

# Williamson County Board of Education

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**STUDENT SURVEYS**

- 1 The Board of Education is concerned about the psychological welfare of all students. The Board confirms  
2 its commitment to control and minimize the psychological intrusiveness of personal surveys or research  
3 studies that elicit individual student responses about attitudes, feelings, or personal habits of students and  
4 their families.  
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- 6 Any research studies or surveys conducted with students shall comply with the following guidelines:
- 7 1. Identification of any student by name, social security number, or other individually distinctive  
8 identification data is prohibited.  
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  - 10 2. All proposed surveys or research studies must be submitted and approved in writing in  
11 advance by the Superintendent of Schools or a senior staff member specifically designated by  
12 the Superintendent.  
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  - 14 3. Copies of approved surveys will be provided to school grade level directors and school  
15 Principals involved prior to implementation by any in-system or out-of-system individual or  
16 agency.  
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  - 18 4. No student shall be asked to reveal any of the following information about himself or family  
19 members:
    - 20 a. political affiliations
    - 21 b. mental and psychological history or problems potentially embarrassing to the student or  
22 family;
    - 23 c. sexual behavior or attitudes;
    - 24 d. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have family relationships;
    - 25 e. legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers,  
26 physicians, or ministers; or
    - 27 f. income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a  
28 program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).
- 29 NOTE: The only exception to the provisions in #4 above will be surveys about use of  
30 drugs, beverage alcohol, tobacco products, or dangerous weapons conducted as  
31 part of the school system's approved drug or alcohol education program, provided  
32 no individual, personal identification is allowed.  
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- 34 5. Teachers or Principals shall not administer, or allow to be administered by others, any survey  
35 of student attitudes, beliefs, or social behavior without written notification to and written  
36 permission from the student's parent or legal guardian for students under the age of 18.  
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  - 38 6. No copies of completed surveys will be identified in any way with individual students and/or  
39 maintained in any student's file.  
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  - 41 7. Exceptions: (1) The collection, retention, and use of student names, social security numbers,  
42 school zoning, school academic grades, and academic test scores may be transmitted by the  
43 school system to the State Department of Education or to individual colleges or other k-12  
44 schools (on written request by parent or legal guardian for students under 18 years of age).  
45 (2) Student academic information and test data may be used for educational research  
46 (without individual student identification) within the school system.  
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