

SECTION 400 – STUDENTS

SURVEYS, PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS WITH STUDENTS

POLICY 424

ARTICLE 1 SURVEY, ANALYSIS OR EVALUATION OF STUDENTS

- A. Parent consent shall be required before any student is asked to submit to a survey, analysis, test or evaluation that is intended to reveal information concerning the student or the student's parents/guardians whether or not the information is personally identifiable. This provision includes, but is not limited to, any instrument, questionnaire or test that seeks the following personal information:
1. Political affiliations;
 2. Mental or psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or the student's family;
 3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
 4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior;
 5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the student has a close family relationship;
 6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, physicians and ministers;
- B. School personnel responsible for administering any such survey, analysis or evaluation shall give written notice at least two weeks in advance to the student's parent/guardian. The notice shall offer to provide the following written information to the parent/guardian upon request:
1. Records or information that may be examined and required in the survey, analysis or evaluation;
 2. The means by which the records or information shall be examined, reviewed, or disseminated;
 3. The means by which the information is to be obtained;
 4. The purposes for which the records or information is needed;
 5. The entities or persons, regardless of affiliation, who will have access to the information; and
 6. A method by which a parent/guardian can grant or deny permission to access or examine the records or information.
- C. Nothing in this section of the policy shall be construed to prevent a District employee from reporting known or suspected child abuse or neglect as required by State law

References:

C.R.S. 13-22-101 Competence of persons 18 years of age or older

C.R.S. 22-32-109.2 Duty of Board to adopt policy related to instruction exposing students to psychological methods

C.R.S. 27-10-103 Mental health service, minor 15 years of age

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ARTICLE 2 PSYCHIATRIC/PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING METHODS OR PROCEDURES

- A. Students shall not be required to submit to any psychiatric or psychological methods or procedures for the purpose of diagnosis, assessment or treatment of any emotional, behavioral or mental disorder or disability as part of any classroom or instructional activity without parental knowledge and consent. Ordinary classroom instruction, activities and techniques that teach about psychological or psychiatric methods or procedures shall be permissible.
- B. Licensed school personnel shall not be involved in any diagnosis, assessment or treatment of any type of mental disorder or disability unless appropriately licensed. In accordance with state law, school personnel including licensed school psychologists are not authorized to practice psychotherapy or utilize any psychiatric or psychological procedure outside of or beyond their area of training, experience or competence.
- C. Psychological tests shall be administered to students only by appropriately licensed school psychologists employed for this purpose or by interns under their supervision and only with written consent of the student's parent or guardian. Adherence to this policy shall ensure quality psychological services and shall protect the educational rights, dignity and privacy of students and parents/guardians.
- D. A student 15 years or older may consent to receive mental health services without parental consent when services are rendered by a facility (such as a clinic or community mental health center) that provides such treatment or by a person licensed to practice medicine in this state or a psychologist licensed to practice in this state. A student 18 years or older is eligible to consent to psychiatric or psychological methods or procedures without parental consent.

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