

The District respects the privacy rights of parents and guardians and their children. A parent or guardian shall have the right to opt his/her child out of participating in any survey which is associated with a school program or the District's curriculum, or which is administered by a third party in the schools, if the survey contains or would reveal one or more of the following items:

- political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent or guardian;
- mental and psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- sex behavior or attitudes;
- illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- critical appraisals of other individuals with whom students have close family relationships;
- legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers;
- religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent or guardian; or
- income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program.

Within this policy, such surveys are referred to as "protected-information surveys." For purposes of this policy, the term "survey" includes an evaluation.

The District shall notify parents and guardians of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when such survey activities are scheduled involving their children.

If the District intends to require students to participate in any protected-information survey (as opposed to giving the students express direction that their participation in the survey is purely voluntary), and if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program administered by the U.S. Department of Education, then the District shall obtain the advance, written consent of the student's parent or guardian (or from an adult student, if applicable). Such active consent shall also be obtained for any

protected-information survey where the students' responses are not submitted anonymously.

For all other protected-information surveys, parents and guardians may request that their child not participate in the survey activity. That is, a parent or guardian (or an adult student, if applicable) can choose to "opt-out" of having the student participate in the survey. At its discretion, the administration may seek active consent for any protected-information survey which, by policy, requires only an opt-out procedure.

Parents and guardians may, upon request, inspect any protected-information survey, as well as any survey created by a third party before (as well as after) the survey is administered or distributed by a school to a student. Parents and guardians may also request to inspect any instructional materials used in connection with such surveys. Requests to inspect such surveys or any related instructional materials should be made in writing to the building principal. To ensure that there is an opportunity to arrange for an inspection of a survey prior to the administration or distribution of the survey to students, inspection requests should be made one week prior to the date on which the survey is scheduled to be administered. The principal or administrative assistant shall respond to such requests as soon as reasonably practicable, without unnecessary delay.

Parents and guardians shall be notified of this policy annually in student handbooks, which are distributed to students, parents and guardians.

Legal References:

Federal Laws

[Protection of Pupil Rights Provision of General Education Provisions Act](#) [student privacy policies required and other privacy and parent's rights mandates, including rights related to surveys]

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