

- I. Calhoun County School District is committed to enforcing the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. 1232h, included in the Goals 2000 Educate America Act of 1994. PPRA applies to all funding provided by the United States Department of Education and seeks to protect the rights of parents to inspect survey or instructional materials if these materials or surveys are funded by the United States Department of Education.
- II. With respect to survey activities, survey materials, evaluation materials, and instructional materials used by students and funded by the United States Department of Education, the school district will:
  - A. Make such materials available for inspection by parents.
  - B. Obtain written parental consent if students are **required** to participate in a survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals information such as:
    - a. Political affiliations;
    - b. Mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student and his/her family;
    - c. Sexual behavior or attitudes;
    - d. Illegal or self-incriminating behavior (such as use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs);
    - e. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
    - f. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, doctors, and ministers; and
    - g. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such programs).
- III. With respect to **voluntary** surveys of students, parents/guardians of students being surveyed will be contacted by a written notice at least two weeks in advance of the survey. This letter will include:
  - A. The purpose and benefit of the survey;
  - B. Whether participation is encouraged or required;
  - C. How anonymity will be protected;

- D. When, where, and by whom the survey will be administered;
  - E. How results will be disseminated;
  - F. Procedures for reviewing survey materials prior to administration; and
  - G. Procedures for parents/guardians to inform the district if they wish to not have their child participate in the survey.
- IV. If student participation in a survey is required, then the school must obtain written parental consent prior to administration of the survey.
- V. Parents or students who believe their rights under PPRA may have been violated may file a complaint with the United States Department of Education Family Compliance Office at (202) 260-3887. Complaints must contain specific allegations of facts giving reasonable cause to believe that a violation of PPRA has occurred.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

**1001.41, 1001.42 F.S.**

**LAWS IMPLEMENTED:**

**20 U. S. C. 1232H; 34 CFR PART 98**

**HISTORY:**

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