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POLICY 3260

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT (Parents' Bill of Rights)

The board supports parents' efforts to be involved in the district's education programs. This policy outlines the district's efforts to educate parents and support parent involvement in response to the 2014 Oklahoma "Parents' Bill of Rights".

Parents have the right to be involved in their minor child's education, including directing that education. Parents are encouraged to exercise their rights in conjunction with district guidance so as not to inadvertently impede their minor child's compliance with federal and state mandated requirements – including requirements related to graduation. Parents also have the right to review school records related to their minor child.

Pursuant to the 2023 Oklahoma "Parents' Bill of Rights" (OAC 210:10-2-1, et seq.), the district is required to disclose to a student's parent/guardian any information known to the district or its employees regarding material changes reasonably expected to be important to the parent/guardian regarding their student's health, social, or psychological development, including identity information. Disclosure of this information shall occur within 30 days of learning the information. "Identity information" means information including, but not limited to, any names or pronouns used by a student at school and any social transition or other transition to a gender that differs from the student's sex. "Sex" means the physical condition of being male or female based on genetics and physiology, as identified on the individual's original birth certificate.

Parents generally have the right to consent prior to an audio or video recording being made of their minor child. This right does not preempt the district's right to make recordings (without specific parental approval) related to:

- Safety, general order and discipline
- Academic or extracurricular activities
- Classroom instruction
- Security/surveillance of the buildings or grounds
- Photo ID cards

Parents have the right to receive prompt notice if their minor child is believed to be the victim of a crime perpetrated by someone other than the parent, unless law enforcement or DHS officials have determined that parental notification would impede the related investigation. These notice provisions do not apply to matters which involve routine misconduct typically addressed through student discipline procedures. School personnel will not attempt to encourage or coerce a child to withhold information from parents.

1. The district will promote parent participation at the site level with the goal of improving parent and teacher cooperation in areas such as homework, attendance and discipline. This will be accomplished through activities such as:
 - Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Back-to-School/Meet-the-Teacher Nights
 - School Newsletters
 - School Messenger Parent Notification System



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- Canvas - Learning Management System
- District sponsored webpages with class information available to parents

2. The district will inform parents about their children's course of study by disseminating this information:
 - During annual enrollment
 - In student handbooks
 - Canvas – Learning Management System
 - Conferences with student's school counselor

Parents may review learning materials affecting their minor children's course of study, including supplemental materials, by making a request through the building principal.

3. Parents who object to a learning material or activity may withdraw their minor child from the class or program in which the material is used. In order to withdraw a student, the parent must submit a written request, signed and dated by a parent, to the building principal. Parents who choose to withdraw their minor child from a required class are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the child to earn credit for the class.
4. The district offers growth and development education to 4th grade girls and 5th grade boys and girls, and sex education to all students in grades - 6th through 12th. Parents who object to their minor child participating in the district's sex education program must submit a written notice, signed and dated by a parent, to the principal in order for their child to be excused from participation. Pursuant to the 2023 Oklahoma "Parents' Bill of Rights" (OAC 210:10-2-1. et seq.) sex or sexuality education means any class, program, curriculum, instruction, test, survey, questionnaire, course, or other instructional material that relates to sexual behavior, sexual attitudes, or sexuality, including sexual orientation. Students who are not participating in the district's sex education program will be permitted to study in the school library or office during sex education instruction.
5. If a teacher is going to provide instruction or presentations regarding sexuality in a course apart from formal sex education, the teacher will send written notice home to parents in advance of the presentation. Parents who object to their minor child's participation in such instruction may send a written request to the building principal to have the student excused from the presentation. Any such student will be permitted to study in the school library or office during the presentation.
6. Parents may learn about the nature and purpose of clubs and activities, which are part of the school curriculum by reviewing student handbooks and the district's website.
7. Parents have numerous rights and decision-making responsibilities concerning their minor children. To assist parents in meeting these responsibilities and to fulfill its obligations under the 2014 Parents' Bill of Rights, the district has compiled the following information for parents:

- A. The district provides sex education and growth and development education.



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Parents may opt their student out of the district's sponsored sex education program by following the procedures established in item 4 above.

- B. Parents who are not residents of the district may enroll their minor children in the district's schools in accordance with the district's open transfer policy. A copy of that policy is available on the district's website.
- C. The district utilizes a number of resources to educate students. Parents who object to an assignment based on sex, morality or religion may opt their minor child out of the assignment by following the procedures established in item 3 above.
- D. A minor student is required to have (1) a current, up-to-date immunization record OR (2) a completed and signed state-approved exemption form. Either up-to-date immunization record or a completed and signed state-approved exemption form must be on file with the district **prior** to the student's admission to the district. The exemption form shall specify that the student has received or is in the process of receiving the immunizations currently required by Oklahoma State Department of Health regulations, unless the exemptions has been granted from the immunizations on medical, religious, or personal grounds or as otherwise required by law.

