



## PPRA – Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of students and their parents when it comes to surveys and other activities.

PPRA applies to programs and activities funded by the U.S. Department of Education, including surveys administered in elementary and secondary schools.

Here are some ways PPRA protects students and their parents when it comes to surveys:

**Parental Review** – Parents have the right to review surveys before they are given to students.

**Parent Consent** – Parents must give consent before their child can participate in surveys that cover certain topics, such as:

- Political Affiliation
- Mental or psychological problems
- Sexual behavior and attitudes
- Illegal or self-incriminating behavior
- Critical appraisals of others
- Privileged information
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs
- Income (other than what's required for program eligibility)

**Opt-Out** – Parents have the right to opt their children out of most school surveys. If student participation isn't required, notice and an opportunity to opt out is sufficient.