

AR5022 Student And Family Privacy Rights
Students

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Surveys Requesting Information about Beliefs and Practices

A student's parent/guardian, or a student who is an adult or emancipated minor, shall provide prior written consent before the student participates in a survey containing one or more of the following items: (20 USC 1232h)

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her parent/guardian
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or his/her family
3. Sexual behavior or attitudes or personal beliefs and practices in family life or morality
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom students have close family relationships
6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians or ministers
7. Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her parent/guardian
8. Income, except to the extent that income is required to be disclosed by law for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program

If a student participates in such a survey requesting information about personal beliefs and practices, school officials and staff members shall not request or disclose the student's identity.

Notwithstanding the above requirements for prior written consent the County Office of Education may administer to students in grades 7-12, anonymous, voluntary, and confidential research to measure student health risks and behaviors, including tests and surveys about the student's attitudes or practices related to drugs and alcohol as long as parents/guardians are provided written notice and given an opportunity to request that their child not participate.

If the County Office administers a voluntary survey that already includes questions pertaining to sexual orientation and/or gender identity, the County Superintendent or designee shall not remove such questions. (Education Code 51514)

Parent/Guardian Access to Surveys and Instructional Materials

The parent/guardian of any County Office student, upon his/her request, shall have the right to inspect:

1. A survey or other instrument to be administered or distributed to his/her child that either collects personal information for marketing or sale or requests information about beliefs and practices
2. Any instructional material to be used as part of his/her child's educational curriculum

Health Examinations

Authorized school officials may administer to any student any physical examination or screening permitted under California law. However, no student shall be subjected to a nonemergency, invasive physical examination without prior written notice to his/her parent/guardian unless an applicable state law authorizes the student to provide consent without parent/guardian notification. (20 USC 1232h)

Invasive physical examination means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion or injection into the body, but does not include a properly authorized hearing, vision or scoliosis screening. (20 USC 1232h)

Notifications

At the beginning of the school year, the County Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of: (20 USC 1232h)

1. The County Office's policy regarding student privacy
2. The process to opt their children out of participation in any activity described in this administrative regulation and the accompanying Superintendent / Board policy
3. The specific or approximate dates during the school year when the following activities are scheduled:
 - a. Survey requesting personal information
 - b. Physical exams or screenings

Prior to administering anonymous and voluntary surveys regarding health risks and behaviors to students in grades 7-12, the County Office shall provide parents/guardians with written notice that the survey is to be administered.

Parents/guardians shall also be notified of any substantive change in this policy and administrative regulation within a reasonable period of time after adoption of the change. (20 USC 1232h)
