

PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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Purpose

Keller ISD Board of Trustees is committed to honoring the rights of parents/guardians and promoting their involvement in the District. The School Board recognizes the fundamental rights of parents/guardians to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their minor-age children.

The District shall not infringe on these rights without demonstrating a compelling governmental interest that is of the highest order and narrowly tailored to meet this interest and cannot otherwise be met through a less restrictive means.

For purposes of this policy, “parent” means the mother, a man presumed to be the father, a man legally determined to be the father, a man who has been adjudicated to be the father by a court of competent jurisdiction, a man who has acknowledged his paternity under applicable law, or an adoptive mother or father. For purposes of this policy, “guardian” means an individual appointed by a court of law to care for the minor student. For purposes of this policy and those policies referenced herein, the rights guaranteed to guardians are the same as those guaranteed to parents.

**Academic
Transparency**

Parents/guardians have the right to know what is being taught in their children’s classrooms and in student clubs and organizations.

Each school within Keller ISD will reasonably disclose in response to a request by a parent:

1. The procedures or processes in effect to document, review, or approve lesson plans or the learning materials and activities used for student instruction at the school;
2. A listing of the teacher and staff training materials and activities used at the school in the current school year; and
3. A listing of the learning materials and activities used for student instruction at the school in the current school year, including at least the following, organized, at a minimum, by subject area, grade, and teacher:
 - a. Textbooks, articles, and other required reading materials; videos and audio recordings; digital materials; websites; instructional handouts and worksheets; online applications for a phone, laptop, or tablet; grade-level or schoolwide assemblies; guest lectures; action-oriented civics learning assignments or projects; service-learning projects.
 - b. The title, the author or organization, and, if accessed online, the Internet address, associated with the material or activity.

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See *also* Board Policy DH, and EF policy series.

Student Clubs

Student groups and activities supplement and enrich academic programming by providing opportunities for collaboration, leadership and service. The District's Board Policy provides for certain requirements for student groups, including both Curricular Clubs and Non-Curricular Clubs.

See Board Policy FM.

**Parental Consent
Regarding Student
Medical Care**

A parent/guardian has the right to access and review all school records relating to his or her minor child, including the right to access and review all medical records of his or her minor child, unless prohibited by law or if the parent is the subject of an investigation of a crime committed against the minor child and a law enforcement agency or official requests that the information not be released.

See Board Policy FFAC.

**Parental Rights to
Students' Records and
Protection of Student
Privacy and
Confidential
Information**

A parent/guardian has certain rights with respect to his or her student's records, such as the right to review such records.

The District shall comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) for all purposes, including parental access to student education records and the protection of information in students' education records, subject only to the exceptions provided for by law.

See Board Policy FL.

**Parental Rights
Regarding
Identification of
Students**

Parents/guardians have the right to be consulted and affirmatively asked for permission before their children use a name other than what is provided on their birth certificate.

See Board Policy FI.

**Student Participation in
Gender-Specific
Activities**

The District provides various protections for students participating in gender-specific activities.

See Board Policy FM.

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Student Access to Gender-Specific Spaces

The District provides various protections for gender-specific spaces accessible to students, including accommodations on overnight trips.

See Board Policies CS and FMG.

Protection of Students from Bullying

The District prohibits bullying, including cyberbullying, as defined by state law. Retaliation against anyone involved in the complaint process is a violation of District policy and is prohibited.

See Board Policy FFI.

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