

## **Body Mass Index (BMI) Opt Out Information**

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index, or "BMI." The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low.

Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to the New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no identifying information about individual students are sent.

The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey, please initial the statement(s) below then print and sign your name below. Please return this form to your student's building school nurse.

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Please do **not** include my child's weight status information in any/all **BMI** School Surveys \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Please do **not** include my child's weight status information in just the 2017-18 Survey \_\_\_\_\_

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Print Child's Name

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Date

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Print Parent/Guardian's Name

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Parent/Guardian's Signature