



## VAN BUREN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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# PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS & INFORMATION

Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

*The following parent notifications are in compliance with Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):*

**Teacher Qualifications and Highly Effective Teachers:** Upon parental request regarding whether professionals are highly effective, including qualification of the student's teachers and paraprofessional, Van Buren County School System will provide appropriate information including state qualifications and licensure. (ESSA 1112(e)(1)(A))

**Student Privacy:** Our school system will send dates home to parents so they are informed of:

- activities involving the collection, disclosure or use of personal student information for the purpose of marketing or selling that information.
- administration of surveys
- non-emergency, physical examination, scheduled in advance (with parents approval)

Parents may inspect:

- third-party surveys or any instrument used to collect information before they are administered to students
- any instructional materials
- physical examinations or screening of students
- the collection, disclosure or use of personal information from students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information

**Public Release of Student Directory Information:** Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), schools may disclose, without consent, "directory information", such as a student's name, address, telephone number and honors or awards. You may, at any time, request in writing to the school that your child's information not be disclosed. (ESEA 8025)

**Military Recruiter Access to Student Information:** You may, at any time, request in writing to the school that your child's name, address and telephone number not be released to a military recruiter without your prior written consent. (ESEA 8528 (a)(2)(B))

**Parent and Family Engagement:** Van Buren County School System has developed, jointly with parents from all schools, a district wide parent involvement plan. Each individual school has a written parent and family engagement plan that is located on the district and school website. Our school:

- holds one annual meeting for Title I parents (beginning of the each school year)
- numerous meetings throughout the year
- if you would like to share your comments or concerns about the school's improvement plan or family engagement plan, please contact the school principals.
- you will receive a school-parent compact that outlines the responsibilities of your child and the school (ESEA Title I, Part A, 1116 (c))

**Report Cards on Statewide Academic Assessment:** You can view our annual report card by visiting <https://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/foster-care/index.html> . You will be able to find student achievement, accountability and teacher qualifications.

**Achievement on State Assessment:** You will receive the individual student interpretive, descriptive and diagnostic reports for the state’s standardized test. This information includes your child’s achievement on academic assessments aligned with state academic achievement standards. (ESEA 1111 (b)(2)(B)(x))

**National Assessment of Education Progress:** Our district may voluntarily participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). You will be informed before the assessment is administered. Your child may be excused from participation for any reason, is not required to finish this assessment or not required to answer any test question. Please inform the office of your wishes. (ESEA Title VI, Part C, 411 (c)(1))

**Schoolwide Programs:** Spencer Elementary School is considered Title I with a school wide program. Our district plan may be found at <https://eplan.tn.gov>

**English Learner Programs:** Our school will inform you no later than 30 days after the beginning of the school year if your child was identified for participation in the ESL program.

**Homeless Children:** Students who are experiencing homelessness have the right to receive educational services that provide full and equal opportunities to succeed in school. Homeless students have the right to immediately enroll in school, even if they do not have proof of residence or any other required school or health records. If any required documentation is missing, it can be obtained after the student is enrolled. Homeless students have the right to remain in their school of origin, if feasible, and receive transportation services. Public notices are located near the office. (ESSA Title IX, Part C 722 (g)(3)(B))

**Waiver Request:** If our school district requests the U.S. Secretary of Education to waive any provision or regulation of the ESEA, we will provide notice and information about the waiver to you in a public notice.