



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH TOMORROW'S LEADERS

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Effective July 1, 2021, school districts will be required by the Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA) to provide additional guarantees that student data is protected when collected by educational technology companies, and that data is used for beneficial purposes only (105 ILCS 85).

District 81 will annually post a list of all operators of online services/educational technology companies or applications used by the District, and the data elements that the school collects, maintains or discloses to any entity through Exhibit E agreements with online operators. These agreements can be found by visiting www.sd81.org and clicking on the SOPPA section on the homepage. In addition, District 81 will post data breaches within 10 days and notify parents of the breach within 30 days.

Parents and students have rights regarding SOPPA. Below is the process for how parents and students can exercise their rights to inspect, review and correct information maintained by the school, online operator/educational technology company, or the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE):

- Requests will be granted within 15 school days (but no later than 45 calendar days) after the District receives the request. Parents/guardians should submit to the Building Principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the information that they would like to inspect, review or correct. *(The response may be extended by 5 business days if: (1) the records are stored in whole or part at other locations; (2) The request requires the collection of a substantial number of records; (3) The request is couched in categorical terms and requires an extensive search; (4) The requested records have not been located in the course of routine search (5) The request cannot be compiled without unduly burdening or interfering with the operations of the school district; or (6) There is a need for consultation with another public body or among school personnel.)* (105 ILCS 10/5(c)).
- The Principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent/guardian of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

District 81 is committed to a high level of standard to protect student privacy and confidentiality. We will maintain transparency in our policies and procedures to support SOPPA.

Respectfully,

Dr. Kimberly Boryszewski, Superintendent of Schools