



Parental Rights/Students Rights of Privacy

The Orleans Parish School District recognizes the rights of parental access to certain information regarding their children and the importance of notifying parents of children enrolled in the District's schools of these rights.

At least annually at the beginning of each school year, parents of each child enrolled in the public schools of Orleans Parish shall be notified of:

- their right to view any instructional material used in the curriculum for the student;
- their right to view any 3rd party surveys (including evaluations) before they are administered to their child, and to opt out of participation for surveys that delve into sensitive subjects identified by the *Protection of Children's Rights of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB);
- the collection or use of any personal information for the purpose of marketing the information (except for the development of educational products or services) and their right to opt their child out of participation;
- the administration of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening otherwise not permitted or required by state law, including those without parental notification, and their right to opt their child out of participation and
- their rights under the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974* (FERPA), including the right to refuse to allow the District to designate any or all of the types of information about their child as directory information thus prohibiting its release to the public

In addition, the School District shall encourage each public school and require those schools receiving federal Title 1 funds under the jurisdiction of the Orleans Parish School District to notify parents:

- annually, of their right to request from the School District information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including the following:
 - whether their child's teacher has met state licensing criteria for the grade level and subject taught;
 - whether their child's teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status whereby state licensing criteria have been waived;
 - the undergraduate degree major of their child's teacher and any graduation certification or degree and field or discipline and
 - qualifications of any paraprofessional providing services to their child
- annually, of the availability of services for students in schools failing to make *Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)*;
- whenever their child has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not *highly qualified* as defined by the NCLB;
- the achievement level of their child on each of the state academic assessments;
- the identification of their child's school as needing improvement, corrective action, or restructuring and
- contents of programs such as safe and drug-free schools funded by federal funds

The School District shall also follow NCLB guidelines regarding rights of parents of homeless students and children identified as *Limited English Proficiency*.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Cathy Toni Chase at 504.304.5675 (KIDS) or cathy_chase@opsb.us.