

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR NOTIFICATIONS

ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

As a result of federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act - AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. As a matter of policy, Bertha-Hewitt Public School shall continue to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our community's youth and employees. If parents, staff or students have any questions or concerns, please contact Jared Alexander, head custodian, at (218) 924-2500.

NOTICE CONCERNING USE OF PEST CONTROL MATERIALS

Our district utilizes a licensed, professional pest control service firm for the prevention and control of rodents, insects, and other pests in and around the district's buildings. All pest control materials are chosen and applied according to label direction per federal law. If parents, staff, or students have any questions or concerns, please contact Jared Alexander at (218) 924-2500.

INDOOR AIR QUALITY NOTIFICATION

The Environmental Pollution Control Agency has established guidelines for indoor quality. District #786 has developed an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Management Plan in compliance with guidelines developed by the Minnesota Department of Education and Learning and the "Tools for Schools" document developed by the EPA. If parents, staff, or students have any questions or concerns, please contact Jared Alexander at (218) 924-2500.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS PROTECTION AND PRIVACY OF STUDENT RECORDS

Pursuant to the requirements of the School District regarding the requirements of federal law, the following constitutes the School District's Annual Notification to parents and students regarding data privacy practices of the school district.

The school district has adopted a Student Record Data Privacy Policy incorporating state and federal requirements as to data privacy rights in student educational records. In summary, the policy provides:

Privacy Rights - Educational records which identify or could be used to identify a student other than directory information may not be released to members of the public without written permission by the 18-year-old student and/or parent/guardian.

Directory Information - Directory information is public information relating to a student. This information includes but is not limited to: the student's name, address, telephone listing, electronic email address, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, grade level, enrollment status, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight, institution attended. It also includes the name, address and telephone number of the student's parent[s].

Inspection of Records - Parents of a student who is 18 or older may request to inspect and review any of the student's educational records except those which are, by state and federal law, made confidential.

Challenge to Accuracy of Records - Parents of a student, or a student who is 18 or older, who believes specific information in the student's educational record, is inaccurate, misleading, incomplete or violated the privacy or other rights of the student may request that the school district amend the record in question.

Transfer of Records to Other Schools - The School District forwards educational records of students to other schools and school districts in which a student seeks or intends to enroll upon request of that school or school district. A parent or student who is 18 years of age may request and receive a copy of the records which are transferred and may, pursuant to this policy, challenge the accuracy of the records. The District does not, however, notify the parents or students of age 18 or older prior to such a transfer.

Complaints for Noncompliance - Parents or students of 18 years of age or older who feel there has been a violation of the rights accorded them may submit written complaints to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act Office, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20201.

Parents or students age 18 and over may request in writing that directory information not be released. Written requests must be received in the district office by Sept. 30.

The Data Practices Act has been amended by the Minnesota Legislature and BHS is required to release names, addresses and phone numbers of 11th and 12th grade students to military recruiting officers for the purpose of providing information to students about military career and educational opportunities unless parents refuse release of this information.

This is only a summary of the Data Privacy Rights of students and parents in the educational records maintained by the school district. The complete policy, 515 - Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, is available upon request in the district office.