

GYTS Script for Fieldworkers

1. Introduce yourself and the survey to the class (section):

Good (morning/afternoon). The [AGENCY] is conducting this student survey. One of the many responsibilities of the [AGENCY] is to help schools provide students with information about tobacco use behaviors that increase the risk of health problems now or in the future.

I'd like to thank each of you for participating. Participating in this survey is voluntary and your grade will not be affected whether or not you answer the questions. However, only a limited number of students like you are participating in this survey in schools all over the country. The answers you give are very important. I ask that you read each question carefully and answer it based on what you really know or do. I would like to emphasize that this is not a test of you or this school.

2. Distribute questionnaires and answer sheets — emphasize privacy/anonymity:

Throughout the entire survey process, I will maintain strict procedures to protect your privacy and allow for your anonymous participation. Please do not write your name on the questionnaire or the answer sheet. Your answers are private. Results of this survey will never be reported by name, class (section), or school. When everyone is done, you can put your answer sheet in this large envelope (or box).

REVIEW THE INSTRUCTIONS PAGE IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE: Now I would like you to look at the answer sheet. Use the No. 2 pencil you have been given to fill out this answer sheet. Do not use a pen or some other pencil. Notice that for each question there are a series of bubbles on the answer sheet. For each question that you answer on the survey, choose just one answer that best fits what you know or do, then fill in the corresponding bubble on the answer sheet completely. Please do not use Xs, check marks, lines, circles, or small dots when filling out the answer sheets. If you must change an answer, erase your old answer completely. Only one bubble should be filled in for each question on the answer sheet.

Please be sure to answer every question. When you are finished, look over your answer sheet to make sure that you haven't skipped any items. We have allowed the entire class (section) period for completing the survey, which means that the survey will end at approximately _____ (a.m./p.m.). If you finish before that time, stay seated.

It is important that you answer the survey based on what you really know or do. Don't pick a response just because you think that's what someone wants you to say.

READ THE INTRODUCTION PAGE IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE: Before you start, I will read some important information about the survey. Please look at the Introduction page in the questionnaire.

3. After questionnaires and answer sheets are collected:

I would like to thank all of you for participating in the survey. The information you have provided will be used to develop better health education programs for students like yourselves all around the country.