

**COMMON POLICY FOR FRANKLIN CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION  
ST. ALBANS TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
ST. ALBANS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, FAIRFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
BELLOWS FREE ACADEMY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #48,  
AND NORTHWEST TECHNICAL CENTER**

**PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT NOTICE AND  
CONSENT/OPT-OUT FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES**

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) requires the Franklin Central Supervisory Union and its member schools to notify parents and get permission from parents to allow their children to participate in certain school activities. This means parents can also opt their children out of participation in certain school activities. These activities include student surveys, analysis, or evaluation that concerns 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. Sexual behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationship;
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, and certain physical exams and screenings.

Schools will provide parents with a schedule of activities requiring parental notice and consent/opt-out for each school year, as well as advance notice of surveys, etc., with opportunities to review the materials and to opt out. This does not apply to such areas as school climate, learning opportunities, student assets, and other surveys that are not of a sensitive nature.