



Student Surveys and Confidentiality of Student Information

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Confidentiality of Student Information

LEAD Public Schools complies with FERPA and all other state and federal privacy laws regarding student information. In general, LEAD Public Schools will not collect, disclose, or use student information for the purpose of marketing or selling that information or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose.

If any collected information from student surveys is to be marketed or sold, parents or guardians will be directly notified at least annually at the beginning of the school year of the specific or approximate dates when such information will be collected. Parents or guardians, upon request, may inspect any instrument used to collect personal information for the purpose of marketing or selling that information before the instrument is administered or distributed to the student. All parents or guardians and students over the age of 18 may decline to provide the information requested.

This portion of the 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 to the extent allowed by the law such as:

- College or other postsecondary education recruitment or military recruitment;
- Book clubs, magazines, and programs providing access to low-cost literary products;
- Test and assessments used by elementary schools and secondary schools to provide cognitive, evaluative diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information about students (or to generate other statistically useful data for the purpose of securing such tests and assessments) and the subsequent analysis and public release of the aggregate data from such tests and assessments;
- The sale by students of products or services to raise funds for school-related or education-related activities; or
- Student recognition programs

Student Surveys

Surveys, analyses, and evaluations for research purposes shall be allowed when the project is viewed as contributory to a greater understanding of the teaching-learning process, the project does not violate the goals of LEAD Public Schools, and the disruption of the regular school program is minimal. Heads of School shall develop administrative procedures for approving requests for conducting surveys, analysis, or evaluations by agencies, organizations, or individuals. The requests shall outline what is to be done, who is to be involved, and how the results will be used and distributed.

Prior to dissemination of a survey, analysis, or evaluation to students, parents or guardians shall be notified of the opportunity to review the materials. Such notification shall include information indicating the purpose of the survey, analysis, or evaluation as well as who will have access to the results.

Without prior consent of the student (if the student is over the age of 18 or an emancipated minor), or in the case of an unemancipated minor, without the prior written consent of the parent or guardian, no student shall be required, as part of any program, to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

- Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- Sexual behavior or attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- Legally privileged relationships;
- Income; or
- Student biometric data.

The collection of the following student data is strictly prohibited:

- Political affiliation or voting history;
- Religious practices; and
- Firearm ownership.