



Survey Review Criteria

Please use the following checklist before submitting surveys for FLVS approval. Remember that all student surveys must receive prior parent/guardian review and consent before they are administered.

Survey questions that request students' Personally Identifiable Information (PII) will be rejected¹. This includes:

- Name
- Address (all geographic subdivisions smaller than state, including street address, city, county, and zip code)
- All elements (except years) of dates related to an individual (including birthdate, admission date, discharge date, date of death, and exact age if over 89)
- Fax number
- Email address
- Social Security Number
- Medical record number
- Health plan beneficiary number
- Account number
- Certificate of license number
- Any vehicle or other device serial number
- Web URL
- Internet Protocol (IP) address
- Finger or voice print
- Photographic image (photographic images are not limited to images of the face), or any other characteristic that could uniquely identify the individual

Survey questions that fall under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) protected areas will be rejected. This includes:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent or guardian
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family
- Sex behaviors or attitudes
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior
- Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships
- Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents
- Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility

¹ With the exception of cases in which the researcher has an approved Data Use Agreement (DUA) with FLVS.

Survey questions that ask students to self-report the following behaviors will be rejected:

- Being bullied
- Being abused
- Engaging in drunk driving
- Carrying a weapon
- Being forced into sexual activities
- Attempting suicide
- Using any form of drugs, including vaping

Survey questions that explore the following sensitive topics will be rejected:

- LGBTQ+
- Critical Race Theory
- Black Lives Matter
- Body image
- Racial and gender stereotypes

Surveys with the following additional features will be rejected:

- It is not clear that students can continue without providing a phone number
- Does not include information that standard text messaging charges apply
- Does not clearly state that students may opt out of text messages at any time
- Redirects or requires students to visit an external site
- Requires download of an application or other external materials
- References ideas or statements that do not align with district policies
- Response choices are not aligned with district options (e.g., excluding options that the district offers or including options the district does not offer)