

myPLTW Student Survey Opt-In Feature FAQs

This FAQ is designed to help educators understand how the student survey opt-in feature works and how it impacts student access to surveys within myPLTW.

Note: If your school is selected to participate in a student survey, PLTW will provide you with additional information and resources.

A copy of the most recent Student Interest & Experience Survey items can be found [here](#).

General Questions

1. Why is PLTW introducing this opt-in feature?

PLTW is introducing this feature to respect district and state-level policies regarding student participation in surveys and to ensure that appropriate authorization is in place before surveys are administered.

2. Who needs to complete the survey opt-in decision?

The district PLTW Program Coordinator is responsible for completing and submitting the opt-in decision on behalf of the district. Once Program Coordinators have opted-in the district, Site Coordinators can opt-out their individual school.

3. How often should the opt-in be completed?

The opt-in should be completed at the beginning of each school year to ensure survey permissions are current. If a new selection is not made, the prior year's selection will be carried forward. Permissions can be updated at the district or school level at any time.

Permissions & Policy

4. Why is district approval required for student survey participation?

Many districts and states have policies governing student participation in surveys. District-level approval ensures compliance with these requirements.

5. What types of surveys does this opt-in apply to?

This opt-in applies to PLTW-administered student surveys for students in 3rd–12th grade, designed to gather feedback on their PLTW experience for program improvement.

6. Does this allow me to opt schools out of grant-related surveys?

No. Schools that receive PLTW grant funding and are required to complete grant-related surveys as a condition of their award are still expected to participate in those surveys. The district opt-in setting does not apply to required grant surveys, as participation is governed by the terms of the grant agreement.

7. Does opting-in apply to all schools in the district?

Yes, the opt-in decision applies to all PLTW schools within the district. However, Program Coordinators and Site Coordinators can opt-out individual schools.

8. Can individual schools opt-in if the district has opted-out?

No, individual schools cannot override a district-level opt-out decision. If the district does not grant permission, schools in that district will not participate in PLTW surveys.

9. Can the opt-in decision be changed after it is submitted?

Yes, Program Coordinators can revoke district approval to participate in PLTW surveys in myPLTW at any time.

Process & How-to

10. How does a Program Coordinator complete the survey opt-in in myPLTW?

Program Coordinators can log in to myPLTW and navigate to Account Management within My Sites. Scroll down to the Survey Participation section.

Survey Participation  Not Answered

Manage whether PLTW student surveys are distributed to sites in this district.

Click the edit icon.

Select 'yes' to opt the district in and "no" to opt-out. Save changes at the bottom of the screen.

Student Survey Participation

PLTW Staff District

PLTW annually sends short surveys to students in grades 3–12 through the myPLTW platform to gather feedback about their classroom experience. This feedback helps PLTW improve curriculum, resources, and support for students and educators.

Before selecting yes or no below, check with your district privacy team to ensure compliance with local and state survey policies.

Does your district permit students to participate in surveys administered by PLTW? (Yes/No)?

- Selecting YES opts in all schools in your district by default and allows PLTW to distribute surveys to students at schools that remain opted in. District-level program coordinators and school-level site coordinators may opt individual schools out of surveys.
- Selecting NO opts out all schools in your district. PLTW will not distribute surveys to students at any school in the district, and this selection cannot be changed at the school level.

Please note that PLTW randomly selects PLTW programs to participate in student surveys. Selecting Yes does not guarantee that any programs in your district will be selected for a survey.

Please note that selecting No does not apply to students in programs that receive PLTW grant funding and are required to complete grant-related surveys as a condition of their award.

See the [FAQ document](#) for more information about the survey opt-in/opt-out process and to access the survey items.

Opt In to student surveys for PLTW Staff District?

YES NO

1 of 22 sites opted in

[Opt In All Sites](#) [Opt Out All Sites](#)

Search sites...

Site	Student Surveys
Ben and Kyle Test School	OPTED IN OPT OUT
Ben's Test Site	OPT IN OPTED OUT
Ben's Test Site	OPT IN OPT OUT
Ben's Test Site	OPT IN OPT OUT
Ben's Test Site A	OPT IN OPT OUT

CANCEL SAVE CHANGES

Program Coordinators can opt-out individual schools by selecting "OPTED OUT" next to the specific school. Save changes at the bottom of the screen. The survey participation section will then be updated to reflect the choices you have selected.

Survey Participation

Opted In to receiving student surveys.

1 of 22 sites opted in

Manage whether PLTW student surveys are distributed to sites in this district.

11. How does a Site Coordinator opt-out their school?

Site Coordinators can opt-out their school by selecting Sites within My Sites and then scrolling down to the Survey Participation section.

