

PARENTAL ACCESS TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL AND SURVEYS

The Southwestern Consolidated School Corporation of Shelby County School Board respects the privacy rights of parents and students. No student shall be required, without prior written consent of the student (if an adult, or an emancipated minor) or, if an unemancipated minor, their parents, to participate in any personal analysis, evaluation, or survey that reveals attitudes, habits, traits, opinions, beliefs, or feelings concerning:

1. political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
2. religious beliefs, affiliations, or practices of the student or the student's parent;
3. mental or psychological conditions of the student or the student's family;
4. sexual behavior or attitudes;
5. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
6. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the student has a close family relationship;
7. legally recognized privileged or confidential relationships, such as those of lawyers, ministers, or physicians; or
8. income (except as required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

Parents may inspect any materials used in conjunction with any such survey, analysis, or evaluation by contacting the building principal.

Parents also have the right to inspect, upon request, all instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum of the student. Instructional materials include teachers' manuals, student texts, films, tapes, or other digital materials. The term does not include academic tests or assessments.

Further, parents have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey or evaluation created by a third party before the survey/evaluation is administered or distributed by the school to the student. The parent will have access to the survey/evaluation within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal.

Human Sexuality Curriculum

Before a school may provide a student with instruction on human sexuality, the school must provide the parent of the student or the student (if an adult, or an emancipated minor), with a written request for consent of instruction. A consent form provided to a parent of a student or a student must accurately summarize the contents and nature of the instruction on human sexuality that will be provided to the student and indicate that a parent of a student or an adult or emancipated minor student has the right to review and inspect all materials related to the instruction on human sexuality. The written consent form may be sent in an electronic format. The parent of the student or the student (if an adult, or an emancipated minor), may return the consent form indicating that the parent of the student or the adult or emancipated student either consents to or declines instruction.

If a student does not participate in the instruction on human sexuality, the school shall provide the student with alternative academic instruction during the same time frame that the instruction on human sexuality is provided.

If the parent of the student or the student (if an adult, or an emancipated minor), does not respond to the written request provided by the school within twenty-one (21) calendar days after receiving the request, the school shall provide the parent of the student, or the student (if an adult, or an emancipated minor), a written notice requesting that the parent of the student, or the student (if an adult, or an emancipated minor), indicate, in a manner prescribed by the school, whether the parent of the student or the adult or emancipated student either consents to or declines instruction.

A notice provided to a parent of a student or a student must accurately summarize the contents and nature of the instruction on human sexuality that will be provided to the student and indicate that a parent of a student or an adult or emancipated minor student has the right to review and inspect all materials related to the instruction on human sexuality. The notice may be sent in an electronic format. If the school does not receive a response within ten (10) days after the notice, the student will receive the instruction on human sexuality unless the parent or the adult or emancipated student subsequently opts out of the instruction for the student.

Personal Information

The Board will not allow the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information (or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose).

Notice to Parents

The Superintendent is directed to provide notice directly to parents of students enrolled in the Corporation of the substantive content of this policy at least annually at the beginning of the school year, and within a reasonable period of time after any substantive change in this policy. In

addition, the Superintendent is directed to notify parents of students in the Corporation, at least annually at the beginning of the school year, of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when the administration of any survey by a third party that contains one or more of the items described in 1 through 8 above are scheduled or expected to be scheduled.

For purposes of this policy, the term "parent" includes a legal guardian or other person standing in loco parentis (such as a grandparent or stepparent with whom the child lives, or a person who is legally responsible for the welfare of the child).

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