

Student Personnel
Series 500

Policy Title: Testing Program

Code No. 506

Policy Statement

A comprehensive testing program is established and maintained to evaluate the education program of the agency and/or special programs and to assist in providing guidance or counseling services to students and their families.

Scope of Policy

No student is required, as part of any applicable program, funded by the United State Department of Education, to submit to a survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

- political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent or guardian;
- 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 and analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers;
- religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent or guardian; or income,(other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program);

without the prior consent of the student (if the student is an adult or emancipated minor), or in the case of an unemancipated minor, without the prior written consent of the parent.

Accountability Overview

Prior to an employee or contractor of the agency providing information on a student enrolled in the agency on any survey related to the social or emotional abilities, competencies or characteristics of the student; the agency will provide the parent/guardian of the student detailed information related to the survey and obtain written consent of the parent/guardian of the student. This includes the person who created the survey, the person who sponsors the survey, how the information generated by the survey is used and how information generated by the survey is stored. This requirement will not prohibit an agency employee from answering questions related to a student enrolled in the agency as part of developing or implementing an individualized education program for the student. It is the responsibility

of the chief administrator in conjunction with the program administrator to develop administrative regulations regarding this policy. It is the responsibility of the board to review and approve the evaluation and testing program.

Legal Reference:

20 U.S.C. § 1232h Iowa Code §§ 279.79; 280.3

Date of Adoption:

9/8/25