

SURVEY OF STUDENTS

The Board supports the use of surveys under certain circumstances. Such circumstances can include: for assessment of the need for student services, assessment of student knowledge and/or attitudes, or for feedback regarding the schools. Administrative approval is required for surveys. Survey results shall not include any identifying information. Parents shall have the right to inspect all instructional material that will be used for a survey, analysis, or evaluation.

No student may, without parental consent, take part in a survey concerning the following issues:

1. sex behavior, attitudes or activities;
2. drug and alcohol use;
3. suicide;
4. sexual, physical and emotional abuse, including domestic violence;
5. mental health issues;
6. controversial issues as defined in policy # 6144.

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 following decisions must 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.

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.
Regulation 34 CFR Part 99

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