

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM AND EVALUATION CONSENT**  
**[SCHOOL YEAR] SCHOOL YEAR**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

[INSERT NAME OF AGENCY] will be implementing a substance abuse prevention program called [NAME OF PROGRAM] at [INSERT SCHOOL NAME] during the 2008-2009 school year. The purpose of this program is to [INSERT PROGRAM GOAL OR PUPOSE]. As a part of the overall program, there will be an evaluation that consists of pre- and post-program surveys. *Your son or daughter does not have to take the evaluation surveys to participate in the program. Participation in the evaluation surveys is voluntary and requires your permission.*

**Survey Content.** The surveys will gather information on attitudes, thoughts, and behaviors around use of substances such as alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. A copy of the actual surveys used to evaluate this program will be provided to you upon request.

**The Evaluation is Voluntary.** Your son or daughter's participation in the evaluation of this program is voluntary. Students who agree to participate with your permission only have to answer the survey questions they want to answer and they may stop taking the survey at any time. Refusal to participate in the evaluation survey involves no penalty and your child will still be permitted to participate in the program. Your son or daughter may stop work on the evaluation survey at any time or not answer a question, for whatever reason, without penalty or consequence.

**The Evaluation is Confidential.** All personal information collected in the surveys will be kept private. The only place in which your child's name will appear will be on this consent form. The only persons who will see the consent form will be the staff persons conducting this evaluation. The overall results from this evaluation will be used to inform the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) about the effectiveness of the substance abuse prevention program. Names of individual students **will not** be shared with ADHS.

**For Further Information.** If you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in this program or the evaluation, please contact [NAME OF PREVENTION PROGRAM DIRECTOR] at [PHONE AND E-MAIL ADDRESS].

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**Substance Abuse Prevention Program- Parent/Guardian Consent Form**

Please check the appropriate box below, sign, and return this form to [NAME OF TEACHER] by [DUE DATE].

- Yes, I *give my consent* for my child to complete the evaluation survey
- No, I *do not give my consent* for my child to complete the evaluation survey

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Name of student (Please print)

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Signature of parent or guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING AND RETURNING THIS CONSENT FORM!!!**