

## SUGAR VALLEY RURAL CHARTER SCHOOL

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SECTION: PUPILS  
TITLE: STUDENT RIGHTS/SURVEYS  
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### STUDENT RIGHTS/SURVEYS

#### PURPOSE

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

#### DEFINITION

**Personal information** means individually identifiable information including a student's or parent's name, address, telephone number, or social security number.

#### AUTHORITY

The Board has the authority and responsibility to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct and department of SVRCS 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 CEO's recommendation, prior to administration to students.

#### DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The CEO or designee shall develop the promulgate procedures consistent with law and Board policy to ensure that student rights under varying conditions are properly described.

The CEO or designee shall annually notify parents concerning:

1. Contents of this policy and its availability.
2. Approximate dates that any surveys requesting personal information may be scheduled.
3. Procedures to request access to survey instruments prior to administration.
4. Procedures for opting students out of participation in surveys.

#### GUIDELINES

Attendant upon the rights established for each student are certain responsibilities, which include respect for the rights of others; obedience to properly constituted school authority; and compliance with the policies, rules and regulations of this district.

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 parents.

Each student who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years shall assume full responsibility for his/her performance in school, attendance, and compliance with school rules and regulations.

The parents of each student reaching the age of eighteen (18) shall be informed of the student's rights.

### Instructional Materials

Parents shall be notified annually that all instructional materials, including teachers' manuals, audiovisuals, or other supplementary instructional material, used in the instructional program, shall be available for inspection by the parents 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 SVRCS educational objectives.

Parents shall have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey created by a third party prior to administration or distribution to a student. Such requests shall be in writing and submitted to the CEO.

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 parents.
2. Mental and psychological problems of the student or family.
3. Sexual behavior or attitudes.
4. Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating or 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 parents.
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 have been notified of their right to inspect all related materials and to opt the student out of participation.

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

REFERENCE

School code – 510

PA Code – Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 12.2, 12.3

U.S.C. – Title 20 1232h