

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, requires Morning Sun Community School District to notify parents/guardians and obtain consent or allow parents/guardians to opt their child/children out of participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight areas ("protected information surveys"):

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent.
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family.
- Sex behavior or attitudes.
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior.
- Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have family relationships.
- Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers.
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents.
- 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.

Morning Sun Community School will provide parents/guardians, within a reasonable period of time prior to the administration of the surveys and activities, notification of the surveys and activities and give parents/guardians an opportunity to opt their child/children out, as well as an opportunity to review the surveys.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-5920.