

Statement to 10th Grade Students from the Researchers



ISCY
International Study
of City Youth

What is the International Study of City Youth?

The International Study of City Youth (ISCY) is a major international research project, involving 10th Grade students in cities around the world.

The study will help answer questions like:

- What subjects and courses do senior secondary students choose in different countries?
- How do these choices influence what happens to them when they leave school?
- Do students have different outcomes and opportunities, depending on where they live?
- What do students think about school and society, and how does this influence their choices?

How do I participate in ISCY?

Your school has been selected to represent your city in the study. Your teacher will organise a time for you to complete a 40-minute online Student Survey and a 40-minute Skills Test. The test and the survey will both be completed in your normal class time at school. The Student Survey asks about your background, views and future plans, and the Skills Test tests your reading and math. The Survey and the Test are both simply to find out about you, and there is no 'pass' or 'fail'.

As part of the Student Survey, we will ask you for your contact details. The ISCY research team will then contact you again a couple of times over the next four years, to ask you about how you are going, what you are doing and any changes in your plans for further study and work. This will involve completing a brief survey (less than 10 minutes) either online or over the phone.

All information and answers you provide are entirely confidential. When the data is reported, your answers will be combined with those of other students, and no information that could identify you as an individual will be released. All contact details for students will be destroyed upon completion of the project.

Do I have to participate?

Your participation in the study is voluntary, and you are also free to withdraw from the study at any time. If you are not willing to participate, your teacher will make other arrangements for you while the rest of your class are completing the Student Survey and the Skills Test.

How can I find out more?

For further information, visit the project website, www.iscy.org. The website includes information about the other students and schools participating in the project around the world. It also has contact details for the research teams in each participating city, if you have any questions about the project.

***We hope you will share our interest in finding out about students' views and choices around the world.
We look forward to talking to you in future about your plans, progress and ideas.***