

Privacy Rights 101

New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) takes the confidentiality of information about your child seriously. Student privacy means keeping your student's personal details, academic records, and other sensitive information safe and secure.

As a NYCPS parent or guardian, you have important rights that help protect your child's personal and educational information.

These are your nine most important privacy rights:



Right to Access

You can review your child's education records, such as their grades, attendance, disciplinary reports, and Individualized Education Program (IEP).



Right to Amend Records

If you believe that information in your child's education record is inaccurate or violates their privacy, you can ask to have it corrected.



Right to Non-Disclosure

NYCPS needs your written consent before sharing your child's information. There are some exceptions, such as directory information and in health & safety emergencies.



Right to Information Security

Your child's information is protected when it's being sent and stored.



Right to Not Have Your Data Sold

Your child's information cannot be sold or used for commercial, marketing, or advertising purposes.



Right to be Notified of Data Breaches

NYCPS will notify you if your child's information is exposed in a data breach or shared with someone who is not authorized to receive it.



Right to Know About Student Surveys

You have the right to choose whether your child participates in surveys and exams that concern sensitive topics.



Right to Be Notified of Your Rights

At the start of each school year, you will be notified of your privacy rights under federal, state, and local laws and regulations.



Right to File Complaints

You can file a complaint about a possible misuse of your child's data with NYCPS, the NYS Education Department, or the US Department of Education.

For more information, visit: schools.nyc.gov/StudentPrivacy