

Annual Notices

Please read this entire letter. It contains information that Peoria Heights CUSD #325 is mandated to pass on to you as a parent of a student in our district. These mandates are in place for both your protection and ours. If you have any questions about any of these policies or statutes, please contact the District Office at 686-8800.

Sincerely,

Eric Heath
Superintendent

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer:

Dr. Eric M. Heath
Superintendent
Peoria Heights CUSD #325
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NOTICE TO PARENTS OF RIGHT TO REQUEST THEIR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TEACHERS' QUALIFICATIONS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As a parent/guardian of a student at a school receiving funds under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, you have the right to request the professional qualifications of the teachers who instruct your child and the paraprofessionals, if any, who assist them. You may request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers and their paraprofessional assistants:

- Whether the teacher has met state certification requirements.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status by which state licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's college major.
- Whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any instructional aides or paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact the school office at 309-686-8800

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SHARING OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

From time to time military recruiters, colleges, local businesses or other interests request information about our student body. They have the right to do so. However, we are careful to follow the statute and only release information that has been determined by law to be "directory information" by the state and federal governments. This includes name address, gender, grade level, birth date and place, parents' names and addresses; academic awards, degrees, and honors; information in relation to school-sponsored activities, organizations, and athletics; major field of study; and period of attendance in the school.

You may call 686-8803 for information about lists we have sent out in prior years. If you wish to remove your student's name from any such list, we would need a letter with that request. Please keep in mind that sometimes these lists generate employment and/or scholarship opportunities for our students.

MEDIA RELATIONS

Several times each year news media, both newspapers and television stations, visit us to do articles related to student activities, school events, and community issues. As a rule students volunteer to be a part of such news stories. When filming for television, students sometimes are asked questions for background or opinions even if they are not a part of the story directly. Other times students become part of the "shot" simply by where they are standing. Please talk to your student about whether you would ever want them to be a part of such a news story and how you would like them to handle a situation where a classroom or hallway "shot" is being taken. Let us know if there are special circumstances that may affect your student's involvement in such articles or if you would like us to do our best to keep them out of such articles.

Legally, there is no expectation of privacy when in the classroom or hallway (and news media have a limited right to access) but we certainly respect and try to control situations where students may be involved in ways they or their parents do not want them to be or their personal privacy may be invaded.

PHYSICALS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

The Illinois School Code, chapter 122-Section 27-8, requires that all students must have a physical by a physician and show proof of this examination upon admission to ninth grade. All students must present documented evidence of immunization against each of the following illnesses: at least three diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus (DPT), and a booster after the fourth birthday, and every ten years (TD); at least three oral polio vaccines and a booster after the fourth birthday (OPV); and two (2) measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines (MMR). **IF THE NINTH GRADE PHYSICAL FORM IS NOT COMPLETE, AND IF THESE IMMUNIZATIONS ARE NOT UP-TO-DATE, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER FOR SCHOOL.** If you object to this requirement on religious grounds, your child shall not be required to comply, if you present to the principal a statement of objection signed by you. However, your child will be excluded from school should an outbreak occur.

SPRAYING PESTICIDES

A law passed by the Illinois General Assembly in 1999 requires that school districts maintain a registry of parents and guardians who have requested to receive written notice prior to the application of pesticides on school grounds.

If you are interested in being added to this registry and receiving notification prior to pesticide application on school grounds, please inform the District Office at 686-8800.

ASBESTOS INFORMATION

This is to notify you that Peoria Heights CUSD #325 has submitted its Asbestos Containing Building Materials Management Plan pursuant to the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response act (AHERA, 40 CFR 763). Copies of the management plan are available for inspection at the District Office of the school during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and other times through special arrangement.

Appointments are necessary.

Arrangements to review the plan may be made by contacting:

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