

# PARENT INFORMATION NOTICE

. Overton County School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age or handicap in the provision of educational opportunities, activities, or other administered programs.

. Parents have the right to request information about the professional qualifications concerning their child's teacher(s) and should be informed if their child is served by any paraprofessionals providing educational assistance, and if so, their qualifications. Teaching certifications can be found by accessing the Tennessee Department of Education, Teacher Licensing Web Site ([www.state.tn.us/education/llchome.htm](http://www.state.tn.us/education/llchome.htm)) or by contacting the Central Office.

. Parents must receive notification if a teacher not highly qualified is teaching their child for 4 or more consecutive weeks in a core curriculum class.

. Parents will have access to system/school report cards as developed by the State Department of Education and available (usually in the late fall of each year) through their web site ([www.state.tn.us/education](http://www.state.tn.us/education)), at the school and/or district office, or in the local newspapers.

. Parents will be informed if their child is enrolled in a school identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring. They will also be provided an explanation of what this means, academic comparison with district and state scores, and steps being taken to improve achievement, parent involvement, and over-all progress of the school.

. Parents will be informed if their child is enrolled in a school that has been designated as a "persistently dangerous school" by the Tennessee Department of Education. Within 30 days of this designation, the director of schools shall provide for all students to be given "safe school choice" as provided for under the NCLB Act of 2001.

. Should an individual student be victimized, within ten school days of the event, the director of schools shall offer the student and his/her parent(s) or guardian "safe school choice". The definition of "Safe School Choice" is:

The student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) are provided an opportunity to transfer to another school within the local education agency (LEA) that is safe for the student or students. To the extent possible, the LEA shall allow transferring students to transfer to a school that is making adequate yearly progress and has not been identified as being in school improvement, corrective action or restructuring. The LEA is encouraged to take into account the needs and preferences of the affected students and parents. The LEA shall assume necessary transportation costs associated with the student attending a safe school. An LEA with only one school at a particular grade level may choose to facilitate a transfer to a school in another school district; however, such transfer shall not be required.

(For additional information regarding "safe school choice" refer to the state's web-site, State School Board Policy 4.202)

. Parents receive written notification that they may request that their child's name, address, and telephone number not be released to a military recruiter and/or news media without prior written consent.

. Parents will be informed by annual notice regarding the availability of supplemental educational services if a school fails to meet adequate yearly progress.

. Parents will receive annual academic results for mid-reporting periods, end of reporting periods, Writing Assessment for the 5th, 8th or 11th grades, End-of-Course, Gateway Exams, and TCAP or other achievement tests in a timely manner as required by local Board policy and the Tennessee Department of Education.

. Parents of students identified as limited English proficient (ELL-English Language Learner) must be notified in a timely manner of their child's participation in an ESL Program, details of the program, rights to waive participation, and specific information on the child's level of English proficiency.

. Overton County schools identified as Title I schools must develop a written "Parental Involvement Plan". The plan will be developed jointly with and distributed to parents of children in Title I Schools. An annual meeting will be held for parents informing them of programs, policies, and legal requirements mandated by the NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT.

. Schools and parents must be notified of school wide program authority under which schools can consolidate funds from federal, state, and local sources to upgrade the educational program of the entire school. Forty percent of the students must be from verified low-income families to qualify for school-wide services.

. Parents can visit the state's web site ([www.state.tn.us](http://www.state.tn.us)) to access a description of the curriculum (Tennessee Curriculum Standards), assessment, and proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

. Parents have access to district and school information and reports through the media (local newspaper and radio), and the System/School Report Cards available on the state web site or at the Overton County Schools Administrative Offices.

. The Overton County School Board Policy is now available on-line at the Overton County Board of Education web site ([www.overtoncountyschools.net](http://www.overtoncountyschools.net)). Notification of Rights and Release of Directory Information under FERPA and the Family Education Rights Policy Act, are also done through media announcements. More information about FERPA is available in the school handbook or at the Central Office.

. Students and parents are encouraged to participate in "Safe and Drug-Free School Programs" in order to prevent and/or decrease student violence and drug use. Parents can request in writing their child's nonparticipation in such activities.

. School Health requirements, policies, and procedures (ex. Immunizations, medications given at school, etc.) are available from the Overton County Health Department Office (823-6260), the district office (823-1287), the school principal, or the school nurse.

. Parent/Student Rights in Identification, Evaluation, and Placement-A Complete Description of the Rights Granted by Federal Law to Students with Disabilities, is available by contacting the Special Education Department of the Overton County School System. The intent of this law is to keep parents fully informed concerning decisions about their child and to inform them of their rights if they disagree with any of those decisions.

. CHILD FIND REQUIREMENT UNDER IDEA -Overton County Schools have the responsibility to locate, identify, and evaluate all children ages 3-22 years of age suspected of having a disability. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Special Education Director at 823-1287.