The immunization requirements shall be posted at the district's website and in any notice or publication provided to parents/guardians regarding immunizations. The state-approved exemption form is available at the Oklahoma State Department of Health website, URL: <https://oklahoma.gov/health.html>.

- E. Students are required to meet certain obligations in order to be promoted to a subsequent grade, particularly with regard to learning to read. Parents can learn about these requirements – including efforts the district will take in order to help students become successful readers – by reviewing the district's policies on Reading Sufficiency Act testing and student promotion. Copies of these policies are available on the district's website.
- F. Students are required to meet certain obligations in order to graduate from high school. Parents can learn about these requirements each year during course enrollment. This information is also available in student handbooks and on the Oklahoma State Department of Education's website (www.ok.gov/sde/).
- G. The district provides age appropriate AIDS education for students in grades 6, 8, and 10. Parents may opt their minor student out of this education by submitting a written request, signed and dated by a parent, to the building principal. Students who are not participating in the district's AIDS education program will be permitted to study in the school library or office during the scheduled instruction.
- H. The district provides age appropriate evidence-based suicide awareness, and prevention curriculum to students in grades 7, 9, and 11. Parents may opt their student out of this education by submitting a written request, signed and dated by



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the parent, to the building principal. Students will be provided a secondary location while the information is being presented.

- I. Parents have the right to review student test results related to their minor student. Parents may review the results of classroom exams by contacting their child's teacher. Parents may review the results of state-wide testing by contacting their child's building principal.
- J. Qualifying students have the right to participate in the district's gifted and talented program in accordance with the District's program guidelines. A description of the program is available on the district's website under the *Academics* menu item.
- K. Parents have the right to review teachers' manuals, films, tapes or other supplementary instructional material if the materials are being used in connection with a research or experimentation program or project. In order to review these materials, the parent should contact the building principal.
- L. Parents have the right to receive a school report card. Information regarding these report cards will be provided through school publications, but a copy of the actual report card is available in the superintendent's office.
- M. Students are required to attend school regularly, and the district is required to notify parents of any student absence unless the parent has already contacted the school to report the absence. The district will send a written notice to parents if their minor student appears to be in danger of exceeding the maximum allowable number of absences and will notify the district attorney and the parent if a child may be considered truant. Parents may contact the child's principal for additional information regarding student absences.
- N. Parents have the right to review the district's courses of study and textbooks. Arrangements for this review can be made through the building principal.
- O. Students may be excused from school for religious purposes provided the parent contacts the building principal to request such an absence.
- P. Parents have the right to review all district policies, including parental involvement policies. Copies of these policies are available on the district's website.
- Q. Parents have the right to participate in parent-teacher organizations. Information regarding these groups will be made available during activities such as enrollment, schedule pickups and back to school night. Parents who wish to have additional information regarding these groups can obtain more detail through the principal's office.
- R. Parents may opt out of selected district level data collection related to state longitudinal student data system reporting. Parents may not opt out of necessary



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and essential record collecting. Parents may file an opt-out request through the superintendent's office.

- S. The district will not procure, solicit to perform, arrange for the performance of, perform surgical procedures or perform a physical examination upon a minor student or prescribe any prescription drugs to a minor student without first obtaining a written consent for the proposed assessment or treatment. The written consent will be effective for the school year for which it was granted, and must be renewed each subsequent school year. If the assessment or treatment for which the written consent is provided is performed through telemedicine at a school site, and if the written consent is provided by the Parent and is currently effective, the health professional shall not be required to verify that the parent is at the school site.
- T. The district will not procure, solicit to perform, arrange of the performance of or perform an assessment for mental health therapy on a minor student without first obtaining consent of a parent or legal guardian of the minor. The written consent will be effective for the school year for which it was granted, and must be renewed each subsequent school year. If the assessment or treatment for which the written consent is provided is performed through telemedicine at a school site, and if the written consent is provided by the Parent and is currently effective, the health professional shall not be required to verify that the parent is at the school site. However, a student shall not be seen without consent.
- U. A student shall not be vaccinated at school or on school grounds or receive a vaccine as part of the mobile vaccination effort without prior written authorization, including the signature of the parent or legal guardian of the student for the vaccine or group of vaccines to be administered during a single visit.

Parents requesting information outlined in this policy should submit written requests for information through the building principal or superintendent's office, as noted in the respective section. Appropriate school personnel will either make the information available or provide a written explanation of why the information is being withheld within ten (10) days of the request. Any parent whose request is denied or who does not receive a response within fifteen (15) days may submit a written request for the information to the board of education. The board will include an item on its next public meeting agenda (or the following meeting, if time does not permit inclusion of the item on the agenda) to allow the board to formally consider the parent's request.

Reference:

OKLA. STAT. tit. 70 §1-116.2, OKLA. STAT. tit. 25 § 2001

OKLA. STAT. tit. 25 §2004, et seq.

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