

# STUDENT PRIVACY AND PARENTAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION POLICY

## Personal Information

The Fitzgerald Public School's Board of Education recognizes the importance of safeguarding a student's right to privacy. No student shall be required, without prior written consent of the student's parent or guardian (or the student's own consent if the student is 18 years of age or older or an emancipated minor), to submit a survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

1. Political affiliations;
2. Mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or his/her family;
3. Sexual behaviors and attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged and analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent; or
8. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

The parent/guardian of Fitzgerald Public Schools' students shall be entitled to inspect any survey that references the above listed items upon request prior to administration to students. Furthermore, the parent/guardian shall be entitled to, upon request, inspect any survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed.

Lastly, the parent/guardian of Fitzgerald Public Schools' students have the right to inspect, upon request, any instrument used to gather personal information for the purpose of marketing or for selling information (or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose) before that instrument is administered to the student.

### Instructional Materials

Fitzgerald Public Schools shall allow a parent or guardian of a FPS student to inspect, upon request, any instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum for that student including any instructional materials which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis or evaluation that is part of any school program or activity.

Instructional Materials means any instructional content that is provided to a student, regardless of its format including printed or representational materials, audio-visual materials and materials in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the internet). Instructional Materials do not include academic tests or assessments.

### Invasive Physical Examinations

Fitzgerald Public Schools recognizes that its students have a privacy interest in any information gathered by the District in administering physical examinations or screenings upon its students. Pursuant to its existing Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act policy, the District will not release any information connected with these examinations without a parent or guardian's permission. Hearing, vision and scoliosis screenings are not subject to prior notification.

LEGAL REFERENCES: 20 U.S.C 1232h(a)(b)(c); M.C.L.A. 380.10