

# Annual Student, Parent, Guardian, and Staff Notifications

2011-12



**RIDGEFIELD**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND FACILITY USAGE**

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## **ASBESTOS PLAN**

Ridgefield School District engages in a continuous asbestos surveillance program to ensure that there are no asbestos problems or danger to students and employees. A copy of the district's asbestos management plan is available for review at the district central office.

## **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION**

Ridgefield School District works with state agencies (including OSPI) to establish a coordinated primary prevention program for child abuse and neglect. Parents may refuse to have their children participate in the program.

## **CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES**

The district conducts childfind activities for the purpose of locating, evaluating, and identifying students with a suspected disability who are residing within district boundaries. Childfind activities apply to children who are not currently receiving special education and related services. Parents having concerns about their child's health, hearing, intellectual functioning, language, learning, movement, serious behavioral needs, speech, or vision can call their child's school.

## **COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Each senior high school shall have information available annually concerning the entrance requirements and the availability of programs in the local area that lead to college credit, including classes such as advanced placement, Running Start, tech-prep, skill centers, college in the high school, and International Baccalaureate programs. In addition, each senior high school shall have available information of the names and contact information of other public or private entities offering such programs, including online advanced placement programs, to

its students if the school has knowledge of such entities. For information on programs available to Ridgefield students, contact the counseling department at the high school.

## **FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT - CONFIDENTIALITY**

Parents in Ridgefield School District have rights to confidentiality under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The parent or eligible student has a right to: inspect and review the student's education records; amend education records; consent to disclose personally identifiable information contained in education records, and file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education. Parents wishing to review their children's records should contact the registrar at their child's school.

## **DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS**

The Ridgefield School District supports and enforces drug-free schools.

Use and/or possession of alcohol and illicit drugs is unlawful, wrong, and harmful. A student shall not knowingly possess, use, transmit, be under the influence of, or show evidence of having used any alcohol or any controlled illegal, addictive, or harmful substances of any kind (including anabolic steroids) while on school grounds or at a school activity, function, or event.

Violation of this policy shall result in the following:

- The parent(s) will be notified to discuss appropriate treatment.
- The school administration may request the assistance of a law enforcement official investigating the source of the substance.
- Appropriate school disciplinary action will be taken.

To ensure the safety, health and well-being of all students, the district is committed to a program that emphasizes drug and

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alcohol abuse prevention, intervention, aftercare support, and necessary corrective actions. While the primary obligation to seek assistance rests with the student and his/her parent(s), school staff shall work with the home and community to develop and implement a comprehensive prevention and intervention program. The district shall seek the support and cooperation of public and private agencies as necessary.

## INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT

Under IDEA, Ridgefield School District provides a copy of procedural disability safeguards upon request.

## LEGISLATION REGARDING MILITARY RECRUITERS

Section 952B of the No Child Left Behind Act, also known as Armed Forces Recruiter Access to Students and Student Recruiting Information, requires schools to provide student contact information to military recruiters and institutes of higher education unless a parent has opted out of providing such information. See enclosed NONDISCLOSURE FORM.

## MCKINNEY VENTO ACT

Ridgefield School District is required to provide notice of the education rights of homeless students.

## MEAL PRICING / CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Ridgefield School District provides parents and the public with information about free and reduced price meals (included).

For more information, contact the district central office, view our website: [www.ridge.k12.wa.us](http://www.ridge.k12.wa.us), or view the Eligibility Guidance for School Meals Manuals at the USDA's website: [http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Guidance/eligibility\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Guidance/eligibility_guidance.pdf).

## NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

In accordance with the NCLBA, Ridgefield School District provides notices to parents and the public including annual reports and progress reviews; school improvements; teacher qualifications; student achievement information; and a variety of information about the status of English language learners. The U.S. Dept. of Education provides a guidance document, Parental Involvement Title I, Part A, on their website at: [\[ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/parentinvguid.doc\]\(http://ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/parentinvguid.doc\). Pursuant to Title I regulations, Ridgefield hereby notifies parents of eligible students of the availability of public school choice at least 14 days before the start of the school year. 34 C.F.R. § 200.37\(b\)\(4\)\(iv\). The regulations also require local school districts to notify parents of eligible students of the availability of supplemental education.](http://www.</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

## NONDISCRIMINATION/TITLE IX

Ridgefield School District assures that all its students have an opportunity to enroll in classes, programs, and extracurricular activities without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap. The district complies with all state and federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disabilities. This holds true for all district employment and student opportunities.

## PESTICIDES

Washington State law requires all school districts to adopt a pesticide policy and related procedures for implementing the policy. It is Ridgefield School District's intent to take steps that will promote a safe and healthy environment for children, staff, parents, and others who visit the schools.

## RELEASING INFORMATION (FERPA, HIPAA, PPRA)

Ridgefield School District is permitted by state and federal law to disclose student information without consent in the following cases: if a school official needs to review an education record to fulfill his or her professional responsibility; if information is requested by another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll; and if the information requested is directory information including the student's name, photograph (for use in public information), date and place of birth, address, phone number, grade, dates of attendance, most recent previous school attended, diplomas and awards received, and participation in recognized activities and sports.

Though schools may release directory information without obtaining the prior consent of parents, school officials use their discretion as to whether they release such information to third parties.

Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

(HIPAA), and the Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), parents have the right to request nondisclosures of any or all of the above information. Optional: complete and return the enclosed NONDISCLOSURE FORM to your child's school.

## SEXUAL HARASSMENT & BULLYING

The District and School Board recognize their responsibility to provide a working environment for employees and a learning environment for students that is free from all types of discrimination, including sexual harassment and bullying. Sexual harassment is illegal, and procedures have been developed that provide for receiving and investigating a complaint from any staff member or student. Concerns may be submitted in writing to the Superintendent's office.

## TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Federal law permits parents of children in Title I Schools to request information on the professional qualifications of their child's teachers. Specifically, parents have the right to ask for the following information:

- Whether OSPI has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether OSPI has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications. If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact your child's school.

If you would like to know if your child's school is a Title I School and/or receive any of this information, please call the district central office.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on any annual notifications above, refer to the district website at [www.ridge.k12.wa.us](http://www.ridge.k12.wa.us), the district central office, or your child's school.