnerships and grants.

Research is beginning to point out that understanding school climate, confidence in one's abilities, relationships with teachers, and other student experiences is important for student learning. We want to begin to understand these issues better. As such, we will be asking students to participate in a survey that asks them about the issues they experience and how it affects their school experience. These surveys will be administered during the timeframe of March 14–29, 2023.

The information shared on the surveys will help us improve our efforts to provide the best learning environment for our students. If you agree, your child will answer some questions, which will take about fifteen minutes. Questions will cover subjects such as student perceptions of their connection to teachers and school, instructional supports, risk factors that may impact their school experience, such as frequent moves, peer issues, use of controlled substances or other barriers to academic performance. We request your cooperation, but will not identify or penalize any student who does not participate in this survey.

Anything your child says will not be tracked back to him/her. What that means is that we won't say "John said this or that." The information will be put together so that it says something like "the kids said this or that. The benefit is that our school can use the information students provide to make school better for all our students.

You get to choose if you want your child to do this and you don't have to have your child participate if you don't want to. Nothing will happen if you decide not to have your child participate. If you choose to have your child participate, he/she can stop participating at any time.

If you **approve** of your student taking part in this survey, you do not need to notify the school office. If you **do not approve**, please send a note or call the front office and select option 2 (Registrar) indicating that you refuse permission for your child to take part in the survey, and he/she will be excused from participation. For questions or concerns, you can contact Wendy Dau, Director of Federal & State Programs, (801) 826-5111.

Sincerely,

Amy Boettger