



SIENA RESEARCH INSTITUTE: CYBER CENSUS FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY? To gather primary data from students in grades 7-12 and from their parents/guardians to assess problems, threats, effects, and attitudes towards interventions as they relate to teen internet and smartphone behaviors.

WHAT WILL THE SURVEY REQUIRE? The surveys will take approximately 15 minutes to complete and asks your child about their attitude and behavior online. Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Act, you have the right to see a copy of a blank survey sent to your child and read all the questions. Copies of the survey are available upon request and may be emailed or mailed to you. If you would like to view a copy, please contact sienaresearch@siena.edu.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE STUDY? Individual participants will not receive any incentives or awards. Your child may benefit indirectly by knowing he or she has made a contribution to research that will help others in the future. In addition, after the conclusion of this study, AT&T and the Tyler Clementi Foundation will work with your school to produce an assembly to address issues pertaining to online behavior.

ARE THERE ANY RISKS OF THE STUDY? This voluntary survey includes some questions about personal matters and your child may feel uncomfortable answering these questions. Your child may decline to answer any question he or she does not want to answer.

WHO WILL SEE THE INFORMATION? The survey is entirely anonymous which means that you and the school cannot see the student's answers (nor can the school or the student see your answers. A participant's identity collected from this registration form will only be available to the research team at the Siena Research Institute, solely for the purpose of sending the online survey and any follow-up reminders through email. No identifying information will be collected in either the student survey or the parent survey. The results of this study will only be reported in aggregate, with no way to identify individual participants.

WHO MAY I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION? If you have any questions about this project now or in the future, please ask. Don Levy can be reached by email at sienaresearch@siena.edu. This survey has been approved (IRB#03-16-024) by the Institutional Review Board at Siena College which reviews all human subjects research. If you have any questions about the process that is used by Siena to protect participants in the research from any harm, please contact Mary Lou D'Allegro at mdallegro@siena.edu.