

The School District of Philadelphia

PPRA Notice and Consent/Opt-Out for Specific Activities 2013-2014

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, requires The School District of Philadelphia 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 exams and screenings.

If you wish to review any survey instrument or instructional material used in connection with any protected information or marketing survey, please submit a request to the school your child attends. The principal of the school will notify you of the time and place where you may review these materials. You have the right to review a survey and/or instructional materials before the survey is administered to a student.

If you wish to opt your child out of participating in these surveys, please complete the form below and return it to your child’s school. If you do not decide to opt your child out of these surveys, you still have the right to review any survey instrument or instructional material that the school may use. By not returning the bottom form you consent to your child’s participation in these surveys.

I _____, DO NOT give my consent for _____ to participate in student surveys, analysis, or evaluations that concern one or more of the areas listed above on this document.

Student’s Name (Print Name)

Parent’s signature

Student ID#

School/School #

Please return this form no later than December 20, 2013, to the principal of your child’s school.

Translated versions of this document are available at: www.philasd.org/translation (search word “PPRA”)