

MANDATED NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC

Non-discrimination on the Basis of Disability

The Wellington Schools do not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. Information concerning the provisions of the American Disabilities Act, and the rights provided there under, are available from the ADA coordinator.

ADA/Section 504 Compliance Officer

Lynne Shields, Ph.D., 627 North Main Street, Wellington, Ohio 44090, (440) 647-7907.

Free and Reduced Price Lunches

The Wellington Schools participate in the federally funded Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Children are eligible to receive free or reduced lunches if (1) total family income is within federal guidelines; (2) receiving free food stamps; or (3) the child receives Aid to Dependent Children. Information regarding eligibility for free and reduced priced meals is sent to students' homes by late August or early September. Applications must be completed and returned to the child's school for approval. A new application can be filed at any time in the event of unemployment or if family income increases or decreases.

Schools qualify for Chapter 1 funds based upon the number of students receiving free and reduced lunches. Special state funding is also attached to this program.

Directory Information on Students

Each year the District will provide public notice to students and their parents of its intent to make available, upon request, certain information known as "directory information." The Board designates as student "directory information": a student's name; address; date and place of birth; photograph; major field of study; participation in officially-recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; date of graduation; awards received; honor rolls; or scholarships.

Directory information shall not be provided to any organization for profit-making purposes.

Parents and adult students may refuse to allow the District to disclose any or all of such "directory information" upon written notification to the District within forty-five (45) days after receipt of the District's public notice.

Access to Student Records

Student records are available to the parent, adult student, and certain other persons in accordance with the procedures of this district. In situations in which a student has both a custodial and non-custodial parent, both shall have access to the student's health and educational records unless agreed to otherwise in writing by both parents or specifically stated by court order as received by the district.

Late Arrival and Early Dismissal of Students

The Board of Education requires that the school be notified in advance of compelling circumstances requiring a student to be late to school or dismissed before the end of the school day. Notification must be by the student's parent or guardian, and the reason must be given.

If one parent has been awarded legal custody of the student in a divorce or other settlement, the parent with legal custody as defined in statute (R.C. 3313.64) shall inform the school of any limitations in the rights of the non-custodial parent. Absent such notice, the school will presume that the student may be released into the care of either parent.

Special Education Child Search

In accordance with Public Law 93-380 all school districts must conduct an annual search for children who have limited physical, emotional, visual, speech, or learning disabilities that would make it difficult for them to learn in the regular classroom. Anyone knowing of such a child not currently attending school should contact Doris Cook, Pupil Services Dept., at 647-7934. By law, all inquiries are treated confidentially.

Equal Educational Opportunity

The Board of Education declares it to be the policy of this district to provide an equal opportunity for all students to achieve their maximum potential through the classroom and extracurricular programs offered in the district regardless of race, color, creed, disability, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, place of residence, or social or economic background.

Equal Employment Opportunity

The Board of Education guarantees fair treatment of applicants, professional staff, and classified employees regardless of race, color, sex, creed or ancestry, national origin, age or physical disability, marital status, or religion.

Drug-free Workplace

The Board of Education shall not permit the manufacture, possession, use, distribution, being under the influence of, or dispensing of any controlled substance and alcohol by any member of the district's professional or classified staff during work hours while on district property or at district approved activities.

Drug Prevention

The Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment or distribution of any drug during school hours, on school property, in school vehicles, or at any school-sponsored event.

Public Views on Funds for the Handicapped

Public comment is solicited on the proposed budget for the expenditure of IDEA funds granted to the Wellington Schools under the provision of Public Law 94-12. These monies, commonly known as Flow-Thru Funds, are to be used for the education of identified handicapped students. Each school district in Ohio is entitled to funds for every identified handicapped child served by the district. The money is used to provide services and buy equipment and materials.

Gifted Student Identification

The Board of Education shall schedule two opportunities a year for screening and administering assessment instruments for identifying gifted students. Parents shall be notified of the results within thirty days. Students new to the Wellington Exempted Village School District will be assessed within ninety days of the transfer at the request of a parent.