

Widefield School District 3

Annual Notices to Parents

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Several laws and regulations give parents important rights in their children's education, granting them influence over school and district decisions in various areas. Widefield School District values the roles of parents as partners in their students' education and seeks to share pertinent information based on the following principles:

1. **Transparency:** To provide parents with clear and accessible information about their child's education, curriculum, health records, and safety policies.
2. **Parental Involvement:** To ensure that parents have the right to be involved in their child's education and well-being.
3. **Accountability:** To demonstrate accountability to parents, allowing for concerns to be addressed in an appropriate and constructive manner.
4. **Protection of Rights:** To safeguard parents' ability to make decisions in the best interest of their child.
5. **Ensuring Safety:** To ensure that parents have the right to be informed about safety measures in schools.

The following serves as a partial, but not comprehensive, list of the guidelines, rules, and regulations that may impact school, district, and parent decision-making. Please refer to the District Policy Manual as a more authoritative resource for all school and district governance associated with the Widefield School District.

Item	Overview of Rights and Responsibilities
<i>ANNUAL FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA) NOTICE</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grants parents the right to access their child's educational records.• Parents can request corrections of inaccurate or misleading records.• Schools must obtain parental consent before sharing a child's education records with third parties, except in certain permitted circumstances (e.g., transferring schools, legal orders).• Parents control who can view their child's educational information.• Parents may review records for accuracy.
<i>Reference:</i>	

- [Annual FERPA Notice](#)

Related Policy:

- [DISTRICT CODE: ACA - NAME CHANGES](#)
- [DISTRICT CODE: JRA/JRC-E1 - STUDENT RECORDS/RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON STUDENTS](#)
- [DISTRICT CODE: JRCB - PRIVACY AND PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT INFORMATION](#)
- [DISTRICT CODE: JRCB-R - PRIVACY AND PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT INFORMATION HEARING AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURES](#)
- [DISTRICT CODE: JLCDC-R - AUTHORIZING PRIVATE HEALTH CARE SPECIALISTS TO PROVIDE MEDICALLY NECESSARY TREATMENT IN SCHOOL SETTING](#)

Form(s):

- [DISTRICT CODE: JRA/JRC-E3 - OPT-OUT FORM FOR STUDENT IMAGE PUBLISHING](#)

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Children aged six and above (as of August 1) must meet the following annual instructional hour minimums:

- 1,056 hours for secondary school students
- 968 hours for elementary school students (excluding kindergarten)
- 900 hours for full-day kindergarten students
- 450 hours for half-day kindergarten students

Reference:

- [Compulsory School Attendance](#)

Related Policy:

- [DISTRICT CODE: JH-RB - ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE FOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS](#)
- [DISTRICT CODE: JH-RA - ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE FOR HIGH SCHOOL](#)
- [DISTRICT CODE: JFC-R - STUDENT WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL/DROPOUTS](#)

- [DISTRICT CODE: JH - STUDENT ATTENDANCE](#)
- [DISTRICT CODE: JHB - TRUANCY](#)

**INCLEMENT
WEATHER
PROCEDURE**

Parents' Rights:

- Parents have the right to keep their children at home or pick them up early on questionable weather days without penalty.
- Parents will be informed through media outlets if schools dismiss students early due to worsening weather.
- Parents have the right to decide whether to send their children to school during threatening or stormy weather.
- Parents will be informed through radio and TV stations about school closures or early dismissals due to inclement weather.

District Responsibilities:

- The district will base inclement weather decisions on student safety.
- The district will collect data early and announce school closures or delays by 5:30 a.m. through media outlets.
- If weather worsens unexpectedly after schools open, the district will:
 - Notify parents of early dismissal through the same media outlets.
 - Keep buildings open as long as necessary to ensure all students are evacuated safely.
 - Cancel Afternoon Activities.
 - Announce the cancellation of afternoon kindergarten, activities, and evening events if early dismissal occurs.

Reference:

- [Incllement Weather](#)

Related Policy:

- [DISTRICT CODE: EBCE - UNSCHEDULED CLOSING OR DISMISSAL OF SCHOOLS](#)
- [DISTRICT CODE: IJOA-RA - FIELD TRIPS - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS](#)
- [DISTRICT CODE: IJOA-RB - FIELD TRIPS - JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND](#)

