

TUSCOLA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL

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Dear Tuscola CUSD 301 Parents and Students,

Tuscola CUSD # 301 is writing to inform you about a student survey that will be administered at your child's school called the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This is the eleventh year the Illinois State Board of Education will implement this survey across the state. It asks students about their experiences in school, giving school leaders critical student input to help develop school improvement plans. From January 24 through March 29, students and teachers will be asked to take a 25-minute research-based survey to help identify strengths and weaknesses in their school's learning environment.

To complete the survey, student participants must log in using their state student ID and birth date. Students' identities will be completely confidential. Teachers or administrators will never see individual responses to survey questions. They will only receive aggregated information, such as the percentage of students who agree homework assignments help them learn the course material.

All teachers and 4th through 12th grade students will be asked to respond to this survey. The Tuscola School District will administer the survey at the end of February. 5Essentials Reports will be generated for schools if their teachers and/or students meet the response rate threshold of 50 percent. These reports will be sent to schools and included in the State School Report Card.

Please be aware that under the Protection of Pupil Rights Act. 20 U.S.C. Section 1232(c) (1) (A), you have the right to review a copy of the questions asked of your student(s). Survey questions can be found on the Illinois 5Essentials website.
<https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/>

Please contact your child's school if you do not want your son or daughter to participate.

There is a parent portion of the survey. Your identity and survey responses will be confidential and never connected to you or your child. To take the survey, please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/> and select the appropriate survey to begin. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact 5Essentials Customer Support at 1-866-440-1874 or impact-surveys@uchicago.edu.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Gary M. Alexander, Superintendent