Important Facts about the
Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) Student Survey

The Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) survey, taken by on average over 69,000 Kansas students annually since 1994-95, tracks teen use of harmful substances such as alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The KCTC provides communities and agencies structure in making informed decisions concerning prevention services through annual surveys. This survey is funded through the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and is used by state agencies, counties, schools and communities in Kansas to monitor the incidence and prevalence of adolescent problem behaviors and the environmental factors that put children at risk or protect them from developing those behaviors. This comprehensive data collection method has made Kansas a national leader for prevention assessment and evaluation.

1. **The survey is completely *anonymous***
   - Students are **not** asked for their names or other personally identifiable information on the questionnaire
   - No one can connect any student with his/her responses
   - School staff do not see any one student's responses

2. **Participation is entirely *voluntary***
   - Parents are informed in advance of the administration date and must give written consent for their child to participate
   - Youth may decline to participate in the survey on the day administered
   - Youth participating may simply skip any question they do not wish to answer

3. **Data is *confidential***
   - District and building level data are password protected with the password provided only to the Superintendent
   - County and state level data are available for state and county needs including reporting outcomes, tracking trends, and obtaining grant funding
   - Data is always reported as an aggregate or group, never at an individual level
   - A minimum of 25% participation and at least 20 participants per aggregation level, is required in order to report data at that level (grade, school, district, county). If participation does not meet these levels, data are not reported on the website.
   - All data are stored on an internal server at the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center. The server is not connected to the internet and passwords are required to log in. Aggregate data are uploaded to an external server that has a managed firewall, with two-factor authentication and encrypted passwords. This server houses the kctcdata.org website. District and building level data are password protected with only the respective school superintendent given the password.
   - The data are secure and have never been sold or given to any commercial group.