

PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS FOR DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Pursuant to Section 2-c and 2-d of the Education Law, parents and students are entitled to certain protections regarding confidential student information. The Ardsley Union Free School District is committed to safeguarding personally identifiable information from unauthorized access or disclosure as set forth below:

1. A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial purposes;
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record;
3. The District is committed to implementing safeguards associated with industry standards and best practice under state and federal laws protecting the confidentiality of personally identifiable information, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls, and password protection when data is stored or transferred;
4. New York State, through the New York State Education Department, collects a number of student data elements for authorized uses. A complete list of all student data elements collected by the State is available for public review at: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/2011-12/2011-12SIRSGuidance/NEWER/2013-14SIRSMannual9-1_20131107.pdf or by writing to the Office of Information & Reporting Services, New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234;
5. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed to:
At the School District: Dr. Matthew Block, Superintendent of Schools, 500 Farm Road,
Ardsley, NY 10502, (914) 592-5500.
At the State: Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department,
89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234; Email address: cpo@mail.nysed.gov.
6. The District has, directly and indirectly through the Southern Westchester BOCES and the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center, entered into contracts with certain third party contractors who have been sent student data and/or teacher data and/or principal data. The following information about such contractors will be posted on the District website, as required by law:
 - The names of the third party contractors, the exclusive purpose(s) for which the data will be used;
 - The commencement and termination dates of each such agreement;
 - A description of how the data will be disposed by the contractor when the contract purpose has been fulfilled;
 - The data storage and security measures undertaken.
7. Agreements with third party contractors/consultants will ensure that the subcontractors, persons or entities that the third party contractor/consultant will share the student data or teacher or principal data with, if any, will abide by data protection and security requirements.
8. A parent, student, eligible student, teacher or principal may challenge the accuracy of the student data or teacher or principal data that is collected by filing a written request with the Superintendent of Schools or administrative designee, Dr. Jennifer Bradshaw, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, 500 Farm Road, Ardsley, NY 10502.