



HARRISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Harrison Central High School
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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Our school, Harrison Central High School, is a Title I school. This means we receive federal monies to supplement our local and state funding. Title I funding allows us to employ academic coaches to assist in educating our students. In addition, we are also able to purchase additional professional development for our teachers, purchase additional supplies and purchase additional equipment to increase student achievement in reading, math and science. This fund also requires us to engage parents in their student's academic life by eliciting feedback on the Title I School Plan, School Compact and Family Engagement Policy and provide frequent parent meetings (virtually or in person). In addition, 1% of the school's Title I budget must be spent on Family Engagement. Every year in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment survey, sent annually in the month of February, parents are asked their preference in how these funds should be spent at the school level. Also, due to participating in Title I, each parent should be familiar with the "Parent's Right to Know." This explains that, as a parent, you have a right to know the credentials of any teacher or teacher's assistant that provides instruction for your child and if a teacher is not state certified in the subject in which they instruct your child. If you have questions or concerns about your child's teacher, please call the principal.

In addition to Title I our campus also benefits from Title II (professional development for teachers and staff), Title III (English Learners), Title IV (well rounded, safe/healthy, use of technology), McKinney-Vento (homeless assistance act), Gifted and IDEA (special needs). We also operate in conjunction with USDA (cafeteria services), Head Starts, and other programs funded by the federal, state, and local governments. These grants are administered by various people and are coordinated through the district office.

Our school honors each child's right to privacy by adhering to FERPA, PPRA and COPPA. For this reason, we will not disclose any personally identifiable information (PII) about any student without the written consent of the parent or guardian in accordance with federal legislation. Furthermore, we provide the strictest measures possible to ensure online safety for students when using district owned devices and do not solicit personal information about students unless necessary. We ensure that all data collected from students is disposed of properly, keeping information confidential. (For more information about federal legislation, please see the back of this note.)

Our goal at Harrison Central High School is to provide all students with a quality education. Working together, we will achieve our goal.

Sincerely,

Kelly Fuller, M.Ed
Principal
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■ FERPA

- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, a school must annually notify parents of students in attendance of their rights under FERPA. The annual notification must include information regarding a parent's right to inspect and review his or her child's education records, the right to seek to amend the records, the right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information from the records (except in certain circumstances), and the right to file a complaint with the Office regarding an alleged failure by a school to comply with FERPA. The school must also inform parents of its definitions of the terms "school official" and "legitimate educational interest."
- FERPA does not require a school to notify parents individually of their rights under FERPA. Rather, the school may provide the annual notification by any means likely to inform parents of their rights. Thus, the annual notification may be published by various means, including any of the following: in a student handbook; in a notice to parents; in a calendar of events; on the school's website (though this should not be the exclusive means of notification); in the local newspaper; or posted in a central location at the school or various locations throughout the school. Additionally, some schools include their directory information notice as part of the annual notice of rights under FERPA. For more information please visit the district's website at www.harrison.k12.ms.us under the "For Parents" tab or <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/parents.html>

- The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) is a federal law that affords certain rights to parents of minor students with regard to surveys that ask questions of a personal nature. Briefly, the law requires that schools obtain written consent from parents before minor students are required to participate in any U.S. Department of Education funded survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning the following areas: political affiliations; mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student and his/her family; sex behavior and attitudes; illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships; legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers; religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent*; or income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program.) More information can be found at www.harrison.k12.ms.us under the "For Parents" section or at <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ppra/parents.html>

- Harrison County School District complies with the requirements of the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). This Federal law defines users' rights and information management requirements applicable to the online collection and use of information from children under the age of 13. Certain district events including summer youth programs, camps, tours and similar activities may include participants under the age of 13 and the responsible events managers must understand and comply with the law's requirements. Events or other activities which specifically exclude the participation of children under the age of 13 or, those where the participants' information collection is not done online, are not required to comply with COPPA. In all cases, however, the events managers and website operators should be familiar with the law's requirements. More information can be found at www.harrison.k12.ms.us under the "For Parents" section or at <https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/rules/rulemaking-regulatory-reform-proceedings/childrens-online-privacy-protection-rule>