

PROTECTION OF STUDENT RIGHTS

Inspection of Instructional Materials

Parents or guardians of all MSD of Wayne Township students shall have the right, by appointment, to inspect a survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed by the school to the student and to inspect all instructional materials which are to be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any applicable program. "Instructional materials" shall include teacher's manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material.

Permission for Surveys, Analyses, or Evaluations

No student shall be required, as part of any applicable program, to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation which reveals information listed in 1-7 below. Prior written consent of a parent or guardian, or the student if the student is an adult or emancipated minor, shall be necessary prior to the student's taking part in any survey, analysis, or evaluation which reveals information concerning the following:

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

Student privacy will be strictly maintained according to Board Policy and test security procedures.

Procedure

The principal or his/her designee shall have the responsibility for enforcing this Policy. Teachers administering surveys, analyses, or evaluations which address any of the matters listed above, must ensure that parental consent is received prior to a student's participation. Requests for parent permission will contain an explanation of the planned survey, analysis, or evaluation, which is complete enough for the parent to give informed consent.

A student whose parent refuses permission for participation shall be given an alternative assignment during the time when other students are participating in the survey, analysis, or evaluation. A student shall in no way be penalized for not participating.

Parents seeking to inspect materials shall submit a request in writing to the building principal at least ten (10) instructional days in advance. The building principal will contact the parent to arrange an appointment for the parent to come to the school building or other appropriate location within the District to inspect materials. In certain circumstances, a copy of the materials may be provided to the parent at the principal's sole discretion.

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