



## PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH SURVEY

IT PAYS TO ASK. IT PAYS TO KNOW.

The Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) asks questions about youths' thoughts of their school environment, plus their knowledge and attitudes towards alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, violence, mental health, and more. The survey happens once every other year in 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades across Pennsylvania.



**1,072**

The number of schools who chose to participate in the 2021 PAYS across the state.



Using data helps schools and organizations make better decisions which saves money.



The PAYS is anonymous and confidential.



Parents determine if their child participates.

### It PAYS to ask

What are youth experiencing when it comes to their mental health.



What are communities doing well to help youth?



How often are students experiencing some form of bullying?

### It PAYS to know

Asking youth about their experiences and behaviors, allows people in their community to make decisions that can help the youth be successful.



PAYS data helps schools develop the right strategies to keep student safety a priority.

## ATTENTION PARENTS

When your child takes the Pennsylvania Youth Survey, this is a great opportunity to have a conversation about drugs, alcohol, mental health, vaping, and other issues that might impact their success. For resources on how to have that conversation visit [PAStart.org](http://PAStart.org).

