

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a part of our mission to Graduate Independent, Productive Citizens, our school system has various ways of meeting the needs of all our students. We strive for the academic success of all students, while also recognizing that there are times when additional support is needed.

The areas of behavior, wellness, and safety are included in many of the Georgia standards for Health, along with topics that are covered by our school counseling programs. This is part of our Multi-tiered System of Support which enables our schools to better assist all of our students in order to reach their full academic potential. The following are descriptions of the child safety program and other surveys/screeners that will be used at various times of the 2022-2023 school year.

- Speak Up Be Safe (grades K-9)- in accordance with Georgia law, we are required to implement age appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education for students in grades K-9. In addition to these topics, Speak Up Be Safe also includes information about staying safe in various situations, including internet safety.
- The Georgia Student Health Survey (grades 3-12)- an **anonymous** and statewide survey instrument that covers various topics such as school climate and safety, peer and adult social support, bullying, mental health, substance abuse, and suicidal ideation. There's also a brief survey for elementary students that includes school safety and school climate questions only. Per the Georgia Department of Education, each school system is required to conduct this survey each year.
- mySAEBRS (grades 4-12)- The Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener is a brief 12 question screener that students complete. It assesses the areas of social behavior, academic behavior, and emotional behavior.
- The Council on Alcohol and Drugs Survey (grades 6-12)- this **anonymous** survey will ask students about their experience and opinions related to alcohol use. The information from this survey will be used to develop programs to prevent youth substance abuse.

If you would like more information about any of these items or would like to request for your child to opt-out of participation for this school year for one or more of these surveys, please contact me at 706-795-2191 x1468.

Sincerely,

Jara Thomas

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