

Parents' Bill of Rights in Louisiana Schools

Original Bill, Act 699 of 2014

This bill recognizes that:

- Parental involvement is a significant factor in increasing student achievement and that access to student information encourages such involvement

Original rights included in Act 699. (R.S. 17:406.9)

1. The right to examine textbooks, curriculum, and supplemental material used in their child's classroom
2. The right to inspect their child's school records, including:
 - a. Academic records
 - b. Medical or health records
 - c. Records of any mental health counseling
 - d. Records of any vocational counseling
3. To be notified when medical services are being offered to their child, except where emergency medical treatment is required.
 - a. In cases where emergency medical treatment is required, the parent shall be notified as soon as practicable after the treatment is rendered
4. The right to be notified if a criminal action is deemed to have committed against their child or by their child.
5. To be notified if law enforcement personnel questions their child, except in cases where the parent has been accused of abusing or neglecting the child.
6. The right to be notified if their child is taken or removed from the school campus without parental permission.
7. To receive written notice and the option to opt their child out of any surveys that include questions about any of the following:
 - a. The students' sexual experiences or attractions.
 - b. The student's family beliefs, morality, religion or political affiliation.
 - c. Any mental health or psychological problems of the student or a family member.

Act 547 of 2018 Revised Parent's Bill of Rights:

1. Receive a child's education records within 10 business days of submitting a request.
2. Access the final school calendar for the academic year at least 30 days prior to the first day of school.
3. View a complete listing of school fees and the purpose of each.
4. View any school uniform requirements on the school website.
5. Be promptly informed if their child is at-risk of not being promoted to the next grade level.