

STUDENT PRIVACY

The Board of Education of Valley Stream Union Free School District #24 recognizes that student surveys are a valuable tool in determining student needs for educational services. The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) governs the administration to students of a survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight protected areas:

1. political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent(s);
2. mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
3. sex behavior or attitudes;
4. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
5. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the student has close family relationships;
6. legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers;
7. religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent(s); or
8. income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program)

(collectively, referred to as "the eight protected areas").

Opt-Out Provisions

Parent/guardians have the right to submit a written statement to opt their child out of participation in the following activities:

1. Activities involving the collection, disclosure and use of personal information gathered from students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information (or providing that information to others for that purpose).
2. The administration of any survey containing one or more of the eight protected areas.
 - a) U.S. Department of Education-Funded Surveys: Prior written consent from parents must be obtained before students are required to submit to the survey.
 - b) Surveys funded by sources other than the U.S. Department of Education: Notification may indicate the specific or approximate dates during the school year when surveys will be administered and provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his/her child out of participating upon receipt of the notification.
3. The administration of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance; and not necessary to protect the immediate health or safety of the student or other students, and not otherwise permitted or required by state law.

U.S. Department of Education-Funded Surveys

The District will make instructional material available for inspection by parents/guardians if those materials will be used in connection with a Department of Education-funded survey, analysis, or evaluation in which their children participate. A parent/guardian who wishes to inspect and review this instructional material must submit a request in writing to the Building Principal. Upon receipt

of the request, arrangements will be made to provide access to the material within 30 calendar days after the request has been received.

The District will obtain prior written parental/guardian consent before minor students are required to participate in any Department of Education-funded survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning any of the eight protected areas.

Surveys Funded by Sources Other than U.S. Department of Education

Parents/Guardians have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey created by a third party (other than the Department of Education) before the survey is administered or distributed by the District to a student. Requests to inspect the surveys are to be submitted, in writing, to the Building Principal at least 10 calendar days prior to the administration or distribution of any survey. The District will grant a request for reasonable access to the survey within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the District.

The District will make arrangements to protect student privacy in the event of the administration or distribution of a survey to a student containing one or more of the eight protected areas, including the right of the parent/guardian to inspect, upon request the survey.

Parents/guardians will be granted, upon request, reasonable access and the right to inspect instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum for the student. A parent/guardian who wishes to inspect and review this instructional material will submit the request in writing to the Building Principal. Upon receipt of the request, arrangements will be made to provide access to the material within 30 calendar days after the request has been received. The term

“instructional material” means instructional content that is provided to a student, regardless of its format, including printed or representational materials, audiovisual materials, and materials in electronic or digital formats. The term does not include academic tests or assessments.

Notification

Parents/guardians will be notified when enrolling students for the first time in District schools, of this Policy. In addition, parents/guardians will be provided notice at least annually, at the beginning of the school year, and within a reasonable period of time after any substantive change to this Policy.

Board of Education:

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