ILD - STUDENT SUBMISSION TO EDUCATIONAL SURVEYS AND RESEARCH

In this policy, "surveys, analyses, or evaluations" refer to methods of gathering data for any purpose regardless of who or what entity asks the question, sends the survey, conducts the analysis or evaluations.

Without the prior written consent of the student's parent/guardian, or of the student if they are at least 18 years of age, no student shall be required as part of any program wholly or partially funded by the U.S. Department of Education to submit to, be included in, or be sent any survey, analyses, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent/guardian;

2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;

3. Sex behavior or attitudes; For the avoidance of any doubt in BBRSD this also includes but is not limited to questions concerning sexual orientation, gender or preferred gender, or anything related to a students sexuality;

4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;

5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;

6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;

7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents/guardian; or

8. Income, other than as required by law to determine eligibility for school programs or for receiving financial assistance under such program.

All instructional materials, including teachers' manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material which will be used in connection with any such survey, analysis, or evaluation shall be sent to parents ahead of the event and be available upon request for inspection by the student's parent/guardian at any time. For the purpose of this policy, "instructional material" does not include academic tests or assessments.

A parent/guardian shall be provided all materials for a survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed to a student.

The Superintendent or designee will be responsible for implementing any procedures necessary to protect the privacy of participating students and to provide parents/guardians with access to surveys within a reasonable time before administration or distribution.

The School District will notify parents/guardians of this policy at least annually at the beginning of the school year and within a reasonable time of any substantive change in policy.

The District will directly notify parents/guardians annually at the beginning of the school year, and during the school year, when surveys, analyses, or evaluations are scheduled or anticipated. Parents/guardians WILL BE REQUIRED TO OPT THEIR CHILDREN IN TO PARTICIPATION WHEN THE SURVEY CONTAINS TOPICS LISTED ABOVE. Students who are 18 years of age or older may opt out of such surveys, analyses, or evaluations. Parents/guardians or eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office of the U.S. Department of Education.

LEGAL REF.: Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h
CROSS REF.: JRA, Student Records
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