

PSCS Parents' Bill of Rights Policy

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This policy is to ensure Pioneer Springs Community School (PSCS) abides by all provisions of SB 49,114A, the Parents' Bill of Rights.

1. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 115C-76.25, this policy shall be posted on the PSCS website in regard to the following parental legal rights with regard to their student's education:

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.

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.

c. [The right to review statewide standardized assessment results as part of the State report card](#).

d. The right to request an evaluation of their student for an academically or intellectually gifted program, or for identification as a student with a disability, as provided in Article 9 of Chapter 115C of the North Carolina General Statutes.

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 Chapter 115C of the North Carolina General Statutes.

f. The right to access information relating to the [Board's policies for promotion or retention](#), including [high school graduation requirements](#).

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.

i. [The right to participate in parent-teacher organizations](#).

j. [The right to opt-in to certain data collection for their student](#), as provided in N.C.G.S. § 115C-76.65.

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.

l. The right to review all available records of materials their student has borrowed from a school library.

2. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 115C-76.30(c), the school shall provide to parents, students, and school personnel, at the beginning of each school year (starting 2024-25), a parent guide for student achievement that meets the following requirements:

a. Includes, at a minimum, the State Board requirements developed as provided in subsection (a) of N.C.G.S. § 115C-76.30 and all Board policies and Executive Director procedures related to parent involvement, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 115C-76.30.

b. Is understandable to students and parents.

c. Is provided in writing to the parent.

d. Is discussed at the beginning of each school year in meetings of students, parents, and teachers.

3. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§ 115C-76.20, 115C-76.25, and 115C-76.35, the Executive Director shall implement procedures to accomplish the following:

a. Inform parents of their legal rights and responsibilities with regard to their student's education.

b. Provide to parents, on an annual basis, the [Parent's Guide for Student Achievement](#) as set forth in section 2 above.

c. Allow parents to exercise their legal rights for their student's education, as enumerated in N.C.G.S. § 115C-76.25(a) and Section 1 above.

d. Make the parental rights contained in N.C.G.S. § 115C-76.25(a) and Section 1 above available to parents electronically or by [displaying the information on the school's website](#).

e. [Provide links to parents for community services](#).

f. [Establish opportunities for parental involvement](#) in the development, implementation, and evaluation of family involvement programs.

g. [Establish opportunities for parents to participate on school advisory councils and in school volunteer programs and other activities](#).

- h. [Provide for parental participation in their student's education](#) to improve parent and teacher cooperation in areas such as homework, school attendance, and discipline that aligns with the parent guide for student achievement required by N.C.G.S. § 115C-76.30 and Section 2 above.
- i. Require the School to effectively communicate to parents [the manner in which textbooks are used to implement the school's curricular objectives](#).
- j. Establish a process for parents to learn about the [nature and purpose of clubs and activities](#) offered at their student's school, including both curricular and extracurricular activities.

4. Parental Requests for Information

A parent may request in writing from the Executive Director of the school in which his or her student is enrolled any of the information the parent has the right to access, as provided in this policy. The School shall adopt a [procedure for the process of parent requests for information under this policy](#), and shall include the following:

- a. The process by which [a parent may request the information](#) from the School.
- b. The Executive Director or his designee, within 10 business days of receipt of the request, shall either (i) provide the requested information to the parent or (ii) provide an extension notice to the parent that, due to the volume or complexity of the request, the information will be provided no later than 20 business days from the date of the parental request.
- c. If the School (i) denies or fails to respond to the request for information within 10 business days, or (ii) fails to provide information within 20 business days following an extension notice, the parent may request in writing any of the information the parent has the right to access, as provided in this policy, from the School, along with a statement specifying the time frame of the denial or failure to provide information by the School.
- d. If the School denies or does not respond to the request for information within 10 business days, the parent may appeal the denial or lack of response to the PSCS Board of Trustees no later than 20 business days from the date of the request to the School.

5. Appeal to the PSCS Board of Trustees

If [an information request is appealed to the Board](#) within the time limit set forth above, the Board will place the parent's appeal on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board occurring more than three business days after submission of the appeal.

6. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 115C-76.40(e), a decision of the Board under that statute and this policy is final and is not subject to judicial review.

7. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 115C-76.40(d), the school shall display the procedures for requests for information and appeals on the PSCS website.