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## **EDUCATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRES, SURVEYS AND RESEARCH**

### Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

Pursuant to the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment and RSA 186:11 IX-d, no student will be required to submit to a non-academic survey, analysis, or evaluation which is administered or distributed by a school, without the prior written consent of the parent/guardian that reveals information concerning the following:

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

In this paragraph, "non-academic survey or questionnaire" shall mean surveys, questionnaires, or other documents designed to elicit information about a student's behavior, family life, religion, politics, sexual orientation, sexual activity, drug use, or any other information not related to a student's academics.

### School District Approval

It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee to determine if a survey is academic or non-academic. Non-academic surveys will not be administered without the prior approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee. Any non-academic survey will be available for inspection by parents/guardians before the non-academic survey is administered to students. Parents/guardians will have the right to deny permission for their child to participate in taking the non-academic survey. The school will not penalize students whose parents/guardians exercise this option. The school will take reasonable precautions to protect student privacy during their participation of any non-academic survey, analysis, or evaluation.

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Parental Notification

In accordance with the provisions of RSA 186:11IX-d, parents will be notified when the school intends on issuing a non-academic survey and will be provided a form to opt in. Notice will be given as early as possible (at least 10 days) before the non-academic survey is administered. Included in the notice will be information regarding how the non-academic survey or questionnaire will be administered; how it will be utilized; and the persons or entities that will have access to the results of the completed non-academic survey or questionnaire. Parents or guardians wishing to inspect a non-academic survey, analysis, or evaluation will be able to do so in the administrative office and on the district website. Parents may refuse to allow their student to participate before or after reviewing the non-academic survey or questionnaire.

Non-academic surveys conducted for other agencies, organizations or individuals must have the recommendation of the Superintendent and the approval of the school board as to content and purpose prior to requesting parents to opt in. The results of such approved non-academic surveys must be shared with the school board.

Miscellaneous Provisions

This policy does not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions, such as the following:

- College or post-secondary education recruitment, or military recruitment;
- Book clubs, magazines, and programs providing access to low-cost literary products;
- Curriculum and instructional materials used by schools;
- Tests and assessments used by schools to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information about students, or to generate other statistical data for educational purposes;
- The sale of products or services to raise funds for school-related or education-related activities; and
- Student recognition programs.

Legal References:

20 U.S.C. § 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98, Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment  
 RSA 186:10 IX-d