

**STUDENTS**

**Privacy**

The County Office of Education recognizes that personal beliefs are a private matter. Without the written notice and written consent of a parent/guardian, no student shall be given any test, survey, questionnaire or examination containing questions about personal or family beliefs or practices in sex, family, life, morality, or religion.

As required by law, school or program counselors shall respect the confidentiality of any personal information disclosed by students 12 years of age or older during the course of educational counseling. Personal information given to a counselor by the parent/guardian of a student 12 or older shall also be kept confidential and included in the student's record only with the parent/guardian's written consent. Exceptions shall be made only as provided by law.

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE**

49602 Confidentiality of pupil information

51513 Materials containing questions about beliefs or practices in sex,  
family life, morality and religion