

TALIAFERRO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Allen Fort, Superintendent

Annual Parent Notices * July 25, 2023

By federal mandate, local school systems are required to notify parents regarding certain educational issues. Please read and indicate compliance with this mandate by reviewing the information listed below, signing where indicated, and this document's returning to your child's school. For clarification or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school, superintendent or federal programs offices.

- Superintendent: Allen Fort (706) 986-0396 afort@talialferro.k12.ga.us
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The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA): The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that requires the school district, with certain exceptions, to obtain written consent prior to disclosure of personally identified information from your child's educational records. However, the school may disclose some student information without written consent when the information is designated "Directory Information" unless you have advised the district to the contrary in accordance with district procedures. Directory information may be disclosed to outside organizations, including, but not limited to: other schools, class ring and graduation suppliers, state and federal authorities, and courts with a subpoena without your consent. Directory information includes school publications such as, but not limited to: performance, athletic, and graduation programs, honor rolls and other recognition lists, and the school and district website.

The following information has been designated as directory information in this school district:

- Student's name
- Photograph
- Dates of attendance
- Grad level
- Video, audio or film images or recordings
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight & height of members of athletic teams
- Honors and awards received

Federal law requires school districts to provide military recruiters, upon request, student names, addresses, and telephone listings unless you notify the district in writing within five days of enrollment that you do not wish to have this information disclosed without your prior written consent.

According to Georgia law, any citizen of the state of Georgia may file a complaint against a certified/licensed educator. The complaint must be in writing and signed by the complainant. Additional information can be found at www.gapsc.com/ethics.

Weapons/possession or use of a firearm: per O.C.G.A 20-2-751.1, any student who is determined to have brought a weapon (firearm) to school shall be recommended for expulsion from school for a period of not less than one calendar year.

Parent's Right to Request a Teacher's and a Paraprofessional's Qualifications: In compliance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act, parents may request the following information:

1. Whether the student's teacher—
 - has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
 - is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
 - is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
2. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Federal Programs Complaint Procedure: Any individual, organization or agency ("complainant") may file a complaint with the Taliaferro County Board of Education. If that individual, organization or agency believes and alleges that the Taliaferro County Board of Education or an individual school within the Taliaferro County School System is violating a Federal Statute or regulation that applies to a program under ESEA. The complaint must allege a violation that occurred not more than one (1) year prior to the date the complaint is received, unless a longer period is reasonable because the violation is considered systemic or ongoing. The complaint procedure is located within the Taliaferro County School System office and on the school system website.

Waste, Fraud, Abuse, Corruption

Any individual who suspects that funds have been misused with any Title program, including Title I, Part A (Disadvantaged Children & School Improvement), Title I – School Improvement (1003a), Title I, Part C (Migrant Education Program), Title I, Part D (Neglected and Delinquent), Title II, Part A (Teacher and Leader Quality), Title III and English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Title IV, Part A (Student Support & Academic Enrichment), Title V, Part B (Rural Education Initiative), Title IX, Part A (McKinney-Vento Education Homeless Assistance), and School Improvement Grant (SIG 1003g) should report the waste, fraud, abuse, or corruption to the superintendent of schools or to their immediate supervisor (if an employee).

Taliaferro County School/System Parent & Family Engagement Policy and School Improvement Plans: The parent involvement policy for Taliaferro County School District and School and school improvement plan for Taliaferro County School District can be found in the parent resource center and on the district website. The policies are reviewed and revised each school year by a representative group of all stakeholders. Each of the plans are available for review in the front office or online. A comment card is also available

Parent Notifications, Student Handbook, and Code of Conduct

Please sign and return this form to your child's school. Keep the other copy for your records.

I have received a copy of the required parental notifications. I have read and understand the parental notifications.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

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