

<b>FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>	<b>Reg. No. 400-67</b>
<b>Subject: STUDENT SURVEYS - PROTECTION OF STUDENT RIGHTS</b>	<b>Date of Issue: 6/11/03</b>
<b>Preparing Office: Office of the Superintendent</b>	<b>Amended: 6/30/06</b>

I. Policy

II. Procedures

The Protection of Pupils' Rights Amendment affords parents and eligible students (i.e., 18 years of age or emancipated minors) certain rights regarding public schools' dissemination of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. While Frederick County Public Schools does not conduct surveys concerning the protected areas listed below, or require invasive physical examinations as described below, this federal PPRA legislation requires all districts to provide parents and students with annual notice of their rights and to develop a regulation outlining those rights.

A. Parents and eligible students must consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas if the survey is funded, in whole or in part, by U.S. Department of Education:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family
- Sexual behavior or attitudes
- Illegal or antisocial self-incriminating or demeaning behavior
- Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships
- Legally recognized privileged relationships such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parent
- Income, other as required by law, to determine program eligibility

B. Parents and eligible students must receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:

- Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, except for hearing, vision, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law.
- Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

C. Inspection of Materials

Parents or eligible students may inspect, upon request and before administration or use:

- Protected information surveys of students.
- Instruments used to collect personal information from students for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes.
- Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

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