

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98) applies to programs that receive funding from the U.S. Department of Education (ED). PPRA is intended to protect the rights of parents and students in two ways:

It seeks to ensure that schools and contractors make instructional materials available for inspection by parents if those materials will be used in connection with an ED-funded survey, analysis, or evaluation in which their children participate; and

It seeks to ensure that schools and contractors obtain written parental consent before minor students are required to participate in any ED-funded survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

- 1. Political affiliations;**
- 2. Mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student and his/her family;**
- 3. Sex behavior and attitudes;**
- 4. Illegal, anti-social, 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 of lawyers, physicians, and ministers; or**
- 7. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).**