

Dear Parent or Guardian:

During the week of April 12, Ashland High School will be conducting an **anonymous** survey of our students in grades 9-11, called the *Developmental Relationships Survey* from Search Institute. This survey includes 3 core modules that measure Developmental Relationships, Social Emotional Learning, and Equity. For further information on each of these modules, please click [here](#). Additionally, we have added 2 optional modules, the COVID-19 module that assesses how students are feeling during the pandemic, their stress level, feelings of disconnection and how they are coping and the Drug-Free Communities module that measures 30-day substance use, perception of parental disapproval, perception of peer disapproval, and perception of risk.

The information from this survey will help our school to learn how to continue to improve upon the ways it supports our students.

The survey is not a test. It is a survey of your child's experiences and opinions. There are no right or wrong answers.

- This survey is anonymous. Students will not be asked to enter their name, student identification number, or email address.
- There are no consequences if your child chooses not to participate.
- The survey will be completed online and will take approximately 25-35 minutes to complete.
- Participation is completely voluntary. You may refuse participation on behalf of your child and your child can skip items if they so choose and end their participation at any time.
- The survey asks about young people's own experiences and ideas as well as some information about themselves (e.g., age, gender, race-ethnicity).
- There are no risks to participating in this survey. Your child will be told of their right to skip any question they do not want to answer.

We hope you will encourage your child to participate. In doing so, they will help strengthen the supports for students at Ashland High School.

If you DO NOT want your child to participate, you must complete this [form](#) on or before April 10. If you do not complete this form, your child will be invited to participate. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Ms. Jennifer Cutler at (508) 532-4015 or jcutler@ashland.k12.ma.us. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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