



Dear Boone County School Families:

Parent involvement and informed choice in their students' education is important to the Boone County School District. As the window opens for the **Student Competency Survey** during the 25-26 school year on September 1st, the BCS wants to make sure all parents and guardians are informed about the survey, its questions, and the valuable data it provides to educators, as well as how to opt out of the survey.

The **Student Competency Survey** is administered to students in Grades 3-12 twice per year. The survey is a universal screener for social-emotional/behavior. As a part of the Student Competency Survey, students are given two sets of questions. The first set of questions focus on student competencies and school experiences. The student competencies it focuses on are: social awareness, self-efficacy, perseverance, emotional regulation, self management, classroom efforts, and growth mindset. The questions are centered around how students feel around their effort at school and support from adults in school. The second set of questions focus on student support at school and the school environment. Questions are focused on the student perception of school and their perceptions of content taught in school.

To remain transparent, and to help you make an informed decision for your student on whether he or she may participate in the Student Competency Survey, the survey questions can be accessed at any time from the BCS website. They are linked on the tab, "For Parents", "Student Surveys". The questions can also be directly accessed at this link: [Student Survey Questions](#)

The data the **Student Competency Survey** provides to educators is invaluable and is used in a variety of ways. The survey allows the district to have a holistic view of student perceptions and wellbeing at school. This allows schools to target specific areas of growth as a school. For example, if resilience is an area of growth for the school, the administrators can provide strategies for teachers to help build resilience of all students. The data also gives valuable insights into students who may not have a connection to an adult at school. Research has shown that students who have strong, supportive relationships with a teacher or other members of school staff helps students grow academically and emotionally. This data can only be gathered through a perception survey. BCS teachers and administrators have grown to rely on this data to better meet the individual needs of students.

BCS is asking that all of our students participate in the surveys. If a student doesn't feel like they have enough information to answer a question, they will be able to skip the item altogether. After the survey is complete, parents/guardians will receive a report that will be sent home after the survey window closes. If the student has completed the survey before, the report shows changes over time.

Parent choice is important to the BCS. Pursuant to the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment ("PPRA"), 20 U.S.C. §1232h, you have the **right to opt your student out of taking the Student Competency Survey**. For more information on your rights pursuant to the PPRA, please refer to the District's PPRA informational page in the District's Code of Conduct and Expected Behavior. To opt out, click this [link](#) to complete the opt out form electronically. If you would rather complete a paper opt out form, please contact your student's school and a paper form will be sent home with your student. A parent/guardian must indicate your student will be opted out from completing the survey by August 29th if you do not want your child to take the Student Competency Survey.

If you have specific questions or comments, please email help@boonecountyschools.us.