
Is the project conducted in an educational agency or institution* that receives Department of Education funding?

Is the research funded by the Department of Education?

Does the project involve survey, analysis, or evaluation that involves any of the following topics?
- Political affiliation
- Mental or psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student and family
- Sex behavior and attitudes
- Illegal, antisocial self-incriminating and demeaning behavior
- Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships
- Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships such as lawyers, physicians and ministers
- Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or student’s parents
- Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program for receiving financial assistance under such a program)

If PPRA is applicable:
- Prior written consent of the parent or guardian or adult/emancipated student must be obtained (34 CFR 98.4 (b)(2))
- Materials must be available for inspection by the parents or guardians of the children (34 CFR 98.3 (a))

*An “educational agency” means an elementary school, secondary school, school district, or local board of education that is the recipient of funds from the U.S. Department of Education (ED). It does not include postsecondary institutions.

Communication and availability for inspection should comply with schools’ policies for communication with parents (e.g. U.S. Mail, e-mail, etc.)