



## 2011 MIYHS – Classroom Script

### [PLEASE PASS OUT SURVEYS AND READ THE FOLLOWING ALOUD TO THE CLASS]

*“Today, you will have an opportunity to complete the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey. This survey is part of a study being done by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Department of Education to help us get the information needed to plan important health-based programs to deal with problems such as drug abuse and violence in our school and community. This information will also help us to learn how well current programs are working.”*

*“I’m going to read some instructions to you about completing the survey. Please listen carefully and read the information along with me.”*

### [READ THE SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS FROM A BLANK SURVEY ALOUD TO THE CLASS]

*“If you do not wish to do the survey, please leave it on your desk, and read or work quietly instead. If you choose to participate, please answer the questions as honestly as you can, so that the information from these surveys is correct and useful.”*

*“The first thing that we are going to do is to fill out the survey ID codes.”* [THE SCHOOL ID AND CLASS ID FROM THE FRONT OF THE CLASSROOM ENVELOPE SHOULD BE LISTED ON THE BOARD. THE STUDENTS WILL FILL THESE NUMBERS IN ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> GRADE SURVEY BOOKLET AND THE FIRST SIDE OF THE ANSWER SHEETS FOR GRADES 7-12.]

### [AFTER STUDENTS HAVE FILLED IN THE IDs]

*“You may begin.”*

### **\*\*GENERAL INSTRUCTION FOR ANSWERING STUDENTS’ QUESTIONS\*\***

The general responses listed below should be used when a student has a question about a particular item or set of items on the survey. Choose the most appropriate general response from the set of responses listed below:

#### ***Student does not understand the question or a particular word in the question:***

- “If you are not sure what a particular word or question means, try to answer it to the best of your ability or leave it blank”

#### ***Student is not sure if they know the right answer:***

- “I want to stress that there are no right or wrong answers. Answer the best that you can.”

#### ***Student cannot find a response option that fits exactly:***

- “If you can’t find an answer that fits exactly, choose the one that comes closest.”

***Student says the question doesn't apply:***

- "If the question does not apply to you, try to answer it to the best of your ability or leave it blank"

***Student asks why there are no skip patterns:***

- "There are no skip patterns in the survey to make sure student's confidentiality is protected."

**[READ TO CLASS AT THE END OF THE SURVEY PERIOD]**

*"The class period is over now. If you have not finished the survey, please stop where you are now and close the survey booklet. I'm passing around an envelope now. Please put your survey inside the envelope and pass it to the next person. Will the last person seal the envelope and return it to me?"*

*"If this survey has raised concerns about alcohol or drug abuse or any other issue, please speak to a school counselor or other trusted adult. You can also call the State Crisis Hotline at 888-568-1112. If you have questions about your rights related to the survey, I can give you information on who to call. On behalf of our school, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Department of Education, I would like to thank you for your participation in this important study."*

**[IMMEDIATELY RETURN SURVEYS IN THE SEALED ENVELOPE  
TO YOUR SCHOOL'S MIYHS CONTACT PERSON.]**