

ANNUAL NOTICE OF RIGHTS UNDER PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S.

Department of Education (DE) –

Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
Sex behavior or attitudes;
Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of –

Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

Inspect, upon request and before administration or use –

Protected information surveys of students;
Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

The Vinton-Shellsburg CSD has/will develop[ed] and adopt[ed] policies (Board Policies 505.4; 506.2E1; 607.2), in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Vinton-Shellsburg CSD will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Vinton-Shellsburg CSD will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or email, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. Vinton-Shellsburg will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the District has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this requirement:

Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution.
Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by DE.
Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-5901

PPRA Notice and Consent/Opt-Out for Specific Activities

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. §1232h, requires Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District 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.

At this time there are no scheduled activities for the upcoming 2004-05 requiring parental notice and consent or opt-out. If any surveys or activities are scheduled after the school year starts, the Vinton-Shellsburg CSD will provide parents, within a reasonable period of time prior to the administration of the surveys/activities, notification of the surveys and activities and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out, as well as an opportunity to review the surveys.

(Please note that this notice and consent/opt-out transfers from parents to any student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.)

Example:

Date: *On or about October 200_.*

Grades: *Grades Eight and Eleven*

Activity: *"ABC Survey of At-Risk Behaviors".*

Summary: This is an anonymous survey that asks students questions about behaviors such as drug and alcohol use, sexual conduct, violence, and other at-risk behaviors. The survey also asks questions of demographic nature concerning family make-up, the relationship between parents and children, and use of alcohol and drugs at home.

Consent: *A parent must sign and return the attached consent form no later than _____ so that your child may participate in this survey.*

VINTON-SHELLSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Consent Form

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 _____
[building administrator, address].

_____ [Administrator] 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.

I _____ give my consent for _____ to take
[Parent's name] [Student's name]

The "ABC" Survey of At-Risk Behaviors on or about _____.

Parent's Signature

I _____ do not give consent for _____
[Parent's name] [Student's name]

to take The "ABC" Survey of At-Risk Behaviors.

Parent's Signature

Please return this form no later than _____ to the following school official: _____
Date Administrator

mailing address