



PARENT/STUDENT AUTHORIZATIONS
Explanatory Notes: 2023-2024

***** PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION PRIOR TO SIGNING the *****
Parent/Student Consent & Authorizations Form

1. Movies

Movies with the ratings noted below may be used for instructional purposes or special activities. By giving permission, your child will be able to view movies during the school year without obtaining further parental permission. Notification for each movie will be given to students before the movie is shown.

Elementary School "G"; Middle School "PG"; High School "PG-13"

If you choose "No" at this time, you will have the option of giving permission on an individual-movie basis. A permission form for each movie to be shown will be sent home with your child before the viewing time.

2. Field Trips

Field trips may be taken to enhance the curriculum. Most field trips are in-town trips or trips to locations nearby (within 60 miles). Separate parental permission may be sought for field trips of an extended duration or distance, at the principal's discretion. In every case, all reasonable safety precautions will be taken and adequate supervision will be provided. By marking "Yes" on the Parent Authorization form, you agree you will not hold USD 460 or its employees responsible in case of an accident. Furthermore, if your child should need to be removed from the field trip for illness or disruptive behavior, you will be notified to pick up your child.

3. FERPA and Student Data Privacy Act Notices

To read this notice regarding student educational records and data privacy rights, please go to www.hesstonschools.org, click on Menu, scroll down to the Parents and Families section, and click on Enrollment Resources. Open the document titled "FERPA & Student Data Privacy Act Notice."

4. Acknowledgment of Student Handbook

Each Hesston school issues a handbook for students and parents, which is available on the school's web site. Go to www.hesstonschools.org and then follow the links to your student's school and handbook. For families without internet access, hard copies are available at enrollment. The handbook contains various notifications required annually by the State of Kansas, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Nondiscrimination and Harassment
- b. Drug Free Schools and Communities Policy
- c. Emergency Safety Interventions

As a condition of enrollment, the student is required to abide by all regulations contained in the handbook as well as other policies established by the board of education (BOE). If the student chooses not to abide by school/BOE rules, regulations or any established policy, or any reasonable request by school authorities, disciplinary action may be imposed, up to and including expulsion from school.

Questions regarding this acknowledgement and the handbook should be directed to your student's building principal.

Please Read Other Side

5. Electronic Information Services Acceptable Use Policy

To read this notice regarding the use of district computers and electronic information services (Internet, social media, etc.), please go to www.hesstonschools.org, click on Menu, scroll down to the Parents and Families section, and click on Enrollment Resources. Open the document titled "Acceptable Use Policy." All students and parents are required to read and abide by this policy.

6. Patriotic Exercises

According to board policy, students in grades 1-8 shall recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States on a daily basis. Students in grades 9-12 shall recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States on at least a weekly basis. Students who opt out of patriotic exercises for personal religious reasons will not be expected to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

7. Release of Student Photos

Photos of student activities and individual students may be used in district publications (e.g., yearbook, newsletters, athletic programs) and for purposes of district publicity (e.g., district and school web pages). Opting out of this item means that:

- a) your child's named photo will **not** appear in these publications or web sites; but
- b) your child's image may still appear in these locations (generally in candid shots) without being identified by name.

8. Human Sexuality and Aids Education

Students in our school district are presented information about Human Sexuality and HIV/AIDS in health and life management classes in accordance with the Kansas State Board of Education regulations. The content is age appropriate and relates to the current topic in the health curriculum. Grade level content for these classes is available from the principals upon request. Parents may opt out their child from a portion, or from all, of the curriculum.

9. Non-Participation Due to Religious Objections

Parents may excuse their student from activities that are counter to their religious beliefs. As in the case of all other opt-out selections, this designation is valid for the current school year and must be re-designated on an annual basis.

10/11. (HHS only) Regarding Student Information Access

Federal law requires school districts to provide certain student directory information to military recruiters and post-secondary institutions unless parents/eligible students specifically opt-out of such release of directory information. "Directory information" includes, but is not limited to, students' name, address, telephone number, grade level, and activities participation.

If you wish to limit or withhold the release of directory information about your student (or yourself, if a student age 18 or older) to the armed forces or colleges/universities, please mark the appropriate opt-out box. This designation is only effective for the school year in which it is submitted.