



Bellefonte Area School District

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NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

The *Protection of Pupil Rights Act (PRPA)*, affords parents and students who are 18 or emancipated minors ("eligible students") certain rights regarding the Bellefonte Area School District's conducting of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical examinations. These include the right to:

1. Consent:

Before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U. S. Department of Education:

- 1.1 Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
- 1.2 Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
- 1.3 Sex behavior or attitudes;
- 1.4 Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- 1.5 Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- 1.6 Legally recognized privileged relationships such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
- 1.7 Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
- 1.8 Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

2. Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:

- 2.1 Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
- 2.2 Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under Pennsylvania law; and
- 2.3 Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

3. Inspect, upon request and before administration or use:

- 3.1 Protected information surveys of students;
- 3.2 Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
- 3.3 Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

The Bellefonte Area School District will develop and adopt policies, in consultation with parents regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes.

The Bellefonte Area School District will directly notify parents and eligible students of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes.

The Bellefonte Area School District will also directly notify parents and eligible students, such as through U. S. Mail or email, at least annually at the start of each school year of the specific or approximate dates of the following activities and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Education
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

NOTICE AND CONSENT/OPT-OUT FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

The *Protection of Pupil Rights Act (PRPA)*, 20 U.S.C. 1232h, requires the Bellefonte Area School District to notify you and obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight areas ("protected information surveys"):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

This requirement also applies to the collection, disclosure or use of student information for marketing purposes ("marketing surveys"), and certain physical examinations and screenings.

If the Bellefonte Area School District during the 2011-2012 school year does become involved in conducting a survey, collecting and using information for marketing purposes, or administering certain protected physical examinations where it is legally required, the District will obtain the appropriate consent and/or opt-out for the protected information and marketing surveys. If undertaken, and if you wish, you may review any survey instrument or instructional material used in connection with any of the surveys.