

St. Johns County School District
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Joseph G. Joyner, Ed.D.
Superintendent



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Dear Parents:

Pursuant to State and federal regulations, the St. Johns County School District is required to inform all parents of policies for protecting the confidentiality of child identification data. As part of the policy, the St. Johns County Schools must maintain confidentiality consistent with procedures developed by the school district. These procedures include the parents', legal guardians', or eligible students' right to review student records, right to a copy of the record (at the statutory cost), right of privacy, right to challenge information contained in the record and a hearing, and a right to waiver of access to confidential letters or statements. Student records are maintained in accordance with State and federal law, under the direction of the school principal in each school.

Every pupil or student in the St. Johns County School District shall have a right to privacy with respect to the educational records kept on him/her. Notwithstanding certain exceptions contained in Section 1002.22(3)(d), Florida Statutes (2007), the schools in St. Johns County shall not permit the release of personally identifiable records or reports of a pupil or student, or of any personal information contained therein, without the written consent of the student's parent or guardian, or the student himself/herself if he/she has attained eighteen years of age.

The St. Johns County School District seeks to locate exceptional students and maintains information on those students screened and identified as exceptional. The term "exceptional student" includes students who are gifted or students with one or more of the following disabilities: autism spectrum disorder, deaf or hard of hearing, mentally handicapped, speech or language impaired, physically impaired, visually impaired or specific learning disabilities.

Students are screened periodically for vision, hearing, speech, language and academic achievement. If screening indicates that your child may be a student who is gifted or a student with a disability, you will be asked to provide written consent prior to your child being evaluated. You will be notified of the content of the evaluation to be conducted, and your procedural safeguards will be provided to you at that time.

Information gathered may include the student's social, emotional, physical, psychological, academic, and communication behaviors and abilities. Information is collected through screening programs, checklists, teacher observations, standardized tests, and from such individuals as parents, teachers, psychologists, audiologists, social workers, physicians, other professional personnel, and the child himself/herself. Information is used to assist in the development of appropriate educational programs for exceptional students and for reports to State and federal agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph G. Joyner".

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Superintendent

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The St. Johns County School District will inspire in all students a passion for lifelong learning, creating educated and caring contributors to the world.

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