



Paw Paw Community Unit School District No. 271

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Re: Student Survey Participation

Dear Parents:

Your child will be asked to complete two surveys this year as described below:

1. Survey description: The Illinois State Board of Education's 5Essentials Survey
Survey grade/participants: 4th-8th Grade Students
Anticipated Survey date(s): March 2026
2. Survey description: Paw Paw School Board Strategic Plan Survey
Survey grade/participants: 6th-8th grade students
Anticipated Survey date(s): March 2026

Parents/guardians may request that their child not participate in surveys that concern one or more of the following eight areas:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent/guardian;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sexual behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom the student has 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/guardians; or
8. Income other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

The school will not penalize any student whose parent/guardian exercises this option. In addition, a parent/guardian may review surveys asking questions about the above areas as well as other instructional materials. School Board policy 7:15, *Student and Family Privacy Rights*, contains a more thorough explanation of these rights and may be obtained from the Paw Paw School District Office.

Opt-Out Instructions (*Note: This notice and opt-out right transfers from parents/guardians to any student who is 18 years old.*)

If you do not want your child to participate in this activity, contact Ms. DuBois no later than January 6, 2026. If we do not hear from you by this date, we will assume that you do not object to having your child participate in the survey described above.

Request to Review

If you wish to review any survey instrument or instructional material, please submit your request to Ms. DuBois. You will be notified of the time and place where you may review these materials.

Building Principal contact information: email: jdubois@2paws.net phone: 815-627-2671