# EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT RIGHTS/SURVEYS

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#### 235. STUDENT RIGHTS/SURVEYS

1. Purpose

This policy sets forth guidelines by which student rights and responsibilities are determined, consistent with law and regulations.

2. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.3 The Board has the authority and responsibility to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct and deportment of school district students. At the same time, no student shall be deprived of equal treatment and equal access to the educational program, due process, a presumption of innocence, and free expression and association, in accordance with Board policy and school rules.

Surveys conducted by outside agencies, organizations and individuals shall be approved by the Board, based on the Superintendent's recommendation, prior to administration to students.

3. Guidelines Title 22 Sec. 12.2, 12.3, Pol. 218 Attendant upon the rights established for each student are certain responsibilities, which include regular school attendance, conscientious effort in classroom work, and homework; conformance to Board policies and school rules and regulations; and respect for the rights of students, administrators and others; and the expression of ideas and opinions in a respectful manner.

The applicable student Code of Conduct information regarding students' rights and responsibilities shall be included in the student handbook, which shall be distributed annually to students and available to parents/guardians.

No student shall interfere with the education of his/her fellow students. It is the responsibility of each student to respect the rights of teachers, students, administrators, and all other who are involved in the educational process.

Students shall express their ideas and opinions in a respectful manner.

It is the responsibility of students to:

1. Be aware of all rules and regulations for student behavior and conduct themselves in accordance with them.

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	2. Cooperate with school staff in matters relating to the health, safety, and welfare of the school community and the protection of school property.
	3. Dress and groom themselves so as to meet established standards of safety and health, and so as not to cause disruption to the educational process.
	4. Assume that, until a rule is waived, altered or repealed, it is in full effect.
	5. Assist the school staff in operating a safe school for all students enrolled therein.
	6. Be aware of and comply with state and local laws.
	7. Exercise proper care when using public facilities and equipment.
	8. Attend school daily, except when excused, and to be on time to all classes and other school functions.
	9. Make all necessary arrangements for making up work when absent from school.
	10. Pursue and attempt to complete satisfactorily the course of study prescribed by state and local school authorities.
	11. Avoid inaccuracies in student newspapers or publications.
	12. Avoid the use of indecent, offensive, or obscene language.
	<u>Instructional Materials</u>
Pol. 105.1	All instructional materials, including teacher's manuals, audiovisuals, and other supplementary instructional material used in the instructional program shall be available for inspection by the parents/guardians of students, in accordance with Board policy. Instructional materials do not include tests or academic assessments.
	Surveys/Evaluations
	All surveys and instruments used to collect information from students shall relate to the school district's educational objectives.
20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h Title 22 Sec. 12.41	The parent/guardian shall be informed of the nature and scope of individual surveys and their relationship to the educational program of their child and the parent's/guardian's right to inspect, upon request, a survey created by a third party prior to administration or distribution to a student. Such request to inspect shall be in writing and submitted to the building principal.

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A student who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years possesses the full rights of an adult and may authorize those school matters previously handled by parent/guardian.

20 U.S.C. 1232h Title 22 Sec. 4.4 No student shall be required, without written parental consent for students under eighteen (18) years of age or written consent of emancipated students or those over eighteen (18) years, to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

- 1. Political affiliations or beliefs of student or parent/guardian.
- 2. Mental and psychological problems of the student or family.
- 3. Sexual behavior or attitudes.
- 4. Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior.
- 5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships.
- 6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, physicians, and ministers.
- 7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parent/guardian.
- 8. Income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program.

However, such survey, analysis or evaluation may be conducted on a voluntary basis, provided that the student and parent/guardian have been notified of their right to inspect all related materials and to opt the student out of participation.

The school district shall implement procedures to protect student identity and privacy when a survey contains any of the restricted subject areas listed above.

#### Collection Of Information For Marketing

20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h The parent/ guardian has the right to inspect the material and opt out the student from participating in any activity that results in the collection, disclosure or use of personal information for purposes of marketing or selling that information. This does not apply to the collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for or to students.

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4. Definition	<b>Personal information</b> means individually identifiable information including a student's or parent's/guardian's name, address, telephone number, or social security number.
5. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall develop and promulgate procedures consistent with law and Board policy to ensure that student rights under specific conditions are properly recognized and maintained.
20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h Title 22 Sec. 12.3	The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify the parent/guardian concerning:
	1. Contents of this policy and its availability.
	2. Contents of the Student Code of Conduct.
	3. Approximate dates that any surveys requesting personal information may be scheduled, if known.
	4. Procedures to request access to survey instrument prior to administration.
	5. Procedures for opting students out of participation in surveys.
	References:
	School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510
	State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 12.2, 12.3, 12.41, 403.1
	No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h
	Board Policy – 105.1