

UNITED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT RIGHTS/SURVEYS

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| 235. STUDENT RIGHTS/SURVEYS | |
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| 1. Purpose | The United School District adopts this policy to define student rights and responsibilities and in the interest of establishing a safe, orderly, respectful community of learners. The Superintendent shall ensure that this policy, together with the disciplinary code incorporated herein by reference, is distributed to all students enrolled in district schools at least once annually. |
| 2. Definition | Personal information means individually identifiable information including a student's or parent's/guardian's name, address, telephone number, or social security number. |
| 3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.1, 12.3, 12.4, 12.9 | <p>The Board has the authority and responsibility to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct and deportment of district students. At the same time, no student shall be deprived of equal treatment and equal access to the educational program, due process, a presumption of innocence, and free expression and association, in accordance with Board policy and school rules.</p> <p>Surveys conducted by outside agencies, organizations and individuals shall be approved by the Board, based on the Superintendent's recommendation, prior to administration to students.</p> |
| 4. Guidelines Title 22 Sec. 12.2, 12.3 | <p>Attendant upon the rights established for each student are certain responsibilities, which include regular attendance; conscientious effort in classroom work and homework; conformance to Board policies and school rules and regulations; respect for the rights of students, administrators, and others; and expression of ideas and opinions in a respectful manner.</p> <p>Most of all, students are responsible to share with the administration and faculty a responsibility to develop a climate within the school that is conducive to wholesome learning and living.</p> <p>No student has the right to interfere with the education of fellow students. It is the responsibility of each student to respect the rights of teachers, students, administrators and all others who are involved in the educational process.</p> |

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| <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 103, 218, 219, 220, 221, 225, 226, 233, 234</p> | <p>The district expects that all students shall conform to the following expectations, which are essential to an orderly, safe, and productive learning environment and are consistent with the mission of the district to develop habits of effective citizenship:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Be aware of all rules and regulations for student behavior and conduct themselves in accordance with them. Students should assume that, until a rule is waived, altered or repealed in writing, it is in effect.2. Volunteer information in matters relating to the health, safety and welfare of the school community and the protection of school property.3. Dress and groom to meet standards of safety and health, and not to cause substantial disruption to the educational processes.4. Assist the school staff in operating a safe school for the students enrolled therein.5. Comply with state and local laws.6. Exercise proper care when using public facilities and equipment.7. Attend school daily and be on time at all classes and other school functions.8. Make up work when absent from school.9. Pursue and attempt to complete satisfactorily the courses of study prescribed by local school authorities.10. Report accurately in student media.11. Not use obscene language in student media or on school premises.12. Express their ideas and opinions in a respectful manner. <p>A listing of students' rights and responsibilities shall be included in the Code of Student Conduct, located in student handbooks, which shall be distributed annually to students and parents/guardians.</p> <p>A student who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years possesses the full rights of an adult and may authorize those school matters previously handled by a parent/guardian.</p> |
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| Pol. 105.1 | <p><u>Instructional Materials</u></p> <p>The parent/guardian shall be notified annually that all instructional materials, including teachers' manuals, audiovisuals, and other supplementary instructional material used in the instructional program shall be available for inspection by the parents/guardians of students, in accordance with Board policy. Instructional materials do not include tests or academic assessments.</p> |
| 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h Title 22 Sec. 12.41 | <p><u>School Newspapers And School-Sponsored Publications</u></p> <p>To the extent that district schools sponsor newspapers, journals, or other student publications, students shall have the right to use those publications to report the news, to editorialize, and to contribute literature, consistent with the purpose of the publication, provided that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Each school-sponsored publication shall have a faculty advisor to supervise all student writing and artwork published with school equipment, to remove obscene or libelous material, and to edit any material that would cause a substantial disruption or interference with school activities.2. All material submitted for publication to school-sponsored publications must receive prior approval from the assigned faculty advisor and building principal, who must either approve the submission or return it to the author for revisions within five (5) school days.3. Students who are not members of the editorial staff of school-sponsored newspapers or other publications shall have access to their pages, and the staff of each such publication, with their faculty advisor, shall develop written guidelines for the submission and approval of contributions by nonstaff members. |
| | <p><u>Surveys/Evaluations</u></p> <p>All surveys and instruments used to collect information from students shall relate to the district's educational objectives.</p> <p>The parent/guardian shall be informed of the nature and scope of individual surveys and their relationship to the educational program of their child and the parent's/guardian's right to inspect, upon request, a survey created by a third party prior to administration or distribution to a student. Such requests shall be in writing and submitted to the building principal.</p> |

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| <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h Title 22 Sec. 4.4</p> | <p>No student shall be required, without written parental consent for students under eighteen (18) years of age or written consent of emancipated students or those over eighteen (18) years, to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Political affiliations or beliefs of student or parent/guardian. 2. Mental and psychological problems of the student or family. 3. Sexual behavior or attitudes. 4. Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating or 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 with lawyers, physicians, and ministers. 7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parent/guardian. 8. Income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program. <p>However, such survey, analysis or evaluation may be conducted on a voluntary basis, provided that the student and parent/guardian have been notified of their right to inspect all related materials and to opt the student out of participation.</p> <p>The district shall implement procedures to protect student identity and privacy when a survey contains any of the restricted subject areas listed above.</p> |
| <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h</p> | <p><u>Collection Of Information For Marketing</u></p> <p>The parent/guardian has the right to inspect the material and opt out the student from participating in any activity that results in the collection, disclosure or use of personal information for purposes of marketing or selling that information. This 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.</p> |
| <p>5. Delegation of Responsibility</p> | <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop and promulgate procedures consistent with law and Board policy to ensure that student rights under specific conditions are properly recognized and maintained.</p> |

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| <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.3</p> | <p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify the parent/guardian concerning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Contents of this policy and its availability.2. Contents of the Code of Student Conduct.3. Approximate dates that any surveys requesting personal information may be scheduled.4. Procedures to request access to survey instruments prior to administration.5. Procedures for opting students out of participation in surveys. <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510</p> <p>No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.9, 12.41, 403.1</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 105.1, 218, 219, 220, 221, 225, 226, 233, 234</p> |
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