

Anchorage School District
Important Rights for Parents Concerning Student Surveys
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The Federal Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C § 1232h, requires the Anchorage School District to notify you and obtain consent to allow your child to participate in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight areas (“protected information surveys”):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student’s parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student’s family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

The Alaska State Statute and Anchorage School District Board policy also have requirements regarding surveys that require parental consent.

By Alaska State Statute, AS 14.03.110:

Parental permission is required for surveys that inquire into personal or private family affairs of the student not a matter of public record or subject to public observation.

- Parents/guardians may provide “blanket” permission, once per year, for their student to participate in anonymous surveys requiring parental consent.
- For any survey that is not anonymous and requires parental consent, the District will obtain the written permission from the student’s parent or guardian at least two weeks before the survey is administered.
- In addition, for all surveys requiring permission, parents will be provided notice and an opportunity to review the survey at least two weeks in advance of the administration of the survey.

By District Board policy:

1. Each year, the District may seek the annual permission of each parent/guardian for their child to participate in anonymous surveys.
2. For those surveys that are not anonymous and require parental permission, the District shall provide a permission form to be returned by the parents/guardians and the permission form must be returned at least two weeks before the administration of the survey.

The following two surveys **do not require** parental permission. The District will provide notice through your school newsletter, school website, emails, and/or other methods at least two weeks prior to the administration of the surveys. Any surveys scheduled after the start of the school year that do not require parental permission will follow the same notification procedures.

1. Climate and Connectedness Student Survey

Dates: January 17 – February 24, 2012

Grades: Three through Twelve

2. Athletic/Activities Interest Survey

Dates: October 11 – November 18, 2011

Grades: Four through Twelve

2011-2012 Surveys Covered by the Annual Permission Form

The following survey is scheduled during the 2011-2012 school year. **By signing the following Annual Survey Permission Form, your student may participate in this survey.** If your son or daughter is selected to participate, you will be provided notice at least two weeks in advance of the survey. The notice will explain how the survey will be administered, how the results will be used, how you may access the questionnaire or survey, and how to remove your permission if you desire to do so at that time.

Positive Youth Development Survey

Dates: September -October, 2011 and April-May 2012

Grades: Military-Connected Students at Bartlett and Eagle River High School—grades nine through twelve

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ANNUAL SURVEY PERMISSION FORM
2011-2012 School Year

I understand that the Anchorage School District may administer, or be permitted to administer, anonymous surveys that require parental permission. I understand that as the parent or legal guardian of this student, I may review any of the survey instruments and determine the appropriateness of the survey in relation to my student. I can remove my student from the survey administration.

Printed name of student: _____

School: _____

Student ID: _____

Grade for 2011-2012 school year: _____

Printed name of parent/legal guardian: _____

Signature of parent/legal guardian: _____

I give my approval to administer anonymous surveys to my child this year. I understand that anonymous surveys may inquire into private matters, as explained in the Important Rights for Parents Concerning Student Surveys. I understand that I may review the survey to be given no less than two weeks prior to administration, and I may remove my child at that time if I wish. I further understand that I may revoke this annual permission at any time.

I do not give my approval to administer any anonymous survey that inquires into personal or private family affairs of the student to my child during the 2011-2012 school year.