

More samples:

Your personal problems

Have you ever been bullied?
Do you worry about dying soon? your parents getting a divorce? killing yourself? a nuclear bomb being dropped on America?
Do you hate yourself?
Do you think you look ugly?
Do you think nobody really loves you?
Do you have fights with your parents?
Have you ever had a nervous breakdown or lost your mind?
Have you ever tried to kill yourself?
Have you felt so discouraged or hopeless that you wonder if anything is worthwhile?
Do you wish you had never been born?
Do you think people would be happier if you were not around?
Do you wonder if you have the nerve to kill yourself?

Your possible use of drugs

How often do you use the following: cigarettes, beer, wine, hard liquor, marijuana, acid, speed, cocaine, crack, heroin?
If you use marijuana, how old were you when you started?
How often do you get drunk?
Do you think teenagers should be able to drink as long as they don't drive afterwards?

Your friends

Do you have a boyfriend or girlfriend now?
Name him or her.
Do you have a best friend now?
Name him or her.
Do you share secrets with this best friend?
Name the three classmates you like the most.
Name your classmates who do weird or strange things.

Your sexual behavior

(In Utah, these questions are ILLEGAL.)

How old were you the first time you had sexual intercourse?
What kind of birth control do you most often use?
Have you ever been pregnant?
When you daydream about sex, do you think about (a) males, (b) females, (c) both?
Do you consider yourself a heterosexual or a homosexual?
Do you know of a place to go to see a doctor, nurse or counselor without your parents knowing about it?

What should you do if your school asks you these questions?

1. Tell the teacher you are not going to answer these questions because your parents have told you not to.
2. Report these questions to your parents and, if possible, take home a copy of the questions.
3. If the school makes it so difficult that you feel forced to turn in the questionnaire, then turn it in blank (or check an answer that means "no opinion").

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A Student's Guide Nosy Questions Your School

Should Not
Ask You

Dear Student:

Sometimes your school may ask you to answer nosy questions about your personal life, your attitudes, feelings and opinions, your family, or your friends. **You do not have to answer these questions!** Your rights are protected under the ***Utah Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act***. [Utah Code 53A-12-301 and 302]

Your school is required by law to get your parents' permission before they ask you any personal questions about your political affiliations and philosophies; mental or psychological problems; sexual behavior, orientation or attitudes; illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior; critical evaluations of family members; religious affiliations or beliefs; private information shared with attorneys, doctors, or church leaders; or income, unless required by law.

You have a right to privacy about your personal attitudes, opinions, feelings, relationships, and actions outside of school. Don't answer any of these questions even if the school tells you the answers will be kept secret or confidential because it is easy for the school to identify **your** answers.



“In Utah my privacy is protected!”



Sometimes you are told to write answers on a survey or questionnaire. Sometimes these nosy questions are part of a test, lesson, game, activity, or counseling. **Do not answer these nosy questions because –**

1. They are none of the school's business,
2. They may be embarrassing to you or your family,
3. They invite nosy snooping by school personnel, as well as by state and federal government agencies into your family's and friends' personal lives.

Here are some samples of the kinds of survey questions to watch out for:

Your attitudes and opinions

How often do you attend religious services?

How important is religion in your life?

Who do you and your family support for President?

What makes you angry?

Do you hate your parents?

What was the worst day of your life?

Do you lie or cheat?

What embarrasses you?

How would you prefer to die?

Who died last in your family?

What reasons would motivate you to commit suicide?

Write your own obituary.

What goes on inside your home

Are your parents divorced or never married?

What does your mother do?

Who lives in your house?

What would you like to change about your house?

Do you have your own bedroom?

What TV programs does your family watch?

When you get a bad grade, what do your parents do to you?

Has drinking or drug use by any family member caused family, health, job or legal problems? If yes, who?