



# SAVE Student's Act Education Opt-Out Form

**Sign & Return ONLY if opting out**

Ohio's 133rd General Assembly enacted [House Bill 123](#), the "Safety and Violence Education Students (SAVE Students) Act," regarding school security and youth suicide awareness education and training. The state legislation calls for a comprehensive approach to school safety involving the Ohio departments of Education, Public Safety, Mental Health and Addiction Services and Attorney General's Office.

- Starting in the 2023-2024 school year, in grades 6 through 12 and continuing each subsequent year, schools must include at least three hours total (or three standard class period) per school year of evidence-based instruction in each of the following topics:
  - Suicide awareness and prevention;
  - Safety training and violence prevention; and
  - Social inclusion
- Each school district must use a training program approved by the Ohio Department of Education
- Upon written request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in suicide prevention, violence prevention, and social inclusion.

\_\_\_\_\_**OPT OUT:** As parent/legal guardian of (*student name*) \_\_\_\_\_, I request to have my child be excused from taking instruction regarding SAVE Student's Act Education.

Student Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If opted out, a student's "opt out" status remains active through the 2024-2025 school year.