



Empowering Teachers, Parents, and Students by Eliminating Mandatory Surveys

Currently in Florida, public school teachers are required to administer intrusive surveys without parental knowledge. A parent, under current law, may opt their child out of these surveys. However, this requires the parents to have working knowledge of the survey components first.

Some examples of these surveys in Florida have been described in Abigail Shrier's newest book, *Bad Therapy*.

To empower parents to have a greater say over their child's education, we need to change the opt-out model to an opt-in one. By doing this, a parent would first have to provide permission to the school before the survey is administered. This is similar to how it currently works for children to participate in after-school activities or to receive medicine from the school nurse during the school day.

The Lee County School District has implemented an opt-in strategy for some of its operations, and it has worked well.

In Florida, we have a multi-year history of supporting parental rights and expanding them. The parental bill of rights and the subsequent parental bill of rights in education have set the standard for this noble fight. Putting parents in the driver's seat on whether surveys can be administered to their children is another step in that process.

Proposed language:

F.S. 1014.05 School district notifications on parental rights.—

(f) 11. In accordance with s. 1002.222(1)(a), the right of a parent to **opt-in to** any district **or state**-level data collection **or survey** relating to his or her minor child not required by law.

a.If a parent does not fill out the form relating to this, it is presumed that the parent opted his or her child out of participating in this collection or survey.