
STUDENTS – RIGHT TO INSPECT CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND THIRD-PARTY SURVEYS

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Exhibit To: Consent Form

The parent or guardian of a Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) student may inspect, upon request, any instructional materials which will be used in connection with a survey, a personal analysis, or an evaluation which is not a direct part of the academic instruction. Instructional materials include teachers' manuals, student texts, films, other video materials, or tapes.

The parent or guardian of a WWS student may inspect, upon request, a survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed to students. Requests may be made to the school building principal and will be processed within a reasonable period of time.

Student Submission to Surveys, Personal Analysis, or Evaluations of School Curriculum

No student shall be required, without prior written consent of the student's parent or guardian, to submit to a survey, a personal analysis, or an evaluation not directly related to the academic instruction which reveals information concerning:

- (1) Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
- (2) Religious affiliations, beliefs, or practices of the student or the student's parent;
- (3) Mental or psychological problems of the student or his/her family;
- (4) Sexual behavior or attitudes;
- (5) Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- (6) Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the student has a close family relationship;
- (7) Legally recognized privileged or analogous confidential relationships, such as a relationship with a lawyer, physician, or minister; or
- (8) Income (except as required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under a program).

Any consent form used in compliance with this policy must respect student attitudes, and state the content and nature of the personal analysis, survey, or evaluation. Any survey or questionnaire designed to collect data or information for personal use of teacher, school employee or outside agency personnel, or that seeks information from the list outlined above (1-8) must be reviewed by the principal and forwarded to the Superintendent for approval prior to administration of the survey.

The rights provided to parents and guardians under this policy transfer when the student turns 18 years old, or is an emancipated minor at any age.

Selection of Media Center Material

The primary objective of the media center is to support and enrich the school's education program; therefore, the duty of the media specialist is to provide a wide range of materials on all levels of difficulty, with a diversity of appeal, and representing varying points of view.

Authorization for the selection of materials is delegated to the certificated media specialists who know the curricula, the methods of teaching, and the individual differences of the students for which the materials are provided. Such selection of materials shall reflect the professional discretion of the media specialists and shall fulfill the objectives of enriching the curriculum and furthering the development of students intellectually, emotionally, and culturally and shall be in accordance with the administrative guidelines and form promulgated by the Superintendent and her or her designee.