

Surveys and Student Privacy

Surveys can be valuable resources for the school and the community in determining student needs for educational services. The Board of Education (Board) recognizes its responsibility to enact policies that protect student privacy in accordance with law. This is particularly relevant in the context of the administration of surveys that collect personal information, the disclosure of personal information for marketing purposes and in conducting physical exams. 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 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.

Surveys used in any experimental program or research project will be subject to the requirements of Board policy. 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.

The Board directs the Superintendent to establish Administrative Regulations in furtherance of this policy.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, as amended
 Regulation 34 CFR, Part 98

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