

Psychological Testing of Students

Psychological tests will be administered to students only by certified psychologists/psychometrists employed for this purpose or by interns under their supervision. Adherence to this policy will ensure quality psychological services and will protect the educational rights, dignity, and privacy of students and parents.

Psychological evaluations will be made only after informed and written consent of the student's parent or guardian is obtained, unless the student is of legal age to give his/her informed and written consent. Psychological data will be only one of several criteria for determining any change in a student's educational program.

To ensure confidentiality of psychological records, written parental consent is required prior to the release of psychological data. The following information will also be required: (1) the signature of all persons, agencies, or organizations desiring access to the records of students, (2) the right of parents to inspect all psychological records pertaining to their child, (3) the opportunity for a hearing to challenge the contents of their child's psychological records, and (4) giving students age 18 and older rights heretofore accorded to parents.

END OF POLICY

Legal References:

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General Education Provisions Act, as amended, 20 U.S.C., Section 1232(g) (West 1982) (Family Educational and Privacy Rights)

General Education Provisions Act, as amended, 20 U.S.C., Section 1232(h) (West 1982) ("Hatch Amendment")