

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION
Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA),
The Family and Educational Rights
and Privacy Act (FERPA), and
The Tennessee State Board of Education

Parents or Guardians of Maryville City Schools children:

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) makes it clear that Congress expects schools and school systems receiving federal funds to ensure that Parents are actively involved and knowledgeable about their schools and their children's education. As part of this law, it is required that schools 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. Also listed are notices as required by FERPA and the TN State Board of Education. Listed below are such notices.

- **Disclosure of Directory Information from your child's education records.** The primary purpose of directory information is to allow Maryville City Schools to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include: a playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production; multi-media presentations; the annual yearbook; honor roll or other recognition lists; graduation programs; and sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members. Directory information includes: Student's name, address, telephone listing, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, grade level, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received, the most recent education agency of institution attended.
If you do not want this information used in school publications, for more information, please contact the principal at your child's school.
- **Military recruiter access to student information.** You have the right to request that names, addresses and telephone numbers of high school juniors and seniors not be released to a military recruiter without prior written consent. Please contact the high school principal for more information.
- **Institutions of higher learning access to student information.** You have the right to request your child's name, address and telephone number not be released to institutions of higher learning or colleges without prior written consent. Please contact the high school principal for more information.
- **Student privacy.** You have the right to inspect third party surveys and instructional materials before they are distributed to students.
- **Unsafe Schools Choice Compliance.** As required by the Tennessee State Board of Education's Unsafe School Choice Policy, parents shall be notified immediately if their child is the victim of a violent crime, as defined in TCA 40-38-111(g). If this occurs, the student will have the right to transfer to another school within the LEA.
- **School Accessibility.** Parents who have handicap barriers, etc., that need additional assistance when visiting Maryville City Schools, please contact the principal at the school.

- **National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP).** Districts, schools and students may voluntarily participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Parents of children selected to participate in any NAEP assessment must be informed before the assessment is administered that their child may be excused from participation for any reason.
- **Student education records.** You have the right to inspect and review your child's education records and should submit a written request that identifies the record you wish to inspect. Within 45 days, the school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. Contact the school's principal for more information.
- **Parental Involvement Policy.** A district receiving Title I funds and each school served under Title I must jointly develop with and distribute to parents of children participating in Title I programs a written parental involvement policy. Included in this policy should be a school-parent compact that outlines the responsibilities of each party for improved student academic achievement. For further information, contact Sharon Anglim, 865-982-7121.
- **Individual achievement on state assessment.** Any school that received 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. Such a school must also give timely notice that the child has been assigned or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.
- **Homeless children.** A district must provide written notice to the parents of each child enrolled in a separate school for homeless children of the choice of schools that homeless children are eligible to attend, that no homeless child is required to attend a separate school, and that homeless children must be provided transportation services, educational services and meals through school meal programs comparable to those offered to other children in the school attended. For further information, contact Deb Skyler at Maryville City Schools Central Office, 865-982-7121.
- **Right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers and teacher assistants who instruct your child.** Although the State verifies annually that Tennessee teachers meet training requirements for the position they hold, federal law allows you to ask for certain information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teachers or teacher assistants and requires the school system to give it to you in a timely manner if you ask for it. Please contact the school's principal.
- **Student fees.** Student fees for certain supplies needed for instruction in our schools have been approved by the Maryville City Schools Board of Education. This funding provides items that are necessary to make your students' learning experiences the best that they can be. School fees shall be waived for students who are eligible for free and reduced price schools meals. Any other student may have their fees waived by completing a fee waiver form and submitting this form to the classroom teacher. These forms may be obtained from the school office or the district website.