
Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)/Utah FERPA

Hawthorn Academy (the “School”) recognizes that the federal Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (or PPRA) in 20 U.S.C. § 1232h and Utah FERPA in Utah Code § 53E-9-203 affords the parents of each elementary and secondary student certain rights with respect to the administration of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and administration of certain physical examinations at school. These rights include, but are not limited to:

- **The right to prior written parental consent*** before a student is required to submit to any psychological or psychiatric examination, test, or treatment, or any survey, analysis, or evaluation in which the purpose or evident intended effect is to cause the student to reveal information concerning one or more of the following protected areas about the student or his/her family member’s (“protected information survey”):
 1. Political affiliations or, except as provided under Utah Code § 53G-10-202 or rules of the Utah State Board of Education, political philosophies;
 2. Mental or psychological problems;
 3. Sexual behavior, orientation, or attitudes;
 4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 5. Critical appraisals of individuals with whom the student or family member has close family relationships;
 6. Religious affiliations or beliefs;
 7. Legally recognized privileged and analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, medical personnel, or ministers; or
 8. Income, except as required by law.

** Such prior written parental consent is not required in connection with a protected information survey that is part of a youth suicide prevention program as described in Utah Code § 53G-9-702 or that is administered by the State of Utah; neither is such prior written consent required in circumstances where there is a reasonable belief that there is an emergency, child abuse, neglect, or a serious threat to the well-being of the student.*

- **The right to receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:**
 1. Any protected information survey that is part of a suicide prevention program described in Utah Code § 53G-9-702;
 2. Any protected information survey administered by the State of Utah;
 3. Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the School or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical examination or screening permitted or required under Utah law; and
 4. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others. (This does not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions.)

- **The right to inspect**, upon request and before administration or use:
 1. Protected information surveys of students and surveys created by a third party;
 2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing,sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who reaches 18 years old or becomes an emancipated minor under Utah law.

The School has developed and adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. The School will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually during registration and will also provide notice of the policies within a reasonable period of time after any substantive changes in the policies. The School will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or email, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in any of the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. The School will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the School has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For any surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided at least two weeks' notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Below is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this direct notification requirement:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for marketing,sales, or other distribution;
- Administration of any protected information survey; or
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described on the previous page.

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