

PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA) NOTICE

Pursuant to the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) (20 USC §1232h; 34 CFR Part 98), parents, guardians, or eligible students (over the age of 18 or emancipated) have certain rights pertaining to surveys, the collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These rights are as follows:

1. The right to give prior written consent before students are required to submit to surveys concerning protected information (regarding political affiliation or beliefs; mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family, sex behavior or attitudes; illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of others with whom survey 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 parents; or income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility) if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education,
2. The right to opt a student out of participation in any other protected information survey, regardless of funding,
3. The right to opt a student out of any non-emergency invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of school attendance administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student. The right to opt out does not apply to hearing, vision, scoliosis or body mass index screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law, except on grounds of religious beliefs or physician certifications pursuant to F.S. 1003.22(5).
4. The right to opt a student out of activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others, and
5. The right to inspect, upon request and prior to administration or use (a) protected information surveys of students, (b) instruments used to collect personal information from students for any marketing, sales, or distribution purposes, and (c) instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

The District will ensure that student privacy is protected in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes.

The District will directly notify parents of their PPRA rights at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. The District will also directly notify (including, but not limited to, mail, e-mail, in-person, or by acknowledgement form) parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted above and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. The District will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the District has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys and will be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys and to review any pertinent surveys.

Those who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202. If you wish to discuss and try to resolve any PPRA concerns before contacting the Family Policy Compliance Office, you may contact The School Board of Broward County, Florida's Privacy Officer at 754-321-1914.