

## **SURVEYS, INTERVIEWS, ANALYSES, QUESTIONNAIRES OR EVALUATION OF STUDENTS, EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND MARKETING INFORMATION**

From time to time, M.S.A.D. No. 75 may administer surveys to students in the course of developing and evaluating programs and services offered in schools. However, any student data gathered through surveys concerning items A-H below must have the approval of the Principal and the Superintendent of Schools before being distributed to students.

For the purposes of this policy, “survey” includes but is not limited to: analyses, questionnaires, interviews, evaluations and self-evaluations or self-reflection and refers to any methods of gathering data for items A-H.

No student shall be required as part of any applicable program to submit to a survey that requests or reveals information concerning the following:

- A. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student’s parent/guardian;
- B. Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student’s family;
- C. Sex behavior or attitudes;
- D. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- E. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- F. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- G. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student’s parent; or
- H. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in program or for receiving financial assistance under such program)

This policy does not apply to circumstances where the Administration conducts an investigation and interviews students, nor does it apply to discussions between students and school counselors or school health care providers.

### **Notice to Parents Regarding Surveys**

Parents/guardians will be provided with a copy of this policy at the beginning of each school year, and within a reasonable time if substantive changes are made to the policy by the Board. If actual or expected dates of approved surveys requesting or revealing information relating to A-H (above) have been scheduled when the policy is distributed, parents/guardians of affected students will be notified at that time and again prior to the use of the survey. If surveys requesting or revealing information relating to A-H (above) are scheduled after the start of the school year, parents/guardians will be provided with reasonable notice before the survey is administered.

### **Notice to Staff Regarding Surveys**

Administration will provide staff with a copy of this policy and review the information in the policy at the beginning of each school year for the purpose of clarification and review.

