



# ALL ABOUT PPRA

## Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

### WHAT IS IT?



PPRA defines the rules states and school districts must follow when administering tools like surveys, analysis, and evaluations funded by the US Department of Education to students. It requires parental approval to perform surveys in many cases.

### 8 PROTECTIONS

1. Political affiliation of student or parent
2. Mental or psychological problems of student or family
3. Sex behaviors or attributes
4. Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior
5. Critical appraisals of individuals with whom the student has close family relationships
6. Legally privileged relationships (lawyers, physicians, ministers, etc.)
7. Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs
8. Income (except for financial assistance purposes)



### OPT IN VS OPT OUT

Here are some guidelines for when parents should be required to opt in versus opt out

Student Participation Required	Covers 8 Protected Categories	Opt In / Opt Out
Yes	Yes	Provide notice Parents must opt in
Yes	No	Provide notice Parents can opt out
No	Yes	Provide notice Parents can opt out
No	No	Provide notice only if created by 3rd party. Parents can opt out in that case

### EXAMPLES

The following examples may collect data that fit the 8 protected categories:



- College admission surveys
- Career interest surveys
- Student social emotional learning surveys
- School climate surveys
- Mental health screenings
- Threat assessments
- Community health screenings

### RESOURCES

The following sites were used as resources and can be used to for further information on PPRA.

<https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/content/ppra>  
[www.studentprivacycompass.org](http://www.studentprivacycompass.org)

