

PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Maggie L Walker Governor's School Regional School Board recognizes that parents have a fundamental right to make decisions concerning the upbringing, education and care of their children and that parents have responsibilities in supporting their child's education. The Maggie L Walker Governor's School Regional Board is committed to partnering with parents to promote student success and respecting parental rights in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

Parental Rights

All staff members respect the parental rights of both parents. Unless there is a law, legally binding document, or court order to the contrary, both parents have the right to

- Inspect and review their child's education records, in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and applicable Virginia law;
- Inspect instructional materials used as part of their child's curriculum;
- Visit the school in accordance with Regional School Board policies governing visitors and school safety to include Policy 6011-School Visitors and Policy 6006-Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Information.
- Receive all notifications required by law to include, but not limited to their child's academic progress, promotion and retention, attendance, behavior, and progress towards graduation;
- Participate in conferences, Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings, 504 plan meetings, and other processes affecting their child's education as required by law;
- Receive notification in accordance with Virginia Code § 22.1-272.1 if a Regional School Board employee has reason to believe, as a result of direct communication with their child, that their child is in imminent risk of suicide;
- Receive notification in accordance with Virginia Code § 22.1-272.1:1 if there is a confirmed school-connected student overdose or if the executive director has knowledge of a suspected school- connected student overdose;
- Receive notification by email or SMS text message in accordance with Virginia Code § 22.1-79.3:2 of course registration deadlines and the process for requesting changes to the student's course selection
- Exercise legally required opt-out rights and receive advance notice and inspect materials for certain curricula;
- Inspect surveys or questionnaires administered to their child and exercise applicable opt-out rights;

Parent Responsibilities

The custodial parent has the responsibility to

- keep the school office informed of the parent’s address and how the parent may be contacted at all times;
- provide the current address and phone number of the noncustodial parent at registration unless such address is unknown and the custodial parent signs a statement to that effect, or unless a court order restricts the educational or contact rights of the noncustodial parent; **and**
- provide a copy of any legal document which restricts the educational and/or contact rights of the noncustodial parent.

The noncustodial parent has the responsibility to keep the school informed of changes in the parent’s phone number and address. At the request of a noncustodial parent, such parent will be included as an emergency contact for the student’s activities unless a court order has been issued to the contrary.

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Legal Refs: 20 U.S.C. §1232g-1232h.

34 C.F.R. § 99.4.

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 1-240.1, 20-124.6, 22.1-4.3, 22.1-78, 22.1-79.3:2, 22.1-207.1, 22.1-254, 22.1-272.1, 22.1-272.1:1, 22.1-287.

Cross Refs:	Pol 4045	Student Records
	Pol 3001.1	Notification of Learning Objectives
	Pol 3014	Family Life Education
	Pol 3005	Instructional Materials
	Pol 3007	Administration of Surveys and Questionnaires
	Pol 8010	Student Absences/Excuses/Dismissals
	Pol 4008	Suicide Prevention
	Pol 6035	Notification of School-Connected Student Overdose