

**STUDENT AND FAMILY PRIVACY RIGHTS**

The Governing Board respects the rights of district students and their parents/guardians with regard to the privacy of their personal beliefs and the confidentiality of their personal information.

*(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)*  
*(cf. 5021 - Noncustodial Parents)*  
*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*  
*(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)*  
*(cf. 6162.8 - Research)*

The Superintendent or designee may collect, disclose, or use students' personal information for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for or to students or educational institutions, such as the following: (20 USC 1232h)

1. College or other postsecondary education recruitment or military recruitment
2. Book clubs, magazines, and programs providing access to low-cost literary products
3. Curriculum and instructional materials used by elementary and secondary schools
4. Tests and assessments to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information about students (or to generate other statistically useful data for the purpose of securing such tests and assessments) and the subsequent analysis and public release of the aggregate data from such tests and assessments

*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*  
*(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)*

5. The sale by students of products or services to raise funds for school-related or education-related activities

*(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)*

6. Student recognition programs

*(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)*

The Superintendent or designee is prohibited from collecting, disclosing, or using a student's individually identifiable information, including his/her name, parent/guardian's name, home or other physical address, telephone number, or social security number, for the purpose of marketing or selling that information or providing the information to others for that purpose.

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The Superintendent or designee shall consult with parents/guardians regarding the development of regulations pertaining to other uses of personal information, which shall, at a minimum, address the following: (20 USC 1232h)

1. Arrangements for protecting student privacy when collecting, disclosing, or using students' individually identifiable information for any purpose
2. Arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of surveys that may request information about the personal beliefs and practices of students and their families
3. The rights of parents/guardians to inspect the following, and any applicable procedures for granting reasonable access to the following in a reasonable period of time:
  - a. Survey instruments requesting information about their personal beliefs and practices or those of their children
  - b. Instructional materials used as part of their children's educational curriculum
  - c. Instruments used in the collection of personal information for the purpose of marketing or sale
4. Any nonemergency physical examinations or screenings that the school may administer

*(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committee)*

*(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)*

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the adoption or continued use of the district's policy pertaining to the rights specified in items #1-4 above. (20 USC 1232h)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

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*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

234.7 *Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status*

49076.7 *Privacy of student records; social security numbers*

49450-49458 *Physical examinations*

49602 *Confidentiality of personal information received during counseling*

51101 *Parents Rights Act of 2002*

51513 *Test, questionnaire, survey, or examination concerning personal beliefs*

51514 *Nonremoval of survey questions pertaining to sexual orientation or gender identity*

51938 *Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Act; notice and parental excuse*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

1232h *Protection of pupil rights*

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Family Policy Compliance Office: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OM/fpco>

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**VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**Surveys Requesting Information about Beliefs and Practices**

A student's parent/guardian, or a student who is an adult or emancipated minor, shall provide prior written consent before the student is required to participate in a survey inquiring about one or more of the following: (Education Code 51513; 20 USC 1232h)

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her parent/guardian
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or his/her family
3. Sexual behavior or attitudes or personal beliefs and practices in family life or morality
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the student has close family relationships
6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, or ministers
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or his/her parent/guardian
8. Income, except to the extent that income is required to be disclosed by law for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program

*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*

*(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*

If a student participates in such a survey requesting information about personal beliefs and practices, school officials and staff members shall not request or disclose the student's identity.

*(cf. 6162.8 - Research)*

Notwithstanding the above requirements for prior written consent, the district may administer to students in grades 7-12 anonymous, voluntary, and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure student health risks and behaviors, including tests and surveys about student attitudes or practices related to sex as long as parents/guardians are provided written notice and given an opportunity to request, in writing, that their child not participate. (Education Code 51938)

If the district administers a voluntary survey that already includes questions pertaining to sexual orientation and/or gender identity, the Superintendent or designee shall not remove such questions. (Education Code 51514)

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### **Parent/Guardian Access to Surveys and Instructional Materials**

The parent/guardian of any district student, upon his/her request, shall have the right to inspect: (Education Code 51938; 20 USC 1232h)

1. A survey or other instrument to be administered or distributed to his/her child that either collects personal information for marketing or sale or requests information about beliefs and practices
2. Any instructional material to be used as part of his/her child's educational curriculum

*(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)*

Within a reasonable period of time after receiving a parent/guardian's request, the principal or designee shall permit the parent/guardian to view the survey or other document he/she requested. A parent/guardian may view the document any time during normal business hours.

*(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)*

No student shall be subject to penalty for his/her parent/guardian's exercise of any of the rights stated above.

### **Health Examinations**

Authorized school officials may administer to any student any physical examination or screening permitted under California law. However, no student shall be subjected to a nonemergency, invasive physical examination without prior written notice to his/her parent/guardian, unless an applicable state law authorizes the student to provide consent without parent/guardian notification. (20 USC 1232h)

*Invasive physical examination* means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injection into the body, but does not include a properly authorized hearing, vision, or scoliosis screening. (20 USC 1232h)

*(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)*

*(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)*

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)*

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

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**Notifications**

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of: (20 USC 1232h)

1. The district's policy regarding student privacy
2. The process to opt their children out of participation in any activity described in this administrative regulation and the accompanying Board policy
3. The specific or approximate dates during the school year when the following activities are scheduled:
  - a. Survey requesting personal information
  - b. Physical examinations or screenings
  - c. Collection of personal information from students for marketing or sale

Prior to administering any anonymous and voluntary survey regarding health risks and behaviors to students in grades 7-12, the district shall provide parents/guardians with written notice that the survey is to be administered. (Education Code 51938)

Parents/guardians shall also be notified of any substantive change to this policy and administrative regulation within a reasonable period of time after adoption of the change. (20 USC 1232h)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

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