

REEDSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING OF STUDENTS

CODE: JHDA

Psychological tests will be administered to students only by certified school psychologists/psychometrists employed 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, unless the student is of legal age to give his/her informed and written consent. Psychological data will be only one of several criteria used 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 References: CAR 581-022-1670

General Education Provisions Act, as amended, 20 U.S.C., Section 1232(g) (West 1982) (Family Educational and Privacy Rights)

General Education Provisions Act, as amended, 20 U.S.C., Section 1232(h) (West 1982) ("Hatch Amendment")

As used in this policy, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 126.033 - 126.095. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency, depends on the evaluation of the factors listed in policy GBHA. The determination of other purposes depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 126.030.

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