

## **RSU #63**

- a. NEPN/NSBA Code:** **ILD**
- b. Title:** **Educational Research of Student Surveys, Analysis, or Evaluations**
- c. Author:** **Curriculum Committee**
- d. Replaces Policy:**
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- g. Policy Expiration:** **Review as Needed**
- h. Responsible for Review:**
- i. Date Reviewed:** **04/04/2022 Policy Committee**
- j. References:** **20 U.S.C. § 1232(h); Policies JRA, JRA-E, JRA-R**

### **k. Narrative:**

- I.** In this policy, “surveys, analyses, or evaluations” refer to methods of gathering data for research purposes.
- II.** No student will be required, as part of any program wholly or partially funded by the U.S. Department of Education, to submit to any survey, analyses, 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, or ministers.
  - G.** Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student’s parents.
  - 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.
- III.** All instructional materials, including teachers’ manuals, video, audio recording, or other supplementary material that will be used in connection with any such survey, analysis, or evaluation will be available upon request for inspection by the student’s parent/guardian. For the purpose of this policy, “instructional material” does not include academic tests or

assessments.

- IV.** A parent/guardian may inspect, upon request, a survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed to a student.
- V.** 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.
- VI.** The school unit 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 when surveys, analyses, or evaluations are scheduled or anticipated. Parents will have the opportunity to opt their child out of participation in any survey, analysis, or evaluation.