

Franklin County Schools
Gifted Education

FAMILY RIGHTS AND PRIVACY

The Franklin County School District adheres to the following confidentiality procedures:

All of the child's records will be kept confidential by the school district and will be provided to other agencies only in accord with the Family Rights and Privacy Act. No unauthorized person may see the child's records unless the parent or guardian gives consent in writing. The parent will be told before information in the child's record is to be destroyed and the parent will be given the opportunity to get a copy of this information before it is destroyed.

The parent or his representative may see the child's records which relate to referral, identification, evaluation, educational placement or the provision of an appropriate public education. The parent will be allowed to see them no later than 45 days from the time of the request. In most cases, copies of the records will be provided if the parent needs them; however, the parent may be expected to pay for the costs of making the copies.

A record will be kept of those people other than district personnel who see the child's records. If the parent wants to know what information is on file about the child and where it is kept, the parent may ask for such a list.

If the parent believes that any of the information in the child's record is wrong the parent may request that school district personnel change the record. If the district agrees with the parent, district personnel will change the record. If they do not agree, a hearing may be held to determine whether the information should be taken out of the record. If the hearing indicates that the information is okay, the parent may put a statement in the record indicating that the parent thinks the information is wrong. This statement will stay with the record.

When the child reaches the age of majority (18), he/she will have the same rights that the parent has.

The school district asked for parental permission in writing before the first testing and will ask for parental consent before the child's first placement in gifted education. The parent may give consent or refuse to give consent for testing or placement. The parent has the right to change his mind and withdraw consent at any time.

Parents of a child who will be evaluated for gifted education have many rights. The school district is responsible for guarding parental rights and providing an appropriate education for the child. If the child is eligible for gifted education, the parent has the responsibility to keep in touch with the district personnel and to help with the child's education by coming to conference that will be held at least once every year to develop or revise the child's Instructional Management Plan (IMP).

Feel free to contact district personnel at any time about your child.

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