

Jackson County Department of Public Health

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JACKSON COUNTY SHAC SURVEYS YOUTH

The School Health Advisory Council of Jackson County Public Schools will be surveying youth in 6th -12th grades to better understand health issues among adolescents in our community. Surveys will be available for review at the Board of Education and the front office of each school from March 2nd – 6th. Surveys will be distributed to students March $16^{th} - 20^{th}$. SHAC is comprised of school personnel, parents, students, and community leaders. The results of the survey will be used to guide future programming for students. The surveys are completely anonymous, unable to be tracked back to the submitter, and school administrators will not see individual responses. Questions and comments based on the review can be sent to Superintendent, Dr. Kim Elliott, at (828) 586-2311.

The survey is part of a larger effort to apply for the Drug Free Communities federal grant. The grant assists coalitions with strengthening community collaboration to reduce substance abuse among youth, and address the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and also promote factors that minimize the risk. The School Health Advisory Council will be spearheading the grant process and thanks you for your support in promoting a vibrant and healthy community for Jackson County youth.

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