Survey Participation  Manage whether PLTW student surveys are distributed to this site.	Not Answered The District has opted in and so this School is considered to be opted in. Override by clicking the Survey Participation button.
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Click the edit icon next to Survey Participation, select OPT OUT, and save changes. This process will need to be completed for each school that a Site Coordinator chooses to opt-out.

Student Survey Participation

Eric Sunny Sail School

PLTW annually sends short surveys to students in grades 3–12 through the myPLTW platform to gather feedback about their classroom experience. This feedback helps PLTW improve curriculum, resources, and support for students and educators.

Your District PLTW Program Coordinator has indicated that your school is eligible to participate in student surveys. Select "Opt-in" to affirm your school allows students to respond to PLTW surveys. Select "Opt out" to remove your school from the list of schools eligible to receive student surveys.

See the [FAQ document](#)  for more information about the survey opt-in/opt-out process and to access the survey items.

Opt In to student surveys for Eric Sunny Sail School?

OPTED IN

OPT OUT

CANCEL

SAVE CHANGES

12. How will schools know if they are allowed to participate in surveys?

Site Coordinators will be able to view the opt-in status in myPLTW. Site Coordinators can opt-out their individual school. Schools that are opted-in will receive communications if they are selected to participate in a student survey.

Survey Participation  Manage whether PLTW student surveys are distributed to this site.	Opted Out of receiving student surveys. The district has not opted in to receive student surveys. Contact your Program Coordinator to opt in.
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13. What happens if the Program Coordinator does not make a selection?

If no response is submitted, schools will not be eligible to participate in PLTW student surveys until the Program Coordinator selects 'Yes' to opt the district in.

Student Survey Participation

Buckhorn High School

PLTW annually sends short surveys to students in grades 3–12 through the myPLTW platform to gather feedback about their classroom experience. This feedback helps PLTW improve curriculum, resources, and support for students and educators.

Your District PLTW Program Coordinator has not yet indicated whether PLTW schools can participate in surveys. If you would like to be eligible to participate in student surveys, please contact the PLTW Program Coordinator for your school/district and request that they "opt in" for your school.

See the [FAQ document](#) for more information about the survey opt-in/opt-out process and to access the survey items.

Opt In to student surveys for Buckhorn High School?

The district has not opted in to receive student surveys. Contact your Program Coordinator to opt in.

14. What happens if the Site Coordinator does not make a selection?

Schools will inherit the district-level selection made by the Program Coordinator. If the Program Coordinator has opted-in the district, all schools will be opted-in by default until the Site Coordinator chooses to opt-out their school

15. I am an independent school, not a school within a district. How do I opt my school in or out of student surveys?

You will follow the same steps as the Program Coordinator, noted above. Log in to myPLTW and navigate to Account Management within My Sites. Scroll down to the Survey Participation section.

Survey Participation

Not Answered

Manage whether PLTW student surveys are distributed to this site.

Click the edit icon.

Student Survey Participation

Standalone Voortyashtan High School

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Opt In to student surveys for Standalone Voortyashtan High School?

YES

NO

CANCEL

SAVE CHANGES

Select 'yes' to opt the district in and "no" to opt-out. Save changes at the bottom of the screen. The survey participation section will then be updated to reflect the choice you have selected.

Survey Participation

Opted In to receiving student surveys.

Manage whether PLTW student surveys are distributed to this site.

Data & Privacy

16. Are surveys required for students if a district opts-in?

No, participation in surveys is voluntary. Districts and schools should follow their local policies regarding parent/guardian consent and student participation. Students may individually decline to participate at the time of the survey.

17. How is student data protected in PLTW surveys?

PLTW follows established data privacy and security practices to protect student information and ensure data is handled responsibly.

18. Are surveys anonymous or confidential?

Surveys are confidential, meaning PLTW may connect survey responses to student accounts and related data. PLTW will keep survey responses and related student information confidential. We will not use individual student names in reports and no one outside the PLTW research and data teams can

connect a student with their answers. Students' responses will be analyzed with responses from other students, so no one will be able to tell what information came from an individual student.

19. What data is collected through student surveys?

PLTW student surveys typically collect student feedback on their classroom experiences, engagement, and perceptions of PLTW programs and impacts.

20. How is survey data used by PLTW?

Survey data is used to improve curriculum, resources, and support so that students and educators get the most out of their PLTW programs. PLTW may also use results from the survey to share general information about what students think about our programs with our Network, funders, and partners.

Troubleshooting & Support

21. Who should I contact if I have questions about the opt-in process?

The PLTW Solution Center is available seven days a week to assist with any questions about the opt-in process. You can contact them by phone (877.335.7589) or email (solutioncenter@pltw.org).