

TITLE OF RESEARCH: Evaluating the Effectiveness and Long-Term Impact of a Tobacco & Nicotine Education Project

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The investigator named above is doing a research study.

These are some things we want you to know about research studies:

We are asking you to take a survey to help us learn new things to combat smoking and vaping among children Whether or not to be in this research is your choice. You can answer all, some or none of the questions in the survey.

Why am I being asked to be in this research study?

You had tobacco and nicotine education lessons in grades 5 – 12. We are asking all students in these grades at your school to take this survey. Even if you don't remember having the lesson, we'd like you to take the survey.

What is the study about? The researchers want to know if giving tobacco and nicotine lessons every year from 5th – 12th grade will decrease the number of children who try cigarettes or vaping. A previous survey you might have done in other years was based on lessons only being taught in 5th grade, or in some schools there were no lessons at all on tobacco and nicotine. The survey is not part of your classwork and will not be graded. The teacher will not know which students are answering the survey. The survey does not ask your name and only the researchers will see the results.

What will happen during this study?

If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to take a survey once a year in their homeroom or 1st period class. You will take the 17-question survey on your school-issued electronic device (tablet or laptop). It should take about 15 minutes to finish.

Will the study hurt?

No. This is a survey you will take on your school-issued electronic device (tablet or laptop). If your parents don't want you to participate, your electronic device will be collected by the teacher while the survey is being done and the other students will know you are not participating.

What else should I know about the study?

This survey will be offered to you every year from 5th to 12th grade. Even if you take the survey one year, you don't have to take it in other years. Each year you can decide if you want to answer all, some or none of the questions.

What are the good things that might happen?

The researchers are trying to find out the best way to give tobacco and nicotine education lessons to school students. This survey will help them learn if giving lessons every year is the most helpful way.

What if I don't want to be in this study?

You do not have to be in the study if you don't want to. Your parent should call the research office at 256-551-4609. Tell us your name, your school, your grade, your homeroom teacher and that you do not have permission to take the survey. The teacher will collect your electronic device during the survey timeframe and return it after (about 15 minutes).

Who should I ask if I have any questions?

Please call Dr. Bill Coleman at 256-551-4609 or e-mail him care of paulaclawson@uabmc.edu. If you have questions about your rights as a participant in this study, please contact the UAB Office of the IRB (OIRB) at (205) 934-3789 or 1-800-822-8816. If calling the toll-free number, press the option for "all other calls" or for an operator/attendant and ask for extension 4-3789. Regular hours for the OIRB are 8:00 a.m. To 5:00 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday.

Do I have to be in the study?

No, you do not have to be in the study. Even if you say yes now, you can change your mind later. It is up to you. No one will be mad at you if you do not want to do this.

Before deciding if you want to be in the study, ask any questions you have. You can also ask questions during the time you are in the study.