

InstructionParental Involvement in Schools

Scotts Bluff County School District 79-0032, aka Scottsbluff Public Schools, after having conducted a public hearing concerning parental involvement and participation, declares that it shall be the policy of the District:

1. In the event any parent, guardian, or educational decision-maker of a student has a complaint or objection to textbooks, tests, curriculum materials, activities, digital materials, websites or applications used for learning, training materials for teachers, administrators, or staff, and any other instructional materials, the parent, guardian, or educational decision-maker may request a personal conference with appropriate school personnel to discuss such concerns as the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee may deem appropriate. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall prepare a complaint form which may be used by a parent, guardian, or educational decision-maker to express objections to any such instructional material. Such complaint form shall seek information including, but not limited to, the specific instructional material complained of, the reason for the complaint, and a proposed resolution of the complaint by the parent, guardian, or educational decision-maker.
2. Upon reasonable advance request, a parent, guardian, or educational decision-maker will be permitted to attend and monitor courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities unless the school determines that such attendance would substantially interfere with a legitimate school interest, which includes the interests of the child, other students, and the educational staff. Guidelines may be found in the District Parent-Student Handbook.
3. Parents, guardians, or educational decision-makers are encouraged to communicate to school staff when the parent, guardian, or educational decision-maker believes it to be appropriate for their child to be excused from testing, classroom instruction, learning materials, activities, guest speaker events, and other school experiences that the parent, guardian, or educational decision-maker finds objectionable. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall make a provision on the complaint form hereinabove referenced for receiving information from a parent, guardian, or educational decision-maker concerning what specific testing, classroom instruction, or other school experience the parent finds objectionable, the basis for the objection and a proposed solution for dealing with the objection that would be satisfactory to the parent, guardian, or educational decision-maker and consistent with the mission of the District and legitimate school interests. Parents, guardian, or educational decision-makers are encouraged to contact the building principal with any questions about any test, curriculum, or surveys.
4. Upon request of a parent, guardians, or educational decision-maker, the District will provide access to the education records of their child consistent with applicable law. Access will be provided during regular business hours of the school.

5. The District will notify parents, guardians, or educational decision-makers when their child may be subjected to a standard norm referenced or criterion referenced test or standard tests such as but not limited to the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test. When reasonable to do so or required by law the parents, guardians, or educational decision-makers will be notified of where a sample of such a test might be viewed and the date upon which such test will be administered. As to all testing by the District, experimental evaluation methodologies, experimental testing instruments and any testing instrument which would tend to inquire into the values, beliefs, or privacy rights of any student, or parent, guardian, or educational decision-maker of such student shall be prohibited unless a parent, guardian, or educational decision-maker requests in writing that such tests be administered to their child.

Parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers will be notified in advance of any school-sponsored survey administered to students of the District when a survey concerns one or more of the following areas:

- a. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker;
- 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 student's parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker; or,
- h. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

Any survey administered by the District that asks students to disclose any of the aforementioned topics, including any non-anonymous survey requesting a student provide information relating to drug, vape, alcohol, or tobacco use, then the District will, at least fifteen days prior to the administration of the survey, notify parents, guardians, or educational decisionmakers that their student will receive the survey. This notice must describe the nature and types of questions included in the survey, the purposes and age-appropriateness of the survey, how information collected by the survey will be used, who will have access to such information, the steps that will be taken to protect student privacy, and whether and how any findings or results of such survey will be disclosed. After receiving such notice, parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers may request a copy of the survey, review the survey, and/or exempt their students from participating in the survey.

No survey requesting sexual information of a student shall be administered to any student in kindergarten through grade six.

No personally identifiable information of any student survey shall be disclosed unless permitted or required by state and federal law.

6. As a general matter, substantive decision-making processes will be left to the judgment of the professional staff, administration, or where appropriate, the Board of Education, subject to an effort to receive information from parents as to any concerns, objections, or other information such parents, guardians, or educational decision-makers would wish to provide to the District concerning a parent's, guardian's, or educational decision-maker's access, involvement, and participation in activities of the school.

Legal Reference: [Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-530 to 79-533](#)  
[20 U.S.C. 1232g](#)  
[20 U.S.C. 1232h](#)

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