

# **STUDENT PRIVACY AND PARENTAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION POLICY**

Reference: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), 20 USC §§ 1232g, 1232h; 34 CFR §§ 99.7, 99.31

The Board of Directors respects the privacy rights of parents and their children. Without prior written consent of the student, (if an adult or an emancipated minor) or his/her parents (if an unemancipated minor), no student shall be required, as a part of the Academy program or the Academy's curriculum, to submit to or participate in any survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning the following:

- A. political affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her parents;
- B. mental or psychological problems of the student or his/her family;
- C. sexual behavior or attitudes;
- D. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- E. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- F. legally recognized privileged and analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- G. religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or his/her parents; or
- H. income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program).

The **Principal or Principal Designee** shall ensure that procedures are established whereby parents may inspect any materials used in conjunction with any such survey, analysis, or evaluation.

Upon request, parents shall have the right to inspect a survey or evaluation created by a third party before the survey/evaluation is administered or distributed by the Academy to the student. The parent shall have access to the survey/evaluation within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the School Leader.

**NOTE: The following arrangements to protect privacy or equivalent must be inserted.**

To ensure the right of parents, the Board directs the **Principal or Principal Designee** to perform the following:

- A. Provide timely, written notification to parents about any surveys, analyses, or evaluations that may reveal any of the information identified in A-H above. Such

- notification shall inform parents about their right to inspect the survey, analysis, or evaluation prior to the initiation of the activity with students.
- B. Allow the parent the option of excluding their student from the activity.
  - C. Report collected data in a summary that does not permit one to make a connection between the data and individual students or small groups of students.
  - D. Treat information as identified in A-H above as confidential information.

Upon written request, parents have the right to inspect any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum of the student. Parents will have access to the instructional material within a reasonable period of time after the written request is received by the School Leader. The term *instructional material* means any learning materials provided to a student, regardless of its format, including printed and representational materials, audio-visual materials, and materials in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the Internet). The term does not include academic tests or assessments.

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

**The Principal or Principal Designee** shall provide notice directly to parents of students enrolled in the Academy 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.

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 other person legally responsible for the welfare of the child).

**The Principal or Principal Designee shall develop Administrative Procedures for the implementation of this policy.**