

Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

Pursuant to the New York State Education Law, Section 2-d, school districts are now required to publish, on their websites, a parents' bill of rights for data privacy and security and to include such information with every contract a school district enters into with a third party contractor where the third party contractor receives student data or teacher or principal data. The following is the District's Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security:

1. A student's personally identifiable information (PII) cannot be sold or released by the District/BOCES for any commercial or marketing purposes.
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record including any student data stored or maintained by the District/BOCES. This right of inspection is consistent with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
3. State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of PII, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including, but not limited to, encryption, firewalls, and password protection, must be in place when data is stored or transferred.
4. A complete list of all student data elements collected by the State is available for public review at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/documentation/NYSEDstudentData.xlsx> or parents may obtain a copy of this list by writing to the Office of Information & Reporting Services, New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234.
5. Parents have the right to file complaints with the District/BOCES about possible privacy breaches of student data by the District's/BOCES' third-party contractors or their employees, officers, or assignees, or with NYSED. Complaints regarding student data breaches should be directed to Matthew Dean, Director of Technology, at 2707 Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13208 or mdean@lyncourtschool.org or (315) 455-7571. Complaints to NYSED should be directed in writing to the Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany NY 12234, or submitted online via the complaint form accessible at <http://www.nysed.gov/student-data-privacy/form/report-improper-disclosure>.