

Romulus Central School District

Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

The **Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)** affords parents and legal guardians of elementary and secondary school students certain rights regarding the administration of surveys, the collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical examinations. These rights include, but are not limited to, the following:

Parents Have the Right to Provide Consent Before Their Child Participates in Certain Surveys

The Romulus Central School District will obtain parental consent before a student is required to participate in any survey funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Education that concerns one or more of the following protected areas:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent or guardian;
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- Sexual behavior or attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of individuals with whom the student has close family relationships;
- Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as those with attorneys, physicians, or members of the clergy;
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parent or guardian; or
- Income, other than information required by law to determine eligibility for a program.

Parents Have the Right to Receive Notice and an Opportunity to Opt Their Child Out Of

- Any protected information survey that is not funded by the U.S. Department of Education;
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is:
 - Required as a condition of attendance;
 - Administered by the District or its agent; and

- Not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student.

This does not include hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical examination or screening permitted or required under New York State law.

- Activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing, selling, or otherwise distributing that information to others.

This provision does not apply to information collected solely for the purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for students or educational institutions.

Parents Have the Right to Inspect

Upon request and before administration or use, parents or legal guardians may inspect:

- Surveys containing protected information that are administered to students;
- Surveys developed by third parties;
- Instruments used to collect personal information from students for marketing or distribution purposes; and
- Instructional materials used as part of the District's educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parent or legal guardian to the student when the student reaches 18 years of age or becomes an emancipated minor under New York State law.

Notice Regarding Protected Information Surveys and Marketing Activities

In accordance with the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (20 U.S.C. § 1232h), the Romulus Central School District will notify parents or legal guardians and, when required, obtain written consent or provide an opportunity to opt their child out before students participate in:

- Surveys, analyses, or evaluations that concern any of the protected information areas listed above;
- Activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for marketing purposes; or
- Certain non-emergency, invasive physical examinations or screenings not otherwise required or permitted by New York State law.

Please note that parental notification is **not** required for the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected solely for the purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for students or educational institutions.

Questions

Parents or legal guardians with questions regarding the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment or its implementation in the Romulus Central School District may contact:

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Romulus Central School District

5705 State Route 96

Romulus, NY 14541

Phone: **607-869-5391**

Email: jbartlett@romuluscsd.org

Filing a Complaint

Parents who believe their rights under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment have been violated may file a complaint with:

Student Privacy Policy Office

U.S. Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20202

This version is written in a format consistent with district annual notices and reflects current PPRA requirements while replacing Canandaigua-specific references with Romulus CSD information.