

Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

Dutchess BOCES hereby sets forth the following Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security. This information will be updated as additional regulatory guidance becomes available from the State Education Department.

1. A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial purposes. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record. This right of inspection of records is consistent with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Under the more recently adopted regulations (Education Law §2-d), the rights of inspection are extended to include data, meaning parents have the right to inspect or receive copies of any data in their child's educational record;
2. State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls, and password protection, must be in place when data are stored or transferred;
3. 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/documentation/NYSEDstudentData.xlsx>;
4. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. You may contact the District Superintendent Dr. John Pennoyer with any such complaints by mailing him at 5 BOCES Road, Poughkeepsie NY 12603.