<p><u>HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>DISTRICT CODE: IJOA-RC - EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TRIPS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS</u> 	
<p>MEDICAID</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widefield School District 3, as a Medicaid provider, accesses Medicaid eligibility information for enrolled students from the state's Medicaid agency, Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF). • Directory information, including students' names and dates of birth, is shared with HCPF to verify Medicaid eligibility. • Details of health-related services provided to Medicaid-eligible students are shared with Medicaid and/or the District's claiming agent for program administration.
<p><i>Reference:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Medicaid</u> <p><i>Related Policy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>DISTRICT CODE: JRA/JRC - STUDENT RECORDS/RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON STUDENTS</u> 	
<p>NOTICE CONCERNING DIRECTORY INFORMATION</p>	<p>Widefield School District 3 may disclose "directory information" without prior written consent under FERPA unless parents opt out by notifying the District in writing by September 20 each year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student information such as names, birth details, participation in activities, awards, and photographs may be published in school-related materials. • Under FERPA, student photographs may be considered directory information, which can be disclosed without consent unless parents or eligible students opt out within the specified period. • Parents/guardians can opt out of this by notifying the principal or submitting a form available at the school office. • If opted out, student images will be blurred or pixelated before release by the media or District. • Public events (e.g., sports, theater) are not covered by

	<p>this policy, nor are yearbooks or school newsletters unless explicitly posted online and opted out.</p>
<p><i>Reference:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Notice Concerning Directory Information</u> <p><i>Related Policy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>DISTRICT CODE: JRA/JRC - STUDENT RECORDS/RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON STUDENTS</u> • <u>DISTRICT CODE: JRA/JRC-R - STUDENT RECORDS/RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON STUDENTS</u> • <u>DISTRICT CODE: JRA/JRC-E1 - STUDENT RECORDS/RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON STUDENTS</u> • <u>DISTRICT CODE: KFB - SOCIAL MEDIA FAN PAGES</u> • <u>DISTRICT CODE: KFB-R - SOCIAL MEDIA PROCEDURE SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT</u> <p><i>Form(s):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>DISTRICT CODE: JRA/JRC- E2 - OPT-OUT FORM FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO MILITARY RECRUITERS</u> • <u>DISTRICT CODE: JRA/JRC-E3 - OPT-OUT FORM FOR STUDENT IMAGE PUBLISHING</u> 	
<p>PARENT OPT-OUT FOR INFORMATION TO MILITARY RECRUITERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Names, addresses, phone numbers, and directory information of secondary students may be provided to military recruiters within 90 days of their request. • Parents, guardians, or eligible students can prevent this by submitting a written request. Military services must cover the district's costs for providing this information.
<p><i>Reference:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Opt-Out - Military Recruiters</u> <p><i>Form(s):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>DISTRICT CODE: JRA/JRC- E2 - OPT-OUT FORM FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO MILITARY RECRUITERS</u> 	

<p>NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)</p>	<p>Parents and eligible students have the following rights regarding surveys, data collection, and physical exams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consent Rights ● Opt-Out Rights ● Inspection Rights (Inspect, upon request and before use)
<p><i>Reference:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Notification of Rights Under PPRA 	
<p>SCHOOL OF CHOICE & BOUNDARY WAIVER INFORMATION</p>	<p>For Residents of District 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Submit a School of Choice Permit Application to attend a school other than your home school by the last school day in February. ● Provide the child's most recent transcript or report card with the application. <p>For Current School of Choice Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reapply annually to continue attending the chosen school by the last school day in February. ● Submit the most recent transcript or report card with the application. <p>For Non-Residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Submit a School of Choice Permit Application to attend a District 3 school by the first Friday in May. ● Include the child's most recent transcript or report card, birth certificate, and immunization record. ● General Information. ● Applications must be completed and submitted every school year. ● Late applications will result in the student being placed on a waiting list.
<p><i>Reference:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School of Choice and Boundary Information 	

Related Policy:

- [DISTRICT CODE: EEA - STUDENT TRANSPORTATION](#)
- [DISTRICT CODE: JFBA-R - INTRA-DISTRICT CHOICE / OPEN ENROLLMENT](#)
- [DISTRICT CODE: JFBB - INTER-DISTRICT CHOICE / OPEN ENROLLMENT](#)
- [DISTRICT CODE: LBD - CHARTER SCHOOLS](#)

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

- Parents will be notified if their child's locker or vehicle is searched and illegal substances are found.
- Parents will be contacted as part of any disciplinary actions taken by the school, which may include suspension, expulsion, or other referrals.
- Parents will be notified if law enforcement takes action such as arresting, searching, or citing their child.

Reference:

- [Search and Seizure](#)

Related Policy:

- [DISTRICT CODE: JIH-R - SEARCH AND SEIZURE PROCEDURE](#)
- [DISTRICT CODE: JIH - STUDENT INTERVIEWS, INTERROGATIONS, SEARCHES AND ARRESTS](#)