

## Instruction

### Surveys of Students (Student Privacy)

Parents/guardians shall have the right to inspect, upon their request, a survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed by a school to a student. Such requests shall be made in writing with a response in advance of any survey to be given.

Surveys can be a valuable resource for schools and communities in determining student needs for educational services. When a survey is used, every effort should be made to ask questions in a neutral manner to ensure the accuracy of the survey.

Administrators, teachers, other staff members and the Board of Education may use surveys for many purposes. Such purposes may include, but are not limited to, the need for student services, the determination of prevailing views pertaining to proposed policies and/or practices, or the determination of student knowledge and/or attitudes related, to a specific subject or units. These are examples of surveys and not intended to be an all-inclusive listing. Administrative approval is required for surveys. Responses will not be used in any identifying manner.

No student may, without parental consent, take part in a survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

1. political affiliations
2. potentially embarrassing psychological problems
3. sex behavior or attitudes
4. anti-social and demeaning behavior
5. critical appraisals of family members
6. legally privileged relationships
7. income

Surveys conducted for other agencies, organizations or individuals must have the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the approval of the Board of Education as to content and purpose. The results of such approved surveys must be shared with the Board of Education.

(cf. 6161 – Equipment, Books and Materials: Provision/Selection)

(cf. 6161.1 – Evaluation/Selection of Instructional Material)

Legal Reference: P.L. 103-227 Section 1017 (which amends Section 439 of the General Education Provisions Act)  
P.L. 107-110, (HR 1-“Leave No Child Behind”) § 1061/1062 – Student Privacy, Parental Access to Information, and Administration of Certain Physical Examinations to Minors. (20 U.S.C. §1232h)

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