

## **Annual District Notifications Master Document**

Minnesota Statute requires that we provide annual notifications to district residents and students regarding the following topics. If you have any questions regarding these topics, please contact the identified personnel or the district office at (218)384-4274.

### **Safety Notices**

#### **Annual Asbestos Notification**

During the past school year and continuing into the 2023-2024 school year the following asbestos management plan activities have been or are currently being completed, pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency 40 CFR Part 763- "Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools; Final Rule and Notice." Removal activities were performed over the 2021-2022 year in accordance with construction plans. There are no asbestos abatement activities scheduled for 2023-2024 other than periodic surveillance inspections.

#### **Notification of Asbestos Locations for Short-Term Workers (Electricians, Plumbers, etc.) Annual training of District Personnel**

Wrenshall School District has contracted through the Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA) to provide Environmental, Health and Safety consulting services. The complete Asbestos management plan can be located by Jeff Pesta, Interim Superintendent. Any questions concerning this notice or an explanation of our Asbestos Management Plan can be directed to Jeff Pesta or Taylor Dickinson with IEA at (218) 410-9521.

#### **Indoor Air Quality**

The Wrenshall Public School will follow EPA guidance to provide indoor air quality through proactive strategies and quick response to any indoor air quality issues. Families can also request information about school facility construction, maintenance and housekeeping practices, professional chemicals used, lab courses which may produce chemicals, mold, and Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) related information to determine the extent to which school activities may contribute to any symptoms a student may be experiencing. The District Indoor Air Quality contact person is Jeff Pesta, Interim Superintendent.

#### **Lead Testing of Drinking Water**

Minnesota Statute (M.S. 121A.335) requires public schools to test for lead in water every five years and to make the results available to the public. Wrenshall School District has conducted and continues to conduct Lead in Drinking Water testing per the Minnesota Department of Health guidelines. There are currently no water sources within the district exceeding EPA standards. For more information on Wrenshall School District's lead reduction program and testing results, please contact Jeff Pesta, Interim Superintendent.

## **Pesticide Use Notice**

All Minnesota schools are required to inform families and school employees that they may request to be notified prior to pesticide application on school property (M.S. 121A.30 Pesticide Application at Schools). Pesticides include chemicals which are used to control insects, weeds, rodents or other pests as defined by law. ISD 100 contracts with a pest control firm that implements a method referred to as "Integrated Pest Management ". This method attempts to minimize the use of pesticides by using traps and baits, and applying pesticides only if those methods are unsuccessful. A site inspection is completed initially and if necessary, an application may be conducted in areas where pests are prevalent. If it is determined after inspection that it is necessary to apply pesticides at a site, the families, students, and employees at that site will be notified. Statute requires that you be informed about the long-term health effects on children from application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong and may not be fully understood. If you would like to be notified about pesticide applications or have questions about the district's integrated pest management, please contact Jeff Pesta, Interim Superintendent.

## **Student Accident Insurance**

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has significantly impacted the ways that families pay for healthcare. The introduction of exchanges for purchasing health insurance, medical assistance and flexible options for employer provided health plans have created unique circumstances. Many families have found that some events requiring urgent or emergency medical response have considerable out of pocket costs. This is particularly true for injuries or incidents in school settings. The school district does carry sufficient liability coverage; however it does not cover accidental student injury under many circumstances. Parents are encouraged to review their own insurance coverage and consider the options available to them for supplemental coverage.

## **Academic Notices**

### **Background Checks**

All Wrenshall Public School employees and regular or overnight trip volunteers are subject to a criminal background check prior to interacting with students.

### **Military Recruiters**

Federal (P.L. 114-95, Section 8028) and state laws (M.S. 13.32) require that all school districts provide U.S. Military recruiters, upon their request, with the name, address and telephone number of all 11th and 12 grade students within 60 days of the request. A parent or a non-dependent adult student may request that the information not be provided. If you do not want a student's directory information released to a military recruiter, you must specifically deny access in writing to the school principal.

## **Special Services Programs**

The Wrenshall Public School and the Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative provide support to students through a full range of special service programs. Students with special needs may be provided services in the regular classroom, through individualized instruction in a resource room, in special classes, in special day schools, or in residential programs or hospitals.

A team of regular and special education personnel works with parents to determine the type of education best fitted to meet the learner's individual needs. For those students who qualify, an Individualized Education Program (IEP) is developed cooperatively between parents and school staff.

State of Minnesota and federal funds, as directed by Public Law 108-446, and the Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 are used to help support these special programs. Parents and community members may review applications, reports, and evaluations of district activities supported by these funds. For general information, or if you suspect that your child (age birth through 21) may be in need of special services, please contact your child's principal or early childhood education coordinator.

## **Data Privacy**

Pursuant to the requirements of state and federal law: Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) & Minnesota Data Practices Act M.S. 13.02 Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), the following constitutes the Wrenshall Public School annual notification to parents and students regarding data privacy practices.

Privacy Rights: Educational records that identify or could be used to identify a student other than directory information, are not released to members of the public without the written permission of the parent or guardian of the student or of a student, age 18 or older, or if the student attends a post-secondary institution.

Directory Information includes the following categories; Student's and parent/guardian's names, address and telephone number, student's date of birth, most recent educational agency or institution and field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors, and awards received, dates of attendance, grade level, enrollment status, and athletic physical examination expiration date.

Passive consent is also given to photographs, video recordings, or other visual representations for school-approved publication, yearbooks, newspapers, public presentation and web pages.

Inspection of Records: Parents or a student, age 18 or older, may request to inspect and review any of the student's educational records except those which are, by state and federal law, made confidential. Copies of the record may be obtained at a reasonable fee.

Challenge of Accuracy of Records: A parent or a student, age 18 or older who believes that specific information in the student's educational record is inaccurate, misleading, incomplete, or violates the privacy or other rights of the student may request the school district amend the record in question in accordance with district policy 515.

Transfer of Records to Other Schools: The school district forwards educational records of students to other schools in which a student seeks or intends to enroll upon request of that school. A parent or adult student may request and receive a copy of the records that are transferred. The district does not routinely notify parents prior to the transfer.

Complaints of Non-Compliance: Parents or adult students who believe that there has been a violation of the rights accorded them, may submit written complaints to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act Office, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20201.

This review of the data privacy rights of students in the educational records of the Wrenshall Public School is intended only to be a summary of the provisions of the district policy and applicable state and federal law. All district policies are available for review on the district website <https://www.isd100.org/> Questions about policy should be addressed to the District Office.

Minnesota Student Survey: In accordance with the PPRA the district provides notice of its intent to partner with the Minnesota Departments of Education, Corrections, Health, Human Services and Public Safety to administer the Minnesota Student Survey every three years. This survey has been the most comprehensive source of data about the health and well-being of students in Minnesota for the last 30 years. The next survey will be conducted between January and May 2025. Participation is optional, but encouraged. A comprehensive notification letter will be distributed to families prior to the local administration of the survey.

### **Home School Requirements**

