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2021-2022 Science Fair Surveys

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This year we have several students using surveys as data collection for their science fair projects. All of these surveys are created and administered by DaVinci students in proving or disproving their hypotheses. These surveys are reviewed by DaVinci science fair sponsors to ensure that no prohibited or sensitive information is being requested from DaVinci students on these student-led science fair surveys. DaVinci requires prior parental written consent before any student can participate in surveys that solicit prohibited or sensitive information. See prohibited information below.

However, even if these science fair surveys do not solicit prohibited or sensitive information, we feel it important to inform you of the nature of these surveys so you can work with your child regarding participation in these student-led voluntary science fair surveys. Participation in these surveys is voluntary and are done outside classroom instructional time.

Students who use surveys as a collection tool must inform participants of survey topics and questions and how the information will be gathered confidentially and anonymously. In fact, science fair sponsors will help students craft procedures to keep survey responses confidential and anonymous. These student-created surveys will also be posted on the DaVinci website for parental review <http://www.davinciacademy.org/Content2/552>. If you have any questions with any of these surveys, please contact Cheyenne Herlandstein at Cheyenne.Herlandstein@DaVinciAcademy.org.

Prohibited Activities needing prior parental written consent before participation

Any psychological or psychiatric examination, test, or treatment, or any survey, analysis, or evaluation, in which the purpose or intended effect is to cause the student to reveal information concerning the student's or any family member's:

- (a) political affiliations or political philosophies;
- (b) mental or psychological problems;
- (c) sexual behavior, orientation, or attitudes;
- (d) illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- (e) critical appraisals of individuals with whom the student or family member has close family relationships
- (f) religious affiliations or beliefs;
- (g) legally recognized privileged and analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, medical personnel, or ministers; and
- (h) income, except as required by law.

Thank you,

Fred Donaldson