

Dickson County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in May	Descriptor Term: Surveys of Students	Descriptor Code: 6.4001	Issued Date: 02/28/13
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1 Surveys for research purposes shall be allowed by the Board when the project is viewed as contributory to
2 greater understanding of the teaching-learning process, the project does not violate the goals of the Board
3 and the disruption of the regular school program is minimal. Surveys conducted for agencies, organizations
4 or individuals must have the recommendation of the Director of Schools and the approval of the Board
5 as to content and purpose. The Director of Schools shall develop administrative procedures for approving
6 requests for conducting surveys. The requests shall outline what is to be done, who is to be involved and
7 how the results will be used and distributed. (TCA 49-2-211)
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9 Parents shall have the right to inspect all instructional material that will be used for a survey, analysis or
10 evaluation as part of a federal program. No student may, without parental consent, take part in a survey,
11 analysis, or evaluation that reveals information covering: (20 USCA § 1232h)
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- 13 1. Political affiliations;
- 14 2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or family;
- 15 3. Sexual behavior or attitudes;
- 16 4. Illegal, anti-social and demeaning behavior;
- 17 5. Critical appraisals of family members;
- 18 6. Legally privileged relationships;
- 19 7. Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs; and
- 20 8. Income.

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22 In general, the district will not collect, disclose, or use personal student information for the purpose of
23 marketing or selling that information to others.
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25 If any collected information is to be marked or sold, parents will be directly notified at the beginning of the
26 school year of the approximate dates when such information will be collected. Parents, upon request, may
27 inspect any instrument used to collect personal information for the purpose of marketing or selling before
28 the instrument is administered to the student.
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30 All parents and students of appropriate age may decline to provide the information requested.
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32 The follow are excluded as required by law (PL 107-110 F 1061)
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- 34 1. College or other postsecondary education recruitment or military recruitment;
 - 35 2. Book clubs, magazines and programs providing access to low-cost literary products;
 - 36 3. Tests and assessments used by schools;
 - 37 4. Sale by students of products or services to raise funds;
 - 38 5. Student recognition programs.
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