

Annual Notices 2018-2019

Notice of Nondiscrimination and Grievance Procedures for Federal Title Programs and Americans with Disabilities Act

Nondiscrimination:

The Board of Education declares it to be the policy of this District to provide an equal opportunity for all students, regardless of race, color, creed, disability, religion, gender, ancestry, national origin, place of residence within the boundaries of the District, or social and economic background, to learn through the curriculum offered in this District.

If any person believes that the Upper Scioto Valley Local S.D. or any of the District's staff has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of (1) the Civil rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Educational Amendment Act, (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (4) the Age Act, and (5) The Americans with Disabilities Act, s/he may bring forward a complaint, shall be referred to as a grievance, to the District's Civil Rights Coordinator.

Miklos J. Kis, Superintendent
Upper Scioto Valley Local School District
510 Courtright Street
P.O. Box 305
McGuffey, Ohio 45859

Search for Children with Disabilities

School districts throughout Ohio are participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities, birth through age 21. For children birth through age 2, a disability means that a child has a delay in one or more of the following developmental areas: adaptive behavior, cognition, communication, physical development, sensory development and/or social or emotional development.

For children ages three through five, a disability means that a child has a documented deficit in one or more of the following developmental areas: communication skills, hearing abilities, motor functioning, social-emotional behavior functioning, or vision abilities.

For school age students, a disability means a person having one or more conditions such as autism, developmental handicap, hearing handicap, multi-handicap, orthopedic and/or learning disability, traumatic brain injury, or visual handicap.

Many unidentified children with disabilities are pre-school age. If you know of a child who you think may have a disability, please contact:

Miklos J. Kis, **419-757-3231**

Board Policy on Drug-Free Schools

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs included are any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by State statute or substance that could be a "look-a-like" controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by State Law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials.

The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which s/he receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed.

Public View on Funds for Handicapped

Public comment is solicited on the proposed budget for expenditure of Title VI-B funds granted to the Upper Scioto Valley Local S.D. under the provisions of Public Law 94-142, the Education of All Handicapped Act. These monies

are commonly referred to as “Flow-through Funds”, and are to be used for the education of identified handicapped students. Each school district in Ohio is entitled to funds for every identified child served by the district. The money issued to provide services and to buy equipment and materials.

Budget proposals should be directed to Miklos J. Kis, 419-757-3231.

Notification to Parents Regarding Student Records

In compliance with Federal Regulations, the Upper Scioto Valley Local S.D. has established the following guidelines concerning student records:

Each student’s record will be kept in a confidential file located in the student’s school office. The information in a student’s record file will be available for review only by the parents or legal guardian of a student, adult student (eighteen years of age or older), and those authorized by Federal Law and District Regulations.

A parent, guardian, or adult student has the following rights:

1. inspect and review the student’s records
2. request amendments if the parent believes the record is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student’s rights
3. consent to disclosures of personally-identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to those disclosures allowed by law
4. challenge district noncompliance with a parent’s request to amend the records through a hearing
5. file a complaint with the Department of Education
6. obtain a copy of the District’s policy and administrative guidelines on student records.

Notification of Public Regarding Inspection of Instructional Materials

Public inspection of instructional materials such as textbooks, library books, reference works, and the like, may be approved by completing a REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF MATERIALS OR COURSE CONTENT which is available in the central office.

PPRA Notice and Consent/Opt-Out for Specific Activities

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C.-1232h, requires Upper Scioto Valley Local S.D. to notify you and obtain consent or allow you to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation that concern one or more of the following eight areas (“protected information surveys”):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student’s parent
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student’s family
3. Sex behavior or attitudes
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with doctors, lawyers or ministers
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility

This requirement also applies to the collection, disclosure or use of student information for marketing purposes (“marketing surveys”), and certain physical exams and screenings.

If you wish to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities, you must notify the District in writing by **October 7, 2018**.

Notification of Rights under FERPA:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) afford parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s educational records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the School

receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate. Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the School principal (or appropriate school official), clearly identify the part of the records they want changes, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to disclosures of personally identifiable information contain in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel): a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her professional responsibility. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. (Note: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.)
 - a. the District has designated the following information about each student as "directory information":

The Board designates as student "directory information" a student's name; address; telephone number; date and place of birth; major field of study; participation in officially-recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; date of graduation; awards received; honor rolls; and scholarships.

The Board will make the above information available upon a legitimate request unless a parent, guardian, or adult student notifies the School in writing with ten (10) days from the date of this notification that s/he will not permit distribution of any or all such information. Directory information will not be provided to any organization for any profit-making purpose.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education regarding alleged failures by the Upper Scioto Valley Local S.D. to comply with requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

**Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave., SW
Washington D.C. 20202-4605**

No Child Left Behind Act

The federal legislation, "No Child Left Behind" requires that local school districts allow parents to access certain information about his/her student's teacher. Should you wish any information listed below about your student's teacher(s), please contact Miklos J. Kis, Superintendent of Schools, Upper Scioto Valley Local School District, 510 Courtright St., P.O. Box 305 McGuffey, Ohio 45859.

1. Professional teaching qualifications
2. State qualifications and licensing criteria
3. Is the teacher teaching under emergency or temporary status?
4. Teacher's baccalaureate degree major, graduate certification and field of discipline

Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.