

The Pennsylvania Youth Survey **Timeline and Fact Sheet**

Date	Action
April 2017	Survey preview available by request (please visit http://episcenter.psu.edu/node/599) Superintendents receive notice of fall 2017 PAYS administration Agreement Forms available at www.pays.pa.gov then “2017”
May/June 2017	Bach-Harrison outreach to schools included in state sample
Summer 2017	Recruitment outreach to schools from community, prevention, & education supporters of PAYS
September 11 to November 22, 2017	PAYS administered in participating schools
December 22, 2017	Survey Return Deadline
April 2018	PAYS Reports released to schools and counties

- A biennial survey of youth in the 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades administered in the fall of odd-numbered years since 1989.
- No cost for any Pennsylvania school district or private/charter/parochial/cyber school who wishes to participate!
- Collects information on youth knowledge, attitudes and behaviors towards Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) use and other problem behaviors.
 - What our youth know, think, and believe about anti-social behaviors.
 - What our youth think about their **school environment**.
- Data from the survey is an essential component of **successful grant-writing** and can be used to leverage funding and other **resources** to help meet identified needs.
 - Provides prevention partnership opportunities to produce healthy youth development.
- Questions are asked in four domains—Community, School, Family, and Peer/Individual
 - Allows schools and communities to see what is happening in all aspects of their youths’ lives.
 - Provides a holistic view of the students’ environment including their communities, schools, families, and peers.
 - Helps to identify factors that can prevent a child from being ready to learn when they arrive at school each day.
- Surveys are **anonymous and confidential**—no individual student information can be obtained from the data set.
- In 2015, over 229,000 students across 393 School Districts and “other” schools took part in the PAYS. County reports are available for 56 counties (every one that had a minimum of two participating districts). District reports are provided directly to school district superintendents or points of contact.

For more information, visit www.pays.pa.gov, or contact Geoffrey Kolchin, PAYS Project Leader, PCCD at (717) 265-8483, gkolchin@pa.gov.

If you have worked with a local coordinator during prior PAYS administrations, please reach out to them to prepare for the 2017 administration.