

## YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW:

Sunnyside School District receives funds for Title I programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Throughout the school year; we will continue to provide you with important information about this law and your child's education.

You have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district or school will provide you with the following as soon as possible:

A: If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction;

B: If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived;

C: The type of college degree major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degree or certificate; and

D: If your child is receiving Title I services from paraprofessionals and, if so, his/her qualifications.

If you would like this information please contact your child's school.

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## ANNUAL YEARLY PROGRESS

Our school district has been identified as one of the districts in the state that is in Step 2 of improvement under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). This is done when any cell in the same content column (e.g., reading proficiency) does not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in two consecutive years. For example, if Hispanics did not make AYP in math proficiency one year and Whites did not make it in math the next year, the district would be identified for improvement because it did not make AYP in the same content column two years in a row.

When a district does not make AYP in the same content area in 2 consecutive years, it enters the improvement status. To exit this status, it must make AYP in all cells for 2 consecutive years. There are a total of 111 cells in which the District is required to make AYP. The District did not make AYP in 28 cells.

The District is currently working hard to ensure that all students work diligently in order for the District to make AYP in 2009.

We take our achievement results seriously, and we will use all of the local, state and federal resources available to us to help all of our students meet Washington's Essential Academic Learning Requirements. Building and maintaining high-quality schools is a job for the entire community, and we need your assistance in reaching our academic achievement goals. We encourage you to become active participants in our (school, district) improvement efforts. If you have any ideas on how we as a District can improve in the above mentioned areas, please feel free to call our District Office at: 509-836-8401.

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NOTICE: The Sunnyside School District complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the district's Title IX/RCW 28A640 Officer Debbie Holwegner, and/or Section 504/ADA Coordinator Jennifer Allen, Sunnyside School District, 1110 S. 6th Street, Sunnyside, WA 98944. Telephone: (509) 837-5851.

## YOUR FERPA RIGHTS:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the School principal [or appropriate official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office

U.S. Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20202-5901

If you wish for the school district to not release directory information about your student, you may fill out a non-release form at the district office (1110 S. 6th St.).