

Notice to Parents of U.S.D. 400 Students – 2017-18

Proof of Identity Requirement

State law requires school districts to obtain proof of identity for all students new to the district. This proof may be a birth certificate, a copy of a court order placing a child in the custody of DCF (Department for Children and Families), a certified transcript or other similar student record, or other documentary evidence that the School Board deems satisfactory. If this proof is not provided within 30 days the Board must notify the local law enforcement agency, which will then promptly investigate the identity of the child.

Buckley Amendment (Family Rights and Privacy Act)

The Buckley Amendment requires that the school district give public notice of the categories of directory information that it intends to release including, but is not limited to the student's name; address; telephone listing; electronic mail address; photograph; date and place of birth; grade level; enrollment status; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance; certificates, honors, and awards received; and the most recent school educational agency or institution attended by the student. Parents should inform the district that any or all of the designated information may not be released without the parent's prior consent.

Notice of Nondiscrimination General Statement

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents of elementary and secondary school students, employees, sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with Smoky Valley Public Schools No. 400 are hereby notified that this institution does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities. Smoky Valley Public Schools No. 400 has procedures regarding the referral, evaluation and placement of individuals with disabilities who are eligible for services under federal law. Grievance and appeals procedures have been adopted by the Board of Education to provide for the expeditious resolution of complaints regarding individual civil rights. Any person having inquiries concerning Smoky Valley Public Schools No. 400 compliance with, or complaints under the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act is directed to contact Glen J. Suppes, who can be reached at 126 S. Main, Lindsborg, Kansas, who has been designated by Smoky Valley Public Schools to coordinate the institution's efforts to comply with the above mentioned regulations. The coordinator may also be contacted for the existence and location of services, activities and facilities that are accessible to the disabled. Any person may also contact the Region 7 Office for Civil Rights, One Petticoat Lane, 1010 Walnut St., Suite 320, Kansas City, MO 64106, phone 816-268-0550, regarding the institution's compliance with regulations implementing Title IX, Title VI, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. For additional information, contact the Kansas Relay Center at 1-800-766-3777.

Human Sexuality and AIDS Education

U.S.D. 400 is complying with the State of Kansas mandate on teaching Human Sexuality and AIDS Education in all schools. Any questions concerning the program should be discussed with the building principal.

Drug Free Schools

In accordance with P. L. 102-226, it is unlawful for students or school employees of U.S.D. 400 to possess, use, or distribute illicit drugs and alcohol on school premises or as part of any school activity.

Asbestos Notification

U.S.D. 400 has developed an asbestos management plan and it is available for review in each attendance center and the Administrative Center. We are fortunate in not having an excessive amount of asbestos. All asbestos is being maintained in an encapsulated form. All asbestos is inspected every six months. The notice complies with EPA Reg. 763.84 and 763.93G.4.

Immunizations

Kansas statutes require that all children new to the district, all pre-kindergarten (Pre-K) and all kindergarten students must present certification from a licensed physician stating that he/she has had, or is receiving immunization against polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, hepatitis B, varicella, mumps, and measles, or indicate legal exemption. Pre-K through 12th grade students are also required to have the hepatitis B series. Two doses of varicella are required for all grades PreK thru 12th. A booster dose of Tdap is required at 7th-12th grade regardless of the interval since the last dose of Td (tetanus/diphtheria). This is to improve pertussis (whooping cough) immunity due to increasing outbreaks. Also required for Pre-K students under than the age of 5 years are three doses of haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), four doses of pneumococcal conjugate (PCV7) and two doses of hepatitis A.

Health Assessments

New students (including Pre-K and kindergarten pupils) must have a copy of a birth certificate when enrolling.

Any new early childhood program or kindergarten student will need a school entry physical completed by a Kansas physician within 12 months prior to the first day of school. New students under the age of 9 years who are attending a Kansas school for the first time, also require a physical as described above. Documentation of the physical must be provided to the school prior to attending.

For any child entering school for the first time, sickle cell screening is available. Lindsborg Community Hospital (located at 605 West Lincoln Street, Lindsborg, Phone: 785-227-3308) will provide blood tests for sickle cell trait and sickle cell anemia. Positive screenings will be forwarded to a pathologist at Labcorp in Wichita for diagnosis.

Medication Policy

If a student must have medication, this also includes over the counter medications, administered during the school day a "Request For Medication To Be Administered at School" form must be signed by the physician and parent or guardian. This form must be returned to the school with the medication in the original prescription container and delivered to the school by the parent or responsible adult designated by the parent. There are some over the counter medications (Tylenol, ibuprofen, Neosporin, anti-itch lotion, cough drops) that can be given with parent-permission only. The "Parental Permission for Occasional Use of OTC Medication" form must be signed by the parent or guardian and on file in the school office. Parents or guardians are welcome to come to school to dispense their child's medications if they are unable to get the above requirement met.

Athletic Physicals

Those students planning to participate in athletics or cheerleading must have physicals prior to the beginning of participating in practice. A physical is required every year. Forms may be downloaded from www.smokyvalley.org (click on the "Back to School" link); or the forms are available at the school district office.