



Importance of the optional Family Domain Module

Why taking the optional Family Domain Module of the Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) Student Survey IS important...

- The KCTC Student Survey takes multiple environmental factors into account collecting information from four domains relevant to students' lives: community, family, peer/individual, and school. Using ALL domains strengthens our understanding of adolescent behavior, perception, and attitudes.
- We know that students are influenced by many factors and behavior and attitudes do not develop in isolation. What happens at home affects adolescent performance and behavior at school. What happens in our schools can affect adolescent attitudes toward the community, and vice-versa.
- It is critical that we look at the whole picture to determine the most appropriate approaches to focus prevention efforts.
- Research studies have shown that academic performance is affected by a whole host of risk and protective factors, including family management, opportunities for involvement in family activities, and rewards for involvement in family activities. These factors affecting students' school performance cannot be measured and taken into consideration unless the KCTC is administered including the optional Family Domain Module.
- Scale scores for all domains provide useful information for districts and counties and include both risk AND protective factors. Family protective factors are positive family attributes that act as a buffer against negative risk factors.
- When all districts and counties participate in the optional Family Domain Module, it increases the power of the data to expand our understanding of Kansas adolescents both locally and across the state.
- Certain grants and other additional funds may be tied specifically to data collected from the Family Domain Module.
- Over 90% of all Kansas districts participating in the KCTC survey administer the Family Domain Module.

To learn more, review the [KCTC Student Survey Overview and FAQ](#). If you have questions about the survey, visit www.kctcdata.org, contact the KCTC Team at Greenbush at kctc@greenbush.org or call 620-724-6281 ext. 366