

Dear HSTA Teacher,

The primary purpose for this survey is for program evaluation; however, you will have the opportunity to participate in research. There are approximately 80 participants in this research study. The purpose of this research is to help us to show how important HSTA is to West Virginia students. We also would like to know if you believe the program works, and if it is helping students to reach their desired goals and dreams. We would also like to know if the program contributes to your professional development. It will take you approximately 20 minutes to complete this survey.

Overtime, you will be approached to complete similar surveys; however, you are under no obligation to complete these surveys. If you do decide to complete future surveys, your confidentiality will be thoroughly protected by a unique identification code which will not be linked to your name or address or demographic information. We would like to use your responses to publish research papers and tell others about HSTA. We will not publish or report your name or any information that can identify you in any way. All of your responses will be grouped together with other teachers who are affiliated with the program. There are no risks in taking this survey except for mild discomfort associated with taking surveys, and there are no direct benefits to you; however, the researchers will have a better understanding of the impact of the program. You do not have to participate in this study. Finally, your standing as a HSTA teacher will not be affected if you decide not to participate in the Research component.

If you have any questions about the research project, contact Sherron Benson McKendall, Ph.D. (304) 293-1651. For information regarding your rights as a research subject, contact the Office of Research Compliance (304) 293-7073.

At the end of the survey you will be asked to answer “yes” or “no” to the following statements:

1. I have read the cover letter on research.
2. I understand what I read in the cover letter on research.
3. I agree to have my responses used as research

Thank you,

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