

STUDENT SURVEYS

(For more information, see School Board Policy #520)

Student surveys may be conducted as determined necessary by the School District. Surveys, analyses, and evaluations conducted as part of any program funded through the U.S. Dept of Education must comply with 20 U.S.C. § 1232h. Any violations of this policy may be reported to the US Dept of Education, Family Policy Compliance Office (FPCO), 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20202.

1. Student surveys will be conducted anonymously and in an indiscernible fashion. No mechanism will be used for identifying the participating student in any way. No attempt will be made in any way to identify a student survey participant. There will be no requirement that the student return the survey, and no record of the student's returning a survey will be maintained.
2. The Superintendent may choose not to approve any survey that seeks probing personal and/or sensitive information that could result in identifying the survey participant, or is discriminatory in nature based on age, race, color, sex, disability, religion, or national origin.
3. Surveys containing questions pertaining to the student's or the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) personal beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality and religion will not be administered to any student unless the parent or guardian of the student is notified in writing that such survey is to be administered and the parent or guardian of the student gives written permission for the student to participate or the opportunity to opt out of the survey depending upon how the survey is funded. Any and all documents containing the written permission of a parent for a student to participate in a survey will be maintained by the School District in a file separate from the survey responses.
4. Although the survey is conducted anonymously, potential exists for personally identifiable information to be provided in response thereto. To the extent that personally identifiable information of a student is contained in his or her responses to a survey, the School District will take appropriate steps to ensure the data is protected in accordance with Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) and 34 C.F.R. Part 99.

The complete policy can be found on the school district's website under school board/district policies or by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 507-460-1900.