

**TESTING PROGRAM
STUDENT SURVEYS
(REGULATION)**

The board of education recognizes surveys can be a valuable resource for schools and communities in determining student needs for educational services. Such collection of input from students and parents may be used to assist school staff in decision-making related to curriculum and instruction and in program development and operations. To this end, the board supports the use of appropriate surveys in accordance with the guidelines contained in these regulations.

Administrators, teachers, other staff members, and the board of education may use surveys for many purposes, which 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 unit. These are examples of surveys and not intended to be an all-inclusive listing. Site administrator approval is required for in-house surveys. Information which may identify an individual child will be discarded.

Surveys used in any experimental program or research project will be subject to the requirements outlined in policy found elsewhere in this manual. (See GVA-P) Parents shall have the right to inspect all instructional material that will be used for a survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of a federal program.

Prior to administering a non-district survey, the assistant superintendent for educational services must approve all those that are received by the superintendent that include reference to any of the factors listed below. No student may, without prior parental consent, take part in a survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs, family history, and cultural beliefs/customs of the student or the student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
3. Sexual behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom students have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged communication;
7. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program); or
8. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parent.

Prior consent to any such survey, analysis, or evaluation means the prior written consent of the student's parent or guardian or, if the student is emancipated, of the student.

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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 to be at least two weeks in advance of any survey to be given.

Overall survey results will be shared with all parties who request such information.

Parents/guardians shall be notified at least annually, at the beginning of the school year, of this policy and when enrolling students for the first time in district schools. This notification must explain that parent/guardians, or students 18 or older, have the right to “opt the student out of participation,” in writing, in the following activities:

1. The collection, disclosure, and use of personal information gathered from students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information or providing that information to others for that purpose. This does not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to students, such as:
 - A. College or other postsecondary education recruitment, or military recruitment;
 - B. Book clubs, magazines, and programs providing access to low-cost literary products;
 - C. Curriculum and instructional materials used in schools;
 - D. Certain tests and assessments, not including state mandated tests;
 - E. Student recognition programs; and
 - F. The sale by students of products or services to raise funds for school-related activities.
2. The administration of any survey that delves into the restricted sensitive subject areas identified and listed on the preceding page; i.e., items 1-8.

These rights transfer from the parent to a student who is eighteen (18) years of age or an emancipated minor.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington D.C. 20202-8520

CROSS-REFERENCE: Policy FL, Student Records
Policy GVA-P, Research Proposals, Procedures and Guidelines

*THIS POLICY REQUIRED BY THE
EVERY CHILD SUCCEEDS ACT OF 2016*