

MOON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: SURVEYS

ADOPTED: June 23, 1998

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235.1. SURVEYS	
<p>1. Purpose 20 U.S.C. 1232H Title 22 Sec. 4.4</p>	<p>Federal laws place restrictions on the kind of information and data that school districts may solicit from public school students. The decentralized or random distribution of surveys and questionnaires creates the risk of unintentional violations of federal laws. Some student information or data cannot be obtained without the consent of the student's parents. The purpose of this policy is to prevent the circulation of impermissible surveys and questionnaires.</p>
<p>2. Definition</p>	<p>For purposes of this policy, a survey is a written or printed questionnaire or other form used to gather information on some subject or subjects consisting of a list of questions to be submitted to one or more students. Verbally communicating and seeking a response to the contents of a survey or questionnaire is encompassed within this definition.</p> <p>This policy is applicable to such surveys whether or not the responders are anonymous. Surveys approved by the School Board and/or Superintendent are excluded from this policy.</p>
<p>3. Authority</p>	<p>Any survey that is utilized on any school property or at any school function, whether on or off school property, must receive written approval from the school district's Superintendent if the survey would solicit information concerning a student or a student's family in regard to the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Political affiliations. 2. Mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or the student's family. 3. Sex behavior and attitude. 4. Illegal activity or behavior. 5. Anti-social behavior.

<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>6. Drug or alcohol use.</p> <p>7. Self-incriminating behavior.</p> <p>8. Demeaning behavior.</p> <p>9. Income.</p> <p>10. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom a student has a close family relationship.</p> <p>11. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers.</p> <p>The Superintendent's approval may set conditions; such as but not limited to, requiring parental consent.</p> <p><u>Disclaimer</u></p> <p>If permission is granted for any person(s) to utilize a survey, the following disclaimer must be prominently printed thereon:</p> <p>This survey is being conducted by (<u>Name or Organization or Person</u>) for the following purpose: _____.</p> <p>The information solicited in this survey has not been requested by the Moon Area School District or its Board of Education. The fact that this survey may be distributed to Moon Area students is not in any manner to be construed as being endorsed by the school district.</p>
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