



## **STUDENT SURVEYS, ANALYSES, TESTING, OR EVALUATIONS**

It is Regional School Unit-24 (RSU) Board (RSUB) policy that no student enrolled in the RSU may be administered any surveys, analyses, tests or evaluations without the expressed permission of the RSUB. The superintendent is granted the authority to approve requests.

For the purposes of this policy: “surveys, analyses, testing, or evaluations” refers to any method of gathering data for any purpose that is not strictly for “in house” use by RSU personnel; and “parent” in order to meet state and grant funding requirements. “Parent” refers to child’s parent or legal guardian.

This policy also applies to all state and federal testing requirements when the results will leave the RSU. Although such tests may be required by state and/or federal law, in keeping with the RSUB’s belief that local control of the RSU belongs solely with the representatives elected by the voters of the City/Towns that make up the RSU, the RSUB hereby reserves to the Superintendent the right of final approval of all such surveys, analyses, testing or evaluations.

The RSUB/Superintendent normally will not consider surveys and/or analyses that seek personal, mental, sexual, behavioral, anti-social, family, incriminating, income, political, and/or appraisals of other students.

Parents will be asked to sign a release indicating to whom any information may be released, the purpose for which any such information may be used, and/or any anticipated usage. Parents may request to inspect any survey created by a third party and approved by the RSUB/Superintendent prior to administration of the survey.

The superintendent will be responsible for implementing any additional procedures necessary to protect the privacy of participating students and to approve any desired third-party surveys, analyses, tests, or evaluations he/she desires to have administered to any RSU students.

When practical, the superintendent will direct each Building Administrator to notify parents at the beginning of each school year when and which surveys, analyses, tests, or evaluations are scheduled or anticipated within their respective school.

Parents shall have the opportunity to opt their child(ren) out of participation in any survey, analysis, or evaluation, but may not opt out of RSUB/Superintendent-approved state and/or federal testing. Students who are 18 years of age or older may exercise the opt-out option for themselves.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. 1232 (h) Protection of Pupil Rights

Cross Reference: JRA – Student Educational Records

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