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Notice of Religious Beliefs Excusal

A parent/guardian may request that their child be excused from instruction involving a specific curricular material that the parent/guardian sincerely believes conflicts with their religious beliefs; however, this Policy does not apply to entire courses or subject areas. No provision of this Policy shall be construed to authorize the excusal of a student from curriculum, instruction, or programming that is required by federal law or federal regulation.

Excusal under this Policy means the student is not required to read, listen, view, or participate in discussion of the specifically identified material. Excusal does not extend to the entire course, unit or subject area in which the material appears.

A student may not be excused under this Policy from curriculum or instruction that is required by Kentucky law or Kentucky administrative regulation, including but not limited to any course of study, instructional content, or assessment mandated by statute or by the Kentucky Board of Education. The right of excusal established by this Policy applies only to discrete instructional materials within a course and does not authorize excusal from a course or subject area in its entirety.

All requests for excusal under this Policy shall be submitted in writing to the Principal of the school in which the student is enrolled and shall include:

a. The name of the complainant;

b. The name and grade level of the student;

c. A reasonably detailed description of the specific material to which the parent/guardian objects, sufficient to allow the Principal to locate and evaluate the material; and

d. a statement that the parent/guardian sincerely believes the identified material conflicts with their religious beliefs.

For the policy/procedure associated with notice, please view Policy 8.231 and Procedure 8.231 A.P. 21.

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STUDENTS 09.14 AP.112

NOTIFICATION OF PPRA RIGHTS

Distribute this notice annually to students and parents

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) affords parents and eligible students (those who are 18 or older or who are emancipated minors) certain rights regarding conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical examinations. These include the right to:

- **Consent before minor students are required to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation** that concerns one (1) or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education:
  1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
  2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
  3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
  4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
  5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
  6. Legally recognized privileged relationships such as with lawyers, physicians, or ministers;
  7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parents; or
  8. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).
- **Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:**
  1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
  2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student (except for any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law); and
  3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others. **NOTE:** If the parent/eligible student has indicated no directory information is to be provided to third parties or if the marketing activity involves provision of social security numbers, consent form 09.14 AP.122 should be used.
- **Inspect, upon request and before administration or use:**
  1. Protected information surveys to be used with students;
  2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
  3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

The District shall annually provide parents and eligible students notice of these rights under law in the Student Handbook, the District *Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline*, or other avenue designated by the Superintendent/Designee.

The District shall also notify parents and eligible students at least annually at the start of each school year of the specific or approximate dates of the activities listed above. A new or supplemental notice shall be given as necessary to provide the opportunity to consent or opt out under the standards set forth above. Parents/eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave., SW
Washington, D. C. 20202-8520

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Lewis County School District

251 Lions Lane

Vanceburg, KY 41149

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Sections 1112(e)(2)(A)-(B) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires the following regarding testing transparency.

(2) TESTING TRANSPARENCY.—

(A) IN GENERAL. – At the beginning of each school year, a local educational agency that receives funds under this part shall notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving funds under this part that the parents may request, and the local educational agency will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner), information regarding any State or local educational agency policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by section 1111(b)(2) and by the State or local educational agency, which shall include a policy, procedure, or parental right to opt the child out of such assessment, where applicable.

(B) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. – Subject to subparagraph (C), each local educational agency that receives funds under this part shall make widely available through public means (including by posting in a clear and easily accessible manner on the local educational agency's website and, where practicable, on the website of each school served by the local educational agency) for each grade served by the local educational agency, information on each assessment required by the State to comply with section 1111, other assessments required by the State, and where such information is available and feasible to report, assessments required districtwide by the local educational agency, including—

(i) the subject matter assessed;
(ii) the purpose for which the assessment is designed and used;
(iii) the source of the requirement for the assessment; and
(iv) where such information is available—(I) the amount of time students will spend taking the assessment, and the schedule for the assessment; and (II) the time and format for disseminating results.

Information about these requirements can be found on the Kentucky Department of Education's Assessments webpage (https://education.ky.gov/AA/Assessments/Pages/default.aspx). For further questions or to obtain a hard copy of this material please direct your inquiry to [name and contact information of the District Assessment Coordinator or other preferred contact person].

Sincerely,

Timothy Underwood

Director of Federal Programs

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Lewis County Schools

Public Notice

Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of Special Education or 504 Services

Child Find
The *Lewis County School District* keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The *Lewis County School District* obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The *Lewis County School District* may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request 3 years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The *Lewis County School District* may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children in a public elementary and secondary education program who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student's ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

Children eligible for the State-Funded Preschool program include three- and four-year-old children identified with disabilities and four-year-old children who are at-risk, as defined by federal poverty levels up to 160%. Preschool children eligible for special education must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) instead of a 504 plan to receive State-Funded Preschool program services.

The *Lewis County School District* has an ongoing *"Child Find"* system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The district's *"Child Find"* system includes children with disabilities attending private or home schools within the school district boundaries who may need special education services.

The *Lewis County School District* will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the *Lewis County School District* find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the *Lewis County School District* collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the *Lewis County School District*, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call 606-796-2811 or send the information to:

Traci Evans
Director of Special Education
Lewis County Schools
PO Box 159 / 251 Lions Lane
Vanceburg, KY 41179
Phone: 606-796-2811

Traci Evans
Section 504 Coordinator
Lewis County Schools
PO Box 159 / 251 Lions Lane
Vanceburg, KY 41179
Phone: 606-796-2811

If you know of a child who attends a private or home school within the boundaries of the *Lewis County School District*, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please call 606-796-2811 or send the information to:

Director of Special Education
Lewis County Schools
PO Box 159 / 251 Lions Lane
Vanceburg, KY 41179
Phone: 606-796-2811

"Child Find" activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the *Lewis County School District* will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through *"Child Find"* is maintained confidentially.

Written *Policies and Procedures* have been developed which describe the District's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and *"Child Find"* activities. There are copies in the Principal's office of each school, and in the Board of Education office. Copies of these *Policies and Procedures* may be obtained by contacting:

Lori O'Keefe
Director of Pupil
Lewis County Schools
PO Box 159 / 251 Lions Lane
Vanceburg, KY 41179
Phone: 606-796-2811

The District office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The *Lewis County School District* provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible.
If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the *Director of Pupil Personnel*, the *Director of Special Education or the Section 504 Coordinator* at the address or phone number listed above for the *Lewis County Schools*.

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