

Student Weight Status Category Survey for 2013-2014 School Year

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 is selected each year to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. Garden City School District has been selected to be part of the survey the 2013-2014 school year. We will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

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.

If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please print and sign your name below and return this form before December 9, 2013 to:

Garden City High School Health Office
170 Rockaway Avenue
Garden City, New York 11530

Please do not include my child's weight status information in the 2013-2014 School Survey.

Print Child's Name

Date

Print Parent's Name

Parent's Signature