

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

Statue: 20.U.S.C. 1232h Regulations: 34.C.F.R. Part 98

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) ensures that schools provide parents notification and information about certain activities occurring in school setting. PPRA requires surveys, analyses, or evaluations, and all related instructional materials, that are administered or distributed through the school be made available to parents for inspection. PPRA also allows parents to detail their child's participation surveys, analyses, or evaluations that could reveal information about one or more of the following topics:

- · Political affiliation or beliefs of the student or parent;
- · Mental or psychological problems of the student or his or her family;
- · Sexual behavior or attitude;
- · Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- · Critical appraisals of others with who the students has close familial relationships;
- · Legally recognized privileged relationships (such as with lawyers, doctors, or clergy);
- · Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parent;
- · Income (except when required by law to determine program eligibility).

In cases in which the surveys, analyses, or evaluations could reveal the personal information identified above, even if anonymous, the school must obtain parental permission prior to the administration of the instrument to students.