

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) Annual Notice

The BOCES shall comply with the laws and regulations regarding the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). The PPRA applies to programs that receive funding from the U.S. Department of Education (ED). The PPRA is intended to protect the rights of parents and students in two ways:

* It seeks to ensure that schools and contractors make instructional materials available for inspection by parents if those materials will be used in connection with an ED-funded survey, analysis, or evaluation in which their children participate; and

* It seeks to ensure that schools and contractors obtain written parental consent before minor students are required to participate in any ED-funded survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student, or the student's parent;
2. mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
3. sexual behavior or attitudes;
4. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the student has a close family relationship;
6. legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those with attorneys, 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).

Parents also have the right to opt their child out of any non-Ed-funded surveys that concerns one or more of the eight protected areas above.

As of September ___, 200___, the start of this school year, there is no scheduled activities regarding the above. In the event such activities are to be scheduled, parents will be given prior written notice with respect to such activity.

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