

Hickman County Schools



Every Student Succeeds Act 2017-18 Notifications:

Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and schools receiving federal funds are required to ensure that parents are actively involved and knowledgeable about their schools and their children's education. The law requires schools to give parents many different kinds of information and notices in a uniform and understandable format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that the parents can understand.

Teacher qualifications: Parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers or paraprofessionals at the beginning of the school year or each semester by contacting the Hickman County School System Supervisor of Instruction at 931-729-3391.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act: Parents or eligible students have the right to request and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools may charge a fee for copies. Parents should submit a written request to the school's principal. The request should identify the record to be reviewed.

Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.

Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions:

- School officials with legitimate educational interest;
- Other schools to which a student is transferring;
- Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
- Accrediting organizations;
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
- Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
- State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Public release of student directory information: Parental notification requirements of FERPA, and school districts must provide notice to parents of the types of student information that it releases publicly. Sometimes our schools or district may disclose some student information unless you have advised the school or district to the contrary in writing. This type of student information, commonly referred to as “directory information,” includes such items as names, addresses, and telephone numbers and is information generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. A parent who wishes to request that their child's name, address, and/or telephone number not be disclosed without prior consent must do so in writing to the student’s school principal at the beginning (prior to September 1) of each school year.

Military recruiter access to student information: Schools of secondary students routinely discloses names, addresses and telephone numbers to military recruiters upon request, subject to a parent’s request not to disclose such information without written consent. A parent who wishes to request that their child's name, address, and telephone number not be released to a military recruiter must do so in writing to the student’s school principal at the beginning (prior to September 1) of each school year.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment: PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED)-

1. mental or psychological problems of the student or the student’s family;
2. sex behavior or attitudes;
3. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
4. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
5. legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
6. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility;
7. the collection of student biometric data involving the analysis of facial expressions, EEG brain wave patterns, skin conductance, galvanic skin response, heart-rate variability, pulse, blood volume, posture, and eye-tracking.

The collection of the following student data is strictly prohibited:

1. political affiliation or voting history;
2. religious practices;
3. firearm ownership.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of -

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
2. Any non emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

Inspect, upon request and before administration or use -

1. Protected information surveys of students;
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer to from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

Parental involvement: A district receiving Title I funds and each school served under Title I must develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents of children participating in Title I programs, a written parental involvement policy. Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. Individual Schools' Parent Involvement Plans are available in student handbooks and on the school's website. Our district policy can be viewed at: <http://hickmank12.org/federal-programs>. If you would like to be involved, to help help develop, revise, or have concerns, please contact your child's principal.

Report cards on statewide academic assessment: Each school district that receives Title I, Part A funds must prepare and disseminate an annual report card. Generally, the state or district must include on its report card information about public schools related to student achievement, accountability, teacher qualifications and other required information, as well as any other information that the state or district deems relevant. These report cards must be concise and presented in an understandable and uniform format accessible to persons with disabilities and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that parents can understand. In Tennessee, these requirements are met through our State's report card and can be accessed at: <https://www.tn.gov/education/topic/report-card> A school that receives Title I funds must provide each parent information on the achievement level of their child on each of the state academic assessments as soon as is practicably possible after the test is taken. All schools must provide to parents, teachers and principals the individual student interpretive, descriptive and diagnostic reports, which allow specific academic needs to be understood and addressed, and include information on the student's achievement on academic assessments aligned with State academic achievement standards. Parent access to state curriculum standards are available at <http://www.tennessee.gov/education/topic/academic-standards>.

Transfer Option for Students Victimized by Violent Crime at School: Under the Tennessee State Board of Education's Unsafe School Choice Policy, any public school student who is the victim of a violent crime as defined under Tennessee Code Annotated 40-38-111(g), or the attempt to commit one of these offenses as defined under Tennessee Code Annotated 39-12-101, shall be provided an opportunity to transfer to another grade-level appropriate school within the district. Additional information regarding this option may be obtained by contacting Anthony Brown at 729-7730.

Notice of Non-Discrimination: Hickman County Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Misty Shelton

Mike Elkins

(931) 729-3391

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit <http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

Any further questions or concerns regarding these notices please contact Katrina Davis, Federal Programs Director at:

katrina.davis@hickmank12.org or (931)729-3391.