



Dear Parent or Guardian,

During the weeks of January 20-February 12, 2026, Capistrano Unified School District will be asking students in grades 3-12 to participate in a CUSD Cares school climate survey prepared by the Capistrano Unified School District. This survey is designed to measure the feelings of safety and well-being for all of our students and families. We are also asking Parents/Guardians to complete a family survey as well so that you have an opportunity to share your opinions about your student's school experience.

**Survey Content:** The survey provides your student with the opportunity to share their opinions in order to help your school identify strengths and areas for improvement to promote academic success and well-being for every student. There is one version for grades 3-5 and a second version for grades 6-12. To view all of the questions on the CUSD Cares surveys, please click on the following links:

- [Students: Grades 3-5](#)
- [Students: Grade 6-12](#)
- [Family \(parent/guardian\)](#)

**Voluntary:** It is important that students participate in this survey. However, your student is not required to participate, and **will not be penalized or discriminated against in any way for not participating in the survey.** Additionally, students who participate do not have to answer any questions they do not want to answer and may stop taking the survey at any time.

**Timeline:** The student survey will be administered **between January 20 to February 12, 2026.** It takes about 15 minutes to complete and will be administered during class time.

**Parent/Guardian Survey:** A link, with access to the parent/guardian survey, will be sent to all parents/guardians on January 20, 2026. You will have the opportunity to select your student's school. If you have students in more than one school, you can choose to submit a survey for each school site your students attend. Your family only needs to submit one survey per school. The link will remain open until February 12, 2026 and should take about 15 minutes to complete.

**Additional Information:** The surveys were developed by the Capistrano Unified School District using the Panorama survey platform. If you would like to preview the survey questions please visit our Capistrano Unified School District [CUSD Cares Survey Website](#).

*If you do not want your student to participate in the CUSD Cares survey, please complete the section below and return it to your school's front office by January 9, 2026.*

#### **Survey Withdrawal Form**

**By returning this form, I do not give permission for my student to take the CUSD Cares survey.**

*(Please Print)*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_