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(Mandatory)<sup>1</sup>

## **POLICY: PUPIL PRIVACY RIGHTS**

It is the intent of the school board to comply with the provisions of the federal Pupil Privacy Rights Amendment (PPRA) governing the administration of certain student surveys, analyses or evaluations funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Education.

### **Definitions**

As used in this policy, the following terms shall mean:

**"Invasive physical examination"** means a 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 hearing, vision or scoliosis screening.

**"Personal information"** means individually identifiable information including a student's or parent's name, address, telephone number, or social security number.

**"Instructional material"** means instructional content that is provided to a student, regardless of format. It does not include tests or academic assessments.

**"Parent"** means a natural or adoptive parent, 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 a child).

### **Student Rights**

The rights provided to parents under the Pupil Rights Amendment and this policy transfer to the student when the student turns 18 years old, or is an emancipated minor under applicable Vermont law.

### **Policy**

1. No student shall be required, without prior written parental consent, to take part in a survey, analysis, or evaluation funded by the U.S. Department of Education that reveals information concerning:
  - A. political affiliations or beliefs of a student or a student's parents
  - B. mental or psychological problems of a student or student's family;
  - C. sex behavior or attitudes;
  - D. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior;
  - E. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom student respondents have close family relationships;
  - F. legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians or members of the clergy. income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program for receiving financial assistance under such program; or
  - G. religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parents.
2. Parents shall have the right to inspect any survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed to a student. Requests for inspection shall be in writing, and shall be made in sufficient time to allow a response at least two weeks in advance of any survey to be given.