

Student Surveys

Absent written parental consent, students shall not be required to submit to a survey, analysis or evaluation related to curriculum or other school activities that reveals information regarding the student's or student's parent/guardian's:

1. political affiliations;
2. mental or psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or the student's family;
3. sex behavior or attitudes;
4. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior;
5. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the student has a close family relationship;
6. legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, physicians and ministers; and/or
7. income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

School personnel responsible for administering any such survey, analysis or evaluation shall give written notice at least two weeks in advance to the student's parent/guardian. The notice shall offer to provide the following written information to the parent/guardian upon request:

1. records or information that may be examined and required in the survey, analysis or evaluation;
2. the means by which the records or information shall be examined, reviewed or disseminated;
3. the means by which the information is to be obtained;
4. the purposes for which the records or information is needed;

5. the entities or persons, regardless of affiliation, who will have access to the information; and
6. a method by which a parent/guardian can grant or deny permission to access or examine the records or information.

A student 18 years or older is eligible to consent to revealing such information without parental consent. The district shall inform parents/guardians and eligible students of their rights under this procedure.

Nothing in this procedure shall:

1. prevent a student who is working under the supervision of a journalism teacher or sponsor from preparing or participating in a survey, analysis or evaluation without obtaining consent as long as such participation is not otherwise prohibited by federal law;
2. be construed to prevent a district employee from reporting known or suspected child abuse or neglect as required by state law; and/or
3. be construed to limit the ability of a health professional that is acting as an agent of the district to evaluate an individual child.

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