

**Policy LC: Parental Rights**

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**PARENTAL RIGHTS**

The Holmes County Consolidated School Board recognizes the importance of promoting parental input in decision making related to their student's health and general well-being, in determining district and student needs for educational services, in program development and district operations. The Holmes County Consolidated School District (The District) affirms the right of parents, upon request, to inspect:

1. A survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed by the district to a student.
2. Any instructional material used by the district as part of the educational curriculum for the student;
3. Any instrument used in the collection of personal information from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose.

As provided by law, parents of district students will also, upon request, be permitted to excuse their student from covered activities. The rights provided to parents under this policy, transfer to the student when the student turns 18 years old, or is an emancipated minor under applicable state law.

The superintendent will ensure that activities requiring parental notification are provided as required by law and that reasonable notice of the adoption or continued use of this policy is provided to parents of students enrolled in district schools. The input of parents will be encouraged in the development, adoption and any subsequent revision of this policy.

**DEFINITIONS**

1. Survey, as defined by federal law and as used in Board policy and this regulation, includes an evaluation. It does not apply to a survey administered to a student in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
2. Covered survey items means one or more of the following items: political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's family; sex behavior or attitudes; illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships; legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers; religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent; and income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program;
3. Covered activities requiring notification means those activities involving the collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose; the administration of any survey containing one or more covered survey items; and any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance and administered and scheduled by the school in advance;
4. Third parties include, but are not limited to, school volunteers, parents, school visitors, service contractors or others engaged in district business, such as employees of businesses or organizations participating in cooperative work programs with the district and others not directly subject to district control;
5. 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 (such as materials accessible through the Internet). The term does not include academic tests or academic assessments;
6. Personal information means individually identifiable information including a student or parent's first and last

name; a home or other physical address (including street name and the name of the city or town); telephone number; or a social security identification number.

7. Invasive physical examination means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion or injection into the body. It does not include a hearing, vision or scoliosis screening and does not apply to any physical examination or screening that is permitted or required by an applicable state law, including physical examinations or screenings that are permitted without parental notification;

#### REQUESTS TO INSPECT MATERIALS

Parents may inspect surveys, instructional materials or instruments used to collect personal student information for marketing purposes before such items are administered or distributed by a school to a student as follows:

1. Requests may be directed to the school office by phone or in person;
2. Requests must be received by the district no later than five (5) working days following receipt of notification by the district of its intent to administer or distribute such items;
3. Materials may be reviewed at the school office or mailed by the district;
4. Requests to mail materials must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

#### REQUESTS TO EXCUSE STUDENTS FROM COVERED ACTIVITIES

A parent may request that his/her student be excused from participation in any of the following covered activities:

1. The collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information to others;
2. Any district or third party survey;
3. The administration of nonemergency, invasive physical examinations or screenings.

All such requests must be:

1. Directed to the building principal in writing;
2. Received by the district no later than [five] working days following receipt of notification by the district of its intent to administer or distribute such items.

#### STUDENT PRIVACY

The district recognizes its responsibility to protect student privacy in the event of administration or distribution of a survey to a student containing one or more covered survey items.

A student's personal information that may be collected as a result of such surveys will be released only with prior, written parental permission.

#### NOTIFICATION

Each building principal shall be responsible for ensuring appropriate notification to parents of their rights under federal law, Board policy and this regulation. Accordingly, the notification will:

1. Be made at least annually at the beginning of the school year or at other times during the school year when enrolling students for the first time in school;
2. Include the specific or approximate dates during the school year when covered activities are scheduled or expected to be scheduled.

