

Parents' Bill of Rights

Georgia State Schools

Statutory Authority: O.C.G.A. § 20-2-786; House Bill 268 (2025)

Effective Date: Upon Adoption

Policy Applicability: Georgia State Schools

Georgia State Schools recognize that parents are a child's first and most important teachers and advocates. In accordance with Georgia law, including O.C.G.A. § 20-2-786 (Parents' Bill of Rights) and House Bill 268 (2025), the following rights are reserved to parents and legal guardians of enrolled students.

1. Fundamental Parental Rights

Parents have a fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, moral development, and care of their minor children. No educational entity may infringe upon this right absent a compelling state interest using the least restrictive means.

2. Right to Access Student Records

Parents have the right to access and review all educational records relating to their child, including academic, attendance, disciplinary, behavioral, health, residential, and special education records.

3. Right to Information and Transparency

Parents have the right to timely information regarding academic progress, school policies, behavioral concerns, and matters impacting student well-being and safety.

4. Right to Review Instructional Materials and Technology Use

Parents may review all instructional materials and are entitled to transparency regarding the use of instructional technology, digital tools, and data collection platforms.

5. Right to Participation and Notification

Parents may participate in meetings and decisions affecting their child's education and must be notified of significant disciplinary, safety, or behavioral matters as permitted by law.

6. Right to School Safety and Student Well-Being

Parents have the right to expect safe, secure learning and residential environments, including the implementation of required emergency preparedness, threat assessment, and safety response systems.



7. Right to Privacy and Confidentiality

Parents have the right to assurance that student personally identifiable information is safeguarded and shared only in accordance with state and federal law.

8. Right to File Concerns and Seek Resolution

Parents may file concerns or complaints through established grievance procedures without retaliation and may seek resolution consistent with applicable policy.

9. Limitations

Nothing in this policy authorizes unlawful conduct, abuse, or neglect, nor does it limit the school's responsibility to protect student safety or comply with mandatory reporting laws.

Georgia State Schools are committed to meaningful partnership with families, transparency in educational decision-making, and full compliance with state and federal law to support student success, safety, and well-being.