

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, requires Missouri School for the Blind to notify you and obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation that concern one or more of the following eight areas (“protected information surveys”):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student’s parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student’s family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

This requirement also applies to the collection, disclosure or use of student information for marketing purposes (“marketing surveys”), and certain physical exams and screenings.

A schedule of activities requiring parental notice and consent/opt-out for the upcoming school year is legally required. (Please note that this notice and consent/opt-out transfers from parents to any student who is 18 or older an emancipated minor under State law.)

If you wish to review any survey instrument or instructional material used in connection with any protected information or marketing survey, please submit a request to Missouri School for the Blind, attention Ms. Joy Waddell, Assistant Superintendent, 3815 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110. MSB will notify you of the time and place where you may review these materials. You have the right to review a survey and/or instructional materials before the survey is administered to a student.

At this time, MSB has no activity/survey planned that would include any of the above eight areas. If, at any time during this school year, your child is to be included in a survey, MSB will send you the proper information and release form.