

Title: Protection of Pupil Rights

The District shall comply with the Federal Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment. Annual notice of rights under PPRA will be provided to parents/guardians and/or students. This notice shall also identify any changes in policies or procedures since previous publication. Notice shall also be provided within a reasonable period of time after any substantive change to such policies or procedures. A parent/guardian shall be given timely notice and be required to provide prior written consent for a survey, analysis, or evaluation funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Education in one of the following areas:

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,
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 or analogous relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors or ministers,
7. Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent/guardian or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program.

A parent/guardian shall receive timely notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:

1. The administration of any survey containing one or more of the areas described in items 1-8 above regardless of funding,
2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance administered by the school or its agent and scheduled in advance, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student except for hearing, vision or scoliosis screenings or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell that information or otherwise distribute the information to others for that purpose.

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A parent/guardian, upon request and before administration or use may inspect:

1. Surveys of students containing one or more of the areas described in items 1-8 above, and surveys created by a third party,
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for marketing or to sell that information or otherwise distribute the information to others for that purpose,
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum for the student, or instructional material used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any program funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Education.

Protected surveys or activities known at the time of publication shall be identified in individual school handbooks specifying the name and content of the surveys and date of administration.

If a protected survey or activity is identified after publication of the annual notice, then parents/guardians will be contacted directly about the survey or activity and their rights under PPRA including inspection and consent or opting out.

The District will make arrangements to protect student privacy as required by law.

The rights provided to parents/guardians under this policy transfer to the student when the student turns 18 years old or is an emancipated minor.

Cross References:

520, 616.1

Legal References:

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. §1232h

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