

Lower Merion School District

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R263 STUDENT SURVEYS

Surveys Receiving Funding from the United States Department of Education

In accordance with the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, the following procedures shall apply:

1. The District shall make instructional materials available for inspection by parents/guardians if those materials will be used in connection with a United States Department of Education-funded survey, analysis, or evaluation in which their children participate; and
2. The District shall obtain written parent/guardian consent before any minor student is required to participate in any United States Department of Education-funded survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:
 - Political affiliations;
 - Mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or student's family;
 - Sexual behavior and attitudes
 - Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior;
 - Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 - Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers; or
 - Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

All Other Surveys Governed by This Policy

The Superintendent or designee will review any proposed surveys prior to their administration to students.

Prior to approving a survey to be administered to students, the Superintendent or designee will ensure that the survey is age and content appropriate and aligned with the District's mission and strategic plan.

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If the Superintendent or designee approves a survey to be administered to the student, parents/guardians will be notified of the intention to administer the survey at least two weeks prior to such administration.

Parents/guardians may contact the school administrator designated in the notification to review the survey and/or obtain further explanation regarding how the survey data will be utilized prior to the administration of the survey.

Parents/guardians may submit a written request to the school administrator designated in the notification to opt their child(ren) out of participation in the survey. Students will not face any adverse consequences for being opted out of any specific survey.

Cross References

Policy/Administrative Regulation 244 (Research by Outside Research Entities)