

Creating the Best Club Experience
Boys & Girls Clubs of West Alabama
Member Assessment Permission Form

Your child's opinions are important and we want them to have the best experience at the Club. Our Clubs can only get better if we hear from our members. We invite your child to participate in BGCWA's outcome assessments that focus on academic success, healthy lifestyles, character & leadership, and their opinions about this Club. To provide the children of this community with the most effective and fun programs requires us to periodically ask members about their life and their experiences at the Club. The information we gather will be used to help Club staff better understand Club members and the programs that will best promote their overall success as students and as successful adults.

By initialing below, you indicate that you are the parent or guardian of the permission named in this membership application and that you give your consent to and give authorization for your child to participate in Member Assessments used by Boys & Girls Clubs of West Alabama, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and their subsidiaries and affiliates. These assessments may include household information, your child's grades, demographics, and/or survey information:

_____ **I give permission for my child to participate in Member Assessments.**

_____ **I DO NOT give permission for my child to participate in Member Assessments.**

The assessments will be administered several times over the school year and summer program in supervised groups at the Club. These assessments with Club members include, but are not limited to: confidential surveys on the outcome areas, reading and math assessments, and physical fitness assessments. We also collect demographic information and school report cards through the membership process. We hope you will allow your child to participate. As you consider doing so, we want you to know about your rights as a parent or guardian:

- Your child's participation in the assessment is entirely voluntary. You must give your permission for him/her to participate. The child also must agree to participate. If you do not give your permission, or if the child decides not to participate, there will be no penalty or consequences for anyone involved.
- The purpose of the assessments is to satisfy reporting requirements to our community partners, to better understand positive youth development, and to create better programs – the information is not used for any other purpose. There are no right or wrong answers to the outcomes surveys (questions are about feelings, opinions, and experiences.)
- There are no known discomforts or hazards associated with participation – only assessments & surveys are involved.
- Copies of the assessments are available if you would like to review any of the questions being asked. To do so you must inform the Director of your Club.

All information from the assessments is kept confidential to the full extent allowed by law. The completed electronic surveys will remain secured within our membership database accessible only to BGCWA's leadership team. No other children or staff at the Club or anywhere else will know what answers your child provides. All information collected on the NYOI survey will remain secured with BGCA. All of the findings will be combined, summarized, and reported in group form so that it is impossible to identify individuals. A summary of the findings will be made available to parents by request.

School Data Release (Indicate by Initial)

Boys & Girls Clubs of West Alabama (BGCWA) will maintain all member files and records in a confidential and secure manner. In order to better serve members, BGCWA may file a formal data request with your child's school district. If approved, BGCWA will share with the school district the names of members who attend the Clubs in that district. This data request would grant BGCWA access to member's existing academic data. BGCWA would use the data for three purposes: (a) identify member's academic needs; (b) evaluate the effectiveness of BGCWA programs; (c) tailor programming and services to better meet member's academic needs. Please indicate whether you authorize BGCWA to include your child in this school data release.

Note: Files for all programs funded in whole or in part by the Alabama Department of Human Resources are available for monitoring and subject to audit by the Alabama Department of Human Resources. Communication of member information to persons or agencies other than ALDHR or your local school district will require written approval of the member's parent.

_____ I give permission to BGCWA to request academic information from my child's school district.

_____ I DO NOT give permission to BGCWA to request academic information from my child's school district.