



Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School

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Georgia law (20-2-0150) requires public school authorities to request from parents and guardians the Social Security number for students being enrolled in school. The Social Security number is to be incorporated into the official school record for the student.

No student will be denied enrollment in a public school for declining to provide his or her Social Security number or for declining to apply for such a number. A parent or guardian who objects to the incorporation of the social security number into the official school record of their student may have the requirement waived by signing a statement objecting to the requirement.

Statement of Objection

I do not wish to provide the school with the Social Security number of my child/children. (Please see the below for ways in which the Social Security number is utilized by the school).

Name of Child/Children Enrolled at this School (Please Print)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

(Print) Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date



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SSN Uses in Local Data Reporting - As a student registers for school, the registrar enters information from the birth certificate and from a copy of the Social Security Card into Infinite Campus. If a parent signs a waiver stating he will not provide the student's SSN, a generic SSN is assigned from our pool of state-assigned SSN. However, in order to get a GTID, we must supply the SSN. This is an attempt to ensure that student information at the state level is linked to the correct student as they transfer from one public school district to another.

The **Pre-ID** data collection still requires SSN because this data is then sent to 3rd party testing vendors like Pearson and Riverside Publishing, who may or may not be able to accept a GTID. GTID Process We regularly run an extract that selects students without GTID to submit GTID claims with the state GaDOE. SSN is one of the primary matches in GTID. If SSN matches but other data elements such as first name, middle name, last name, or date of birth do not also match, we get a Near Match in GTID. In those cases, we have to select each Near Match one by one to determine if it is the correct student. As you can imagine, at the beginning of the school year, this is a tedious process. Once the student is claimed in GTID, the GTID number is available for us to either Import or key into Infinite Campus.

HOPE Scholarship Local Education Agencies (LEA) submit student transcript data to the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) beginning when the student is in 9th grade. Student transcripts submitted without SSN are not eligible to receive HOPE Scholarship. If the student's GSFC transcript account is established with a different SSN, the high school must contact our GSFC representative, who then asks their technology department to erase all the student's transcript data, and then we have to submit the transcript again. This process is very time consuming. The error in SSN is often found only after the college un-schedules the student from classes because no HOPE money is available for the SSN provided to the college.

ACT/PLAN, SAT/PSAT Students take these national tests by their own arrangement in most cases. Although registration for these tests is now electronic, there still is very little validation done to ensure that the SSN keyed in really belongs to the student taking the test. Scores are sent to high schools only if the student has requested that they be sent. Although data files could be purchased through these testing services, past experience with these has been that there are more errors in the SSN either in their system or in the local system than there are matches. Since there is no guarantee that the score associated with a specific SSN is correct, local high schools must key the scores in manually to Infinite Campus.