

Instruction

Surveys of Students (Student Privacy)

In this policy, “surveys, analyses, or evaluations” refer to methods of gathering data for research purposes.

No student shall be required as part of any program wholly or partially funded by the U.S. Department of Education to submit to any survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

- A. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student’s parent;
- B. Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student’s family;
- C. Sex behavior or attitudes;
- D. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- E. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- F. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- G. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student’s parents; or
- H. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program without the prior written consent of the student’s parent/guardian. For the purpose of this policy, “instructional material” does not include academic tests or assessments.

All instructional materials, regardless of format, including teachers’ manuals, films, tapes or other supplementary material which will be used in connection with any such survey, analysis, or evaluation shall be available upon request for inspection by the student’s parent/guardian, or of the student, if he/she is 18 years of age or older. Academic tests and assessments are not included.

A parent may inspect, upon request, a survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed to a student.

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

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Surveys of Students (Student Privacy) (continued)

The schools will notify parents of this policy at least annually at the beginning of the school year and within a reasonable time of any substantive change in policy. Insofar as practicable,* schools will also directly notify parents annually at the beginning of the school year when surveys, analyses, or evaluations are scheduled or anticipated. Parents shall have the opportunity to opt out of such surveys, analyses, or evaluations.

**"Insofar as practicable" acknowledges that there may be circumstances in which a research request is made or is approved only after the school year has begun. When this occurs, the school unit should notify parents far enough in advance for them to access surveys and related instructional materials and to opt their children out, if desired.*

(cf. 6141.11 - Curriculum Research/Experimental Projects)

(cf. 6161 – Equipment, Books and Materials: Provision/Selection)

(cf. 6161.1 – Evaluation/Selection of Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6161.12 – Reconsideration of Materials)

Legal Reference: P.L. 103-227 Section 1017 (which amends Section 439 of the General Education Provisions Act)

P.L. 107-110, (HR 1-“Leave No Child Behind”) § 1061/1062 – Student Privacy, Parental Access to Information, and Administration of Certain Physical Examinations to Minors.

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WRITTEN CONSENT OF STUDENT SUBMISSION TO
SURVEYS, PERSONAL ANALYSIS, OR EVALUATIONS

(This form is to be used to provide as required by federal law written consent of a student's parent or guardian to the student's participation in a survey, a personal analysis, or an evaluation.)

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

Grade/School Year: _____ Birthdate of Student: _____

Name of Student's Parent or Guardian: _____

Address of Parent or Guardian: _____

The survey, personal analysis, or evaluation reveals the following information: (check all those applicable)

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent.
- Religious beliefs, practices, or affiliations of the student or the student's parent.
- Mental or psychological conditions that may embarrass the student or his/her family.
- Sexual behavior and attitudes.
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior.
- Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the student has a close family relationship.
- Legally recognized privileged or confidential relationships, including a relationship with a lawyer, physician, or minister.
- Income (except as required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under a program.)

A copy of the personal analysis, survey, or evaluation is attached for your review.

I, (name of parent/guardian of student), consent to the participation of (name of student) in the attached survey, personal analysis, or evaluation.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

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RIGHT TO INSPECT CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL

In addition to any other rights with respect to the inspection of instructional materials, the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in a school within the Amity Regional #5 School Corporation which receives funds from the United States Department of Education either directly or indirectly, shall be entitled to inspect those instructional materials which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any school program or curriculum.

Any complaints arising under this policy may be submitted in accordance with the policy for parental (public) complaints.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. 1232h(a)

**STUDENT SUBMISSION TO REQUIRED SURVEYS,
ANALYSIS, OR EVALUATIONS OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

No student shall be required without prior written consent of the student's parent or guardian, as part of any school program or curriculum which receives funds from the United States Department of Education, to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation which reveals information concerning:

- (1) political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
- (2) mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- (3) sex behavior or attitudes;
- (4) illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- (5) critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- (6) legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- (7) religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent; or
- (8) income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. 1232h(b)