

Opt-Out- Personal Identifiable Directory Information

In Widefield School District #3, the practice regarding release of appropriate information about students has been to publish the names in various school publications or on a list posted in the school regarding the following: Student's name, date, and place of birth, participation in activities and sports, awards, honor roll, scholarships, photographs, etc.

A parent/guardian may elect to disallow directory information of this type listed above.

The parent /guardian may notify the principal to that effect by means of appropriate communication and /or by using a form that may be picked up in the business office.

Compulsory School Attendance

In order to reduce the incidents of truancy, parents/guardians are hereby notified that:

Every child who has attained the age of six (6) on or before August 1 of each school year and is under the age of seventeen (17) shall attend public school for at least the following number of hours.

One thousand fifty-six (1056) if secondary school pupil;

Nine hundred sixty-eight (968) if an elementary school pupil in a grade other than kindergarten;

Nine hundred hours (900) if a full-day kindergarten pupil;

Four hundred fifty hours (450) if a half day kindergarten pupil;

(Except as otherwise provided in CRS 22-33-104)

Education of Children & Youth in Homeless Situations

The federal McKinney-Vento Act protects the rights of children and youth in homeless situations to attend and succeed in school, including pre-school. The McKinney-Vento Act applies to all children and youth who do not have a fixed, regular and adequate residence, including children and youth who are: staying with friends or relatives because they lost their housing; awaiting foster placement; or living in emergency or transitional shelters, motels, domestic violence shelters, campgrounds, inadequate trailer parks, cars, public spaces, abandoned buildings and bus/train stations.

Children and youth in homeless situations have the right to:

Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there;

Choose between the local school where they are living, the school they attended before they lost their housing, or the school where they were last enrolled;

Enroll in school without proof of residency, immunizations, school records, or other documents;

Get transportation to school;

Get all the school services they need;

Be free from harassment and isolation; and

School of Choice & Boundary Waiver Information

If you **live within** Widefield School District 3 boundaries and plan on attending a school other than your home school, you must complete a School of Choice Permit Application. Applications are available in the offices of all District 3 schools. They must be completed and returned to the school you wish to attend by the **last school day in February**. A copy of your child's most recent transcript or report card will be required.

If you are currently attending a school in District 3 on a School of Choice of Permit and would like to continue your education in District 3, you must reapply and return the permit to the appropriate school by the **last school day in February**. A copy of your child's most recent transcript or report card will be required.

If you live **outside** of Widefield School District 3 and wish to attend a District 3 school, a School of Choice permit must be completed and returned to the school you wish to attend by the **first Friday in May**. A copy of your child's most recent transcript or report card along with a copy of his/her birth certification and immunization record will be required.

If your student has **qualified for Special Education Services** a copy of the most recent or current Individualized Education Program (IEP) will be required.

A School of Choice Permit Application must be completed and returned every school year to the school you wish to attend.

If your student's application is received after the appropriate due date, his/her name will be placed on a waiting list.

Inclement Weather Procedure

District 3 will:

- make inclement weather decision(s) based on students' safety,
- collect data at the earliest appropriate time,
- make the decision as to whether schools will be open and announce no later than 5:30 am by calling radio stations and TV stations.
- not penalize students if parents keep them home or pick them up from school early on questionable snow days.

In the event the decision made earlier is to open schools and the storm worsens unexpectedly, District 3 will:

- inform the same media as stated above that schools will dismiss students early,
- keep buildings open as long as necessary to evacuate all students safely,
- announce that if an early dismissal occurs, afternoon kindergarten, afternoon activities, and evening events will be cancelled.

Parents are expected to:

- be responsible for custody of children,
- listen to the news broadcasts on stormy days,
- decide whether or not to send children to school on threatening, stormy days.

In the event the decision made earlier is to open schools and the storm worsens, parents are expected to:

- know that students may be dismissed earlier than normal.
- listen for an early dismissal announcement,
- make sure children know what to do and where to go if dismissed early,
- not rely on telephones to make last minute arrangements for their children. (Lines tend to malfunction during storms.)