

Idaho Youth Well-Being AssessmentTips for participation

- Start communication as soon as possible about the assessment. Contact families before school starts. Utilize all media resources: email, call, text, social media, etc.
- Email copies of the assessment to parents. Make sure parents know they can either opt in or opt out.
- Do not use paper/pencil for opt in process. Make it part of your registration process online (Power School, Infinite Campus, etc.)
- Have "familiar faces" at Open House or Back to School Night promoting the assessment. Have several copies of the assessment printed for reference.
- Encourage parents to read through assessment with their student before taking it.
- Remember the assessment is customizable and you can add questions.
- Tell parents the assessment is anonymous and data will be available a month after the assessment distribution.
- Use the data to engage community partners, celebrate success, and pin point areas of need in real time.
- Ask a representative from Communities for Youth to analyze data if needed.
- Rely on the IDE's regional resource list to find services to support the needs or gaps identified by the assessment data.