

## INFORMATIONAL

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

The Board of Education recognizes that student privacy is an important concern of parents and the Board wishes to ensure that student privacy is protected pursuant to the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, as revised by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. To that end, the Board has adopted a policy on student privacy. Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, as revised by the No Child Left Behind Act, and the NCCS policy on student privacy, you have the right to opt your child out of the following activities:

1. The collection, disclosure and use of personal information gathered from students for the purpose 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, such as:
  - a. college or other post secondary education recruitment, or military recruitment;
  - b. book clubs, magazines and programs providing access to low-cost literary products;
  - c. curriculum and instructional materials used in schools;
  - d. tests and assessments used to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information for students or to generate other statistically useful and public release of the aggregate data from such tests and assessments;
  - e. student recognition programs; and
  - f. the sale by students of products or services to raise funds for school-related activities.
2. The administration of any survey revealing information concerning one or more of the following:
  - a. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
  - b. Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
  - c. Sex behavior or attitudes;
  - d. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
  - e. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
  - f. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers;
  - g. Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent; or
  - h. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program of for receiving financial assistance under such program).
3. The administration of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school not necessary to protect the immediate health or safety of the student or other students and not otherwise permitted or required by state law. The term "invasive physical examination" means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injection into the body, but does not include a hearing, vision or scoliosis screening. It does not apply to any physical examination or screening required or permitted under state law, including those permitted without parental notification.

In accordance with state Education Law, each student shall have a physical exam given by the school doctor or family physician upon entrance to school in grades Pre K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. Physical forms are available from the school nurse to fill out. If a form is not returned to the school nurse, the school physician will complete a student's physical. Students wishing to participate in an interscholastic athletic program may also need to have a physical examination.

Please review this list. If there are any activities you wish to "opt out" of on behalf of your child, please send a letter stating your wish(es) and return it to the school within 10 days of the activity regarding physical exams.

If you have any questions about the district's student privacy policy and your right to opt you child out of certain activities, please contact me at 298-8681 x3001.

Sincerely,

Thomas Q. Brandell  
Middle School Principal