

# PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

This is probably the public notice that creates the most questions. Below are some answers and questions concerning the PPRA.

## What is the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)?

PPRA applies to the programs and activities of an SEA, LEA, or other recipient of funds under any program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. It governs the administration to students of a survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight protected areas:

political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;

mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;

sex behavior or attitudes;

illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;

critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;

legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;

religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent; or

income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

PPRA also concerns marketing surveys and other areas of student privacy, parental access to information, and the administration of certain physical examinations to minors. The rights under PPRA transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.