WACO Elementary uses a variety of screening tools throughout the school year to identify what additional supports students may benefit from at school. All information collected is confidential and used to support the student and school needs.

Senate File 496, signed into law by Gov. Kim Reynolds on May 26, requires that students must receive permission from their parents before taking a survey at school. The law prevents students from taking surveys “designed to assess the student’s mental, emotional or physical health that is not required by state or federal law” without first acquiring the written consent of the student’s parent or guardian.Parents may opt out at any time by emailing Mrs. Abbey Shelman at abbey.shelman@wacocsd.org.

The surveys WACO Elementary uses are the following:

SAEBRS (Social, Academic and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener) in kindergarten through 6th grade. This is a teacher observation survey only completed by teachers. Students do not see the questions in this survey. Click here for additional information about SAEBERS. This is taken in the fall, winter, and spring. Click here to view the questions asked.

mySAEBRS (my Social, Academic and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener) in 2nd grade through 6th grade. Students in 2nd - 6th grade complete this questionnaire. Click here to view the questions on the survey. Click here for additional information about mySAEBRS. This survey is given in the fall, winter, and spring.

Why do we use social emotional surveys?
They are a short, simple check-in that asks students how they're doing socially, emotionally, and behaviorally. Think of it as a quick "wellness check" — similar to how we screen for reading or math skills, but for how kids are feeling and getting along with others.The results help our staff notice early if a student might need extra support — whether that's help managing emotions, building friendships, or staying focused — so we can step in with the right resources *before* small challenges become bigger ones.

Questions, want more info, or not sure if your child has permission on file?
Reach out to Abbey Shelman at abbey.shelman@wacocsd.org — I am happy to help!