

**YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY (YRBS) and COMMUNITIES THAT CARE SURVEY
ACTIVE PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM**

All of the school districts in Rusk County will be taking part in the *Communities that Care (CTC) Student Survey* **sponsored by the Rusk County Youth Council in conjunction with Indianhead Community Action Agency** and Flambeau Students (along with many other of the state's schools) will be taking part in the YRBS Survey once again this coming Spring. The purpose of the surveys are to gather information to combat such problems as alcohol and other drug use, bullying, gambling and violence in our schools and communities.

The CTC Student Survey and YRBS is a vehicle for schools to track teen use of harmful substances such as alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, in addition to teen perceptions about school and community involvement, bullying, gambling, and guns. In addition, the surveys provide a baseline for teen participation in, perception of, and attitudes toward both pro-social and anti-social behavior at the peer, school, family and community levels. The surveys gather information from students in the **sixth, eighth, and tenth grades**, by asking their opinions on various subjects, including sections on demographics and school climate, peer influences, drug/alcohol/tobacco usage, community-based perceptions, and family domain. Resulting data is used to help school and community leaders assess current conditions and prioritize areas of greatest need in order to plan prevention and intervention programs. **Data from the surveys may also be used for research purposes.**

These surveys include questions on alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and family and community factors related to substance use. You may also be interested to know the following:

1. They are completely anonymous. Students will not be asked for their names on the questionnaire, nor will anyone be able to connect any individual student with his/her responses. School staff will not see any one student's responses, but only summaries of results. To further guarantee anonymity, results will not be reported on any particular question without sufficient response from enough students.
2. Participation is entirely voluntary. Your child may decline to participate in the survey, or may simply skip any particular question they do not wish to answer.

Please read the section below and check the two boxes that express your consent or non-consent. Thank you.

Jodi Zimmer
7-12 Guidance Counselor

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Please check the two that apply:

My child MAY participate in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey

My child may NOT participate in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey

My child MAY participate in the CTC Survey

My child may NOT participate in the CTC Survey

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____ Phone#: _____