1.   This policy applies to all non-academic and non-educational surveys and questionnaires implemented, used, and conducted by VLACS.

2.   For purposes of this policy, "non-academic survey or questionnaire" means "surveys, questionnaires, or other documents designed to elicit information about a student's social behavior, family life, religion, politics, sexual orientation, sexual activity, drug use, or any other information not related to a student's academics."

3.   No student shall be required to volunteer for or submit to a non-academic survey or questionnaire without written consent of a parent/guardian unless the student is an adult or emancipated minor. Written consent will be obtained via email or online form through the VLACS portal.

4.   Parents/guardians will be notified and written consent will be requested at least ten days prior to VLACS administering a non-academic or non-educational survey or questionnaire to students. This notice and request for written consent will notify the parent/guardian of the purpose of the survey or questionnaire. Parents/guardians will be permitted to review the survey or questionnaire at least ten days prior to it being administered at VLACS or on VLACS's website.

5.   The requirements of Paragraphs 3 and 4 do not apply to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Parents/guardians may opt-out their child from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey in writing. Parents/guardians who do not opt-out their child(ren) from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey will be deemed to have consented to their child(ren) taking the survey. VLACS will make the survey available at VLACS and on its website for review by parents/guardians at least 10 days prior to distribution of the survey to students.

Legal References:

RSA 186:11, IX-d, Non-Academic Surveys and Questionnaires

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