

STUDENT SURVEYS

The Indian River Board of Education recognizes that at times outside agencies may request that students complete surveys. Specific procedures will be followed when students are asked to complete a survey that concerns one or more of the following areas:

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 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).

In accordance with the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) Statute: 20 U.S.C. §123h. Regulations: 34 CFR Part 98, the district shall publish at the beginning of each school year a statement notifying parents of the following information regarding surveys that contain questions about one or more of the eight protected areas listed above:

1. Parents have the right to refuse to have their children participate in the survey.
2. Parents have the right to request to review the survey, any instructional materials used in connection with the survey, and any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum for the student.
3. If the district is asked to participate in a new survey after the commencement of the school year, the district will notify parents immediately of the date of this administration and provide them the opportunity to review the survey and to refuse to have their child participate.

Parents may request to inspect the survey, any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum for students, and/or the instrument used in the collection of personal information prior to administration/use. This request may be either verbal or written, except in the case of a "parent designee" where the request must be made in writing. Parents should be provided an opportunity for this review within ten (10) days of the request.

All surveys containing one or more of the eight protected areas listed above will be kept anonymous. They will be checked upon collection and any survey bearing specific student-identifying information will be destroyed immediately.

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