

WYANDANCH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

In accordance with our **Wyandanch Union Free School District Code of Character, Conduct and Support,** the WUFSD Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and supportive school environment where everyone is treated with respect. The expectation is that Essential Partners (Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, School District Administrators / Principals, and all School District Personnel) will maintain confidentiality in accordance with federal and state law. As such, the WUFSD will ensure that the reporting of information to the public will be in a manner that complies with student privacy rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA violations are any unauthorized disclosure of a student's educational record that results in a violation of their privacy rights. The consequences of violating FERPA include the following:

- Significant penalties through fines
- Employee suspension or termination
- Loss of federal funding
- Disciplinary action from the United States Department of Education
- Possible prosecution under criminal codes

Student information may not be released without parental consent.

In conclusion, the district takes student records, privacy, security, and confidentiality seriously. Essential Partners, when considering privacy, must remember that a student's personal information belongs to the student and, therefore, should be kept private. This information includes items such as assessment results, grades, and enrollment information, which includes but is not limited to disciplinary actions. Essential Partners are responsible for holding every student's data in confidence and sharing it only with necessary parties such as parent or guardian on record. The student's data may be shared only with district officials who hold a legitimate educational interest in this student's record in order to fulfill their professional responsibilities. Employed in the district as administrators, supervisors, instructors or support staff (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person or company with whom the district has contracted to perform a task (such as attorney, auditor, medical consultant, insurance company, therapist or service provider).

You may click the following link to access more information on the <u>Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)</u>.

Thank you.

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Mrs. Arlise Carson Interim Superintendent of Schools

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