

Permission to Survey Students

In January 2002, the Protection of Pupil Amendment (PPRA) was amended by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 2001 (also known as the *No Child Left Behind Act*). The amendment added an additional category (religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parents) to the existing categories that impact student surveys and made minor changes to the existing seven categories. If a survey contains one or more of the identified categories, schools and contractors must protect student privacy and give parents the right to inspect the survey. The eight categories are:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or parent;
- Mental and psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- Sex behavior or attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parent;
- Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or receiving financial assistance under such program);

Parents or guardians have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey created by a third party, before the survey is administered or distributed by the school to students.

Parents have the right to remove their child from participation in any survey containing one or more of the eight categories of information noted above.

If you do not want your child surveyed or would like to see the survey before it is given, please complete the form and return it to the student's appropriate building principal.

Permission to Survey Form

Please circle the appropriate response:

I **do not** want my (son/daughter) to take any survey given in school.

I **want to see a copy of the survey prior to the survey being given in school.**

Name of Student _____

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Relationship to Student _____

Please Note: This form **must be returned** to the building principal by September 30, 2016 if they are not to take surveys or you want to review the survey prior to being given.