

MADISON CITY

MENTAL HEALTH OPT-IN FAQ

1) How do I complete Madison City School's Mental Health Opt-In form?

The primary contact listed for the student will receive an email with a link to complete the survey. You may also log into droplet with your parent email and find the form. If you are unable to complete the online survey, please ask your student's school for a paper copy.

2) Why do I need to fill out the Mental Health Opt-In form?

Recent updates to Alabama law changed the age of consent for mental health services from 14 to 16 and updated definitions of mental health services. In order for students under the age of 16 to receive mental health services at school, parents must opt-in.

3) Didn't I already complete this during registration?

The annual notification and opt-in forms are provided during enrollment. The recent law changes make it necessary to update student information and require consent up to age 16 for mental health services.

If your student is under 16, then you must complete a MH Opt-In form per student.

If your child is under 14, then you completed a MH Opt-in Form during enrollment. Updates have been made to the form so by completing a new form, you will update your permission level. Parents will be asked to complete this annually.

5) What if I am not sure if my child needs mental health services?

Opting-in does not automatically sign a student up for these services. These services are based on the needs of individual students and availability of services at the specific school. For specific mental health services (Example: school based mental health counseling or small group counseling), a specific permission form will be provided outlining the services, who is providing services, etc.

MCS Board Policy 6.13 reflects the new change.

If you have any questions about services at your child's school, please reach out to the School Counselor. You can also reach out to the district Mental Health Services Coordinator at slallen@madisoncity.k12.al.us with any questions.