

FERPA

Confidentiality

The School District of the City of York protects the confidentiality of personally identifiable information regarding its students in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 and other applicable federal and state laws.

Parents have the right to inspect and review their child's educational record. The district will comply with a request to inspect and review educational records without unnecessary delay and before any meeting regarding an IEP or any due process hearing, but no later than 30 days after the written request has been made. Parents have the right to a response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of the records. Parents have the right to request copies of the records. This notice is in accordance with school board document Student Records (216).

While the district cannot charge a fee to search for or to retrieve information, it may charge a copying fee as long as it does not effectively prevent the parent from exercising their right to inspect and review the records. Parents have the right to appoint a representative to inspect and review their child's records. If any educational record contains information on more than one child, parents have the right only to inspect and review the information relating to their child.

PASA

Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment (PASA)

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires Pennsylvania to ensure that the total number of students assessed in each subject using the PASA does not exceed 1 percent of the total number of all students in the state assessed on the statewide assessments. Each local education agency (LEA) must complete and submit the PASA 1.0 Percent Participation Threshold Justification to BSE if it anticipates that more than 1 percent of its students enrolled

Students in grades 3-8 and 11 will be assessed using the PASA if the students qualify using eligibility criteria issued by Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). A list of LEAs who anticipate exceeding the threshold will be made publicly available on the PDE website, in accordance with 34 CFR 200.6(c)(3) regulations. LEAs must also make the document publicly available upon request, removing any personally identifiable information.

The School District of the City of York anticipates exceeding the 1 percent threshold for PASA participation for the 20-21 state assessment cycle. The necessary justification information has been submitted to the Bureau of Special Education. Questions on School District of the City of York participation rates should be directed to Mrs. Deb Neiman, Supervisor of Special Education, at neimadeb@ycs.k12.pa.us.

