

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 450, SECTION 14: STUDENT SURVEYS

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~~The District Teachers or school administrators may conduct or administer surveys of students for the purposes of study, the improvement of education, or class assignment. These surveys or questionnaires are governed by the following rules: A school district, principal or other person in charge of a public school, or teacher in a public school may not administer or permit to be administered in a school any questionnaire or survey, whether anonymous or not, which~~ No survey or questionnaire that inquires into private family affairs of the student not a matter of public record or subject to public observation will be administered, whether anonymous or not, unless written permission is obtained from the student's parent or guardian (AS 14.03.110). (Included in this restriction are surveys that seek information on the following): ~~AS 14.03.110. Other questionnaires or surveys may be administered to students without parental consent, except for certain federal surveys as described below.~~

Federal Surveys: No student may be required, as part of any program administered by the Secretary of Education, to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation which inquires into the following areas unless prior written consent is obtained from the parent [20 USC 1232 (h)]:

- (1) political affiliations;
- (2) mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or the student's family;
- (3) sex behavior and attitudes;
- (4) illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior;
- (5) critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have ~~the student has~~ close family relationships;
- (6) ~~relationships that are~~ legally recognized as privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- (7) income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program); or
- (8) private family affairs ~~not a matter of public record or subject to public observation. 20 U.S.C. § 1232 (h)(b); AS 14.03.110.~~ as prohibited by state law.

The District will make available for inspection to interested parents or guardians any instructional or other supplementary materials which will be used in connection with any survey, questionnaire, or evaluation.

Surveys or questionnaires not seeking information in the categories described above may be administered to students without parental

consent. In addition, it is appropriate to require students to complete these surveys.

~~Inspection by Parents or Guardians of Survey Material: All instructional materials, including teacher's manuals, film, tapes, or other supplementary materials which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any applicable program shall be available for inspection by the parents or guardians of the children 20 U.S.C. § 1232(h)(a).~~

~~Use of Information Gathered in Student Surveys: Information gathered in student surveys may be disclosed to organizations conducting studies to develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; administer student aid programs; or to improve instruction. This information may be disclosed without parental consent provided: 1) the study is conducted in a manner that does not permit personal identification of parents and students to individuals other than those conducting the study; and 2) the information is destroyed when no longer needed for purposes of the study.~~