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## Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) – Notice to Parents

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This letter serves as official notice of Cirrus Academy's policy regarding Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) which affords parents certain rights regarding the school's conduct of surveys, collections and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams.

These include the right to:

- a. 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:
  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 nor parents; or
  8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.
  
- b. Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:
  1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
  2. 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
  3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.
  
- c. Inspect, upon request and before administration or use:
  1. Protected information surveys of students;
  2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
  3. Instructional material used as a part of the educational curriculum.



Parents of eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies which items set forth above that they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parents or the eligible student of the time and place where the materials may be inspected. These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law. Cirrus Academy has developed and adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collections, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes.

Cirrus Academy will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Cirrus Academy will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or e-mail, 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.

Cirrus Academy will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the school 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 are 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:

- a. Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution.
  - b. Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Education.
  - c. 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

Cirrus Academy thanks you for doing your part to make the 2022-2023 school year a healthy, safe, and positive learning experience for all students as we continue to move FULL STEAM AHEAD!

Superintendent/CEO

*Dr. Gail M. Fowler*