Saint Helens School District 502

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Psychological Testing of Students**

Psychological tests will be administered to students only by psychologists/psychometrists employed by the district for this purpose or by interns under their supervision. Adherence to this policy will ensure quality psychological services and will protect the educational rights, dignity and privacy of students and parents.

Psychological evaluations will be made only after informed and written consent is obtained from the child's parent or surrogate, unless the student is of legal age to give his/her informed and written consent. Psychological data will be only one of several criteria for determining any change in a student's educational program. Psychological data older than three years will not be used as the basis for prescriptive teaching or placement.

To ensure confidentiality of psychological records, written parental consent is required prior to the release of psychological data. The following information also will be required:

- 1. The signature of all persons, agencies, or organizations desiring access to the records of students;
- 2. The right of parents to inspect all psychological records pertaining to their child;
- 3. The opportunity for a hearing to challenge the contents of their child's psychological records; and
- 4. Giving students age 18 and older rights heretofore accorded to parents.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

OAR 581-021-0030 OAR 581-021-0046(7) OAR 581-022-1670

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2006); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2006).

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (2006); Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing, 34 C.F.R. Part 98 (2006).

Cross Reference(s):

JO/IGBAB - Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities