

**PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**

CODE: JLDAC

STUDENT PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES/TESTING

Psychological testing will be conducted when deemed necessary for identifying primary and secondary handicapping conditions and providing data for establishing programs to help students develop their potential.

Psychological tests will be administered to students only by certified school psychologists, psychometrists or psychologist contracted for that purpose. Adherence to this policy will ensure quality psychological services and will protect the educational rights, dignity, and privacy of students and parents.

Psychological evaluations will be made only after informed and written consent of the child's parent or guardian is obtained, unless the student is of legal age to give his informed and written consent. Psychological data will be only one of several criteria for determining any change in a student's educational program. Psychological data older than three years will not be used as the basis for prescriptive teaching or placement.

To ensure confidentiality of psychological records, written parent consent is required prior to the release of psychological data except to school personnel involved with the child's educational program. Requests from all persons, agencies or organizations desiring access to records of students shall be in writing and signed. Access will only be allowed as provided by law.

Parents shall have the right to inspect all psychological records pertaining to their child. Parents shall be given the opportunity to have a hearing to challenge the contents of their child's psychological records. Students who have attained the legal age of eighteen (18) shall have the same rights as their parents.

Adopted: 1/20/98