

# Identifying Uninsured Students by... Adding a Question about Health Insurance Status on School Annual Forms



The Children's Defense Fund and AASA, have spearheaded school-based health outreach partnerships with schools whose efforts have led to successfully identifying large numbers of uninsured children. When school districts follow a simple method: Adding a question about a child's health insurance status on annual school forms, we move closer to getting all children enrolled with health coverage so they come to school healthier and ready to learn.

School districts may consider adding a question(s) about health insurance to include:

- Annual Enrollment Registration
- Student Emergency Care Card
- Immunizations Forms
- Student Questionnaires/Surveys
- School Sports Team Health Forms
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



Think creativity! Are there other school forms your district can add this question to in order to identify students who need health insurance?

**Below is a template for your school district to consider when revising your annual school forms that are sent to parents:**

Does your child have health insurance?

Yes    No    I don't know

If you checked "No," your child may be eligible for free or low-cost health insurance through Medicaid or CHIP.

Please check this box to get more information or assistance in obtaining health insurance for your child(ren).

I would like assistance with renewing my child's health insurance.

I give (*School District/Community Health Enrollment Partners*) consent to contact me with more information.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Note: Consider review from your school district's legal counsel. Consider translating this form in other languages as needed.