

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Cuba-Rushford Central School District has been selected to participate in the Risk and Protective Factor Survey. This survey of 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders is designed to improve our understanding of our children's strengths and the risks they may face for problems like smoking, underage drinking, and drug use. The information the students provide can help us all take steps to reduce and prevent these problems in Cuba-Rushford. The survey is sponsored by the Allegany Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc., a group we are working with to build healthier communities.

The following are facts about the survey:

1. It is **voluntary**. Your child does not have to participate. You do not have to give a reason for not participating. Students are not required to answer all questions, only those that they want to answer.
2. It is **anonymous**. The survey is designed to protect your child's and your school's privacy. No names or any other identifying information will ever be recorded. All of the surveys are carefully protected.
3. The Cuba-Rushford Central School District and the Allegany Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc. Prevention Department will use the school survey results to plan better prevention efforts.
4. The Risk and Protective Factor Survey has been scientifically assessed and is valid and reliable. Developed in 1995, it has been given to over 100,000 students in schools across the United States without difficulty.

An online link to the survey will be available at the Principal's Office of your child's school for review. You may also call The Allegany Council Prevention Department at 585-593-1920 (Kim Strauser Ext. 719) for more information.

If you do not want your child to participate, simply send a note or call my office by January 9, 2023. If you choose, your child will be given an alternative activity to do during the survey period.

Thanks for your help. This survey is an important part of Cuba-Rushford Central School and The Allegany Council's effort to keep our children healthy and safe. I hope you will allow your child to participate.

Sincerely,

Mr. Carlos Gildemeister

Superintendent

Cuba-Rushford Central School District