

Student non-discrimination policy

Students are protected from discrimination on the basis of gender pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Minnesota Human Rights Act. A complete copy of this policy is available in on the district web site and at each school building. The Pelican Rapids School District provides equal educational opportunity for all students and prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender, parental, family and/or marital status.

Rehabilitation Act prohibits discrimination against disabled

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in any program receiving federal financial assistance. The Act defines a person with a disability as anyone who: 1. has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including learning; or 2. has a record of such impairment; or 3. is regarded as having such impairment.

Learners may be protected from disability discrimination and be eligible for services, accommodations, or programs under the provisions of Section 504 even though they are not eligible for special education pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It is the responsibility of the school district to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education.

Persons who have questions, comments, or complaints should contact their child's principal.

Release of student information

Student Records-Pelican Rapids School District No. 548 gives notice to parent of students and eligible students currently in attendance in the District of their rights regarding pupil records:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records;
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights;
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that such consent is not required for disclosure pursuant to this policy, state or federal law, or the regulations promulgated thereunder;
4. The right to refuse release of secondary students' names, addresses, and home telephone numbers to military recruiting officers;
5. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school district to comply with the federal law and the regulations promulgated thereunder;
6. The right to be informed about rights under the federal law; and
7. This policy if available to parents and students upon written request to the Superintendent.

"Directory information" means information contained in an education record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. It includes, but is not limited to: the student's name, enrollment status (i.e. full-time or part-time), participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received, and the most recent educational agency or institution attended, and photos taken in the normal course of school activities. Directory information does not include personally identifiable data which references religion, race, color, social position or nationality. Data collected from nonpublic school students, other than those who receive shared time educational services, shall not be designated as directory information unless written consent is given by the student's parent or guardian.

The school district may disclose directory information from the education records of a student without prior written consent of the parent of the student or eligible student, unless as provided herein. In order to make any or all of the directory information listed above "private" (i.e. subject to consent prior to disclosure), the parent or eligible student must make a written request to the building principal within thirty days after the date of this publication.

- a) The information listed above shall be public information which the school district may disclose from the education records of a student.
- b) Should the parent of a student or the student so desire, any or all of the listed information will not be disclosed without the parent's or eligible student's prior written consent except to school officials as provided under federal law.

c) In order to make any or all of the directory information listed above “private” (i.e., subject to consent prior to disclosure), the parent or eligible student must make a written request to the building principal within thirty (30) days after the date of the last publication of this notice. This written request must include the following information:

(1) Name of student and parent, as appropriate; (2) Home address; (3) School presently attended by student; (4) Parent’s legal relationship to student, if applicable; (5) Specific category or categories of directory information which is not to be made public without the parent’s or eligible student’s prior written consent.

Pelican Rapids School District No. 548 hereby give notice to parents of secondary students and eligible secondary students of their rights regarding release of information to military recruiting. The school district must release the names, addresses and home telephone numbers of secondary students to military recruiting officers within 60 days after the date of the request. Should the parent of a student or eligible student so desire any or all of the listed information will not be disclosed to military recruiting officers without prior consent. In order to refuse the release of this information without prior consent the parent or eligible student must make a written request to the building principal by September 30th each year.

Indoor Air Quality Pelican Rapids Public Schools advocate a healthy school environment in which the surroundings contribute to an environment conducive to learning for students, and productivity for teachers and staff. To help accomplish this, we have implemented an IAQ Management Plan using guidelines provided by the Minnesota Department of Education, and the “Tools for Schools” document developed by the U.S. EPA. Trevor Steeves is the IAQ Coordinator for the Pelican Rapids Public Schools. He has been trained and certified by the Minnesota Department of Education to fulfill this position. All issues concerning indoor air quality should be brought to his attention, and he can be reached by calling 218-863-5910 at the high school.

Asbestos Notification In accordance with federal regulations, Pelican Rapids Public Schools have management plans documenting the location and condition of all known or assumed asbestos containing materials (ACM) in each building. Every six months, an accredited inspector visually inspects the condition of the ACM. The high school management plan is available for public inspection at the district office during normal business hours. The elementary management plan is available for public inspection at the elementary school office during normal office hours. Trevor Steeves is the designated person responsible for maintaining the asbestos management plans for the district. He can be reached at 218-863-5910 with any questions.

Pesticide Notice A state law went into effect in the 2000 that requires schools to inform parents and guardians if they apply certain pesticides on school property. The Pelican Rapids School District contracts for pest elimination. Interior work is done in January, April, July and October; exterior work is done in May and August. The pest control service provider performs the service before or after regular school hours. The district office has complete information on all pesticide products used in the buildings. Parents may review or copy this material at their own expense. If a parent or guardian wishes to be notified prior to any pesticide application made on days other than dates specified (excluding emergency applications) contact Trevor Steeves, Health and Safety Coordinator. Pelican Rapids Public School, PO Box 642, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572; 218-863-5910. June 2016