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The mission of Lake Wales Charter Schools, Inc. is to bring the best of public education to our community by providing innovation and choice within a continuous pre-school through postsecondary curriculum so that each child recognizes the benefits of life-long learning, constructive citizenship and personal happiness.

The Lake Wales Charter Schools, Inc. is an equal opportunity institution for education and employment.

August 21, 2023

Dear Administrators and Staff:

We now have a form ready to comply with the changes made to Rule 6A-1.0955 Education Records regarding the usage of a deviation to a student's legal name. As a reminder, the revised language of Rule 6A-1.0955 states:

“Each school board must adopt a policy for educational records which must include.... provisions for parents to specify the use of any deviation from their child’s legal name in school. School districts will develop a form to obtain parental consent along with any required documentation, as appropriate.” Rule 6A-1.0955(8)(m), F.A.C.

Any deviation from a child's legal name will require written parental consent, including nicknames and shortened names. The new rule goes into effect on Aug. 22, 2023.

Lake Wales Charter Schools is providing parents with a form (see attached) that parents must submit to their child's school if they are allowing their child to use a name other than their legal name. We will accept forms through Oct. 31, 2023.

Schools should keep copies of these forms handy for families who do not have access to a printer. New students will have 15 days from the date of their enrollment to submit the form. This form will be included in the back-to-school packet each year beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

Thanks for your patience and assistance,

Dr. Wayne V. Rodolfich
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