McDowell County Schools Notice of Parental Rights

The McDowell County Board of Education values parental involvement and respects the rights of parents in the education and upbringing of their children. North Carolina General Statute §115C-76.25 provides a list of parental rights. Pre-existing Board Policy addresses many of these rights. Future changes in Board Policy to address these rights will be added to this notice. Citations to existing Board policies on the same subject matter are included below.

a. The right to consent or withhold consent for participation in reproductive health and safety education programs, consistent with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 115C-81.30. Board Policy 3540.

b. The right to seek a medical or religious exemption from immunization requirements, consistent with the requirements of N.C.G.S. §§ G.S. 130A-156 and 130A-157. Board Policy 4110.

c. The right to review statewide standardized assessment results as part of the State report card. Board Policies 1310/4002.

d. The right to request an evaluation of their child for an academically or intellectually gifted program, or for identification as a child with a disability, as provided in Article 9 of Chapter 115C of the North Carolina General Statutes. Board Policies 1310/4002 and 3520.

e. The right to inspect and purchase public school unit textbooks and other supplementary instructional materials, as provided in Part 3 of Article 8 of 21 Chapter 115C of the North Carolina General Statutes. Board Policy 3210.

f. The right to access information relating to the Board's policies for promotion or retention, including high school graduation requirements. Board Policies 1310/4002.

g. The right to receive student report cards on a regular basis that clearly depict and grade the student's academic performance in each class or course, the student's conduct, and the student's attendance.

h. The right to access information relating to the State public education system, State standards, report card requirements, attendance requirements, and textbook requirements. Board Policies 1310/4002.

i. The right to participate in parent-teacher organizations. Board Policy 5010.

j. The right to opt-in to certain data collection for their child, as provided in N.C.G.S. § 115C-76.65. Board Policy 4720.

k. The right for students to participate in protected student information surveys only with parental consent, as provided in N.C.G.S. § 115C-76.65. Board Policies 4720.

I. The right to review all available records of materials their child has borrowed from a school library as set forth in Board Policy 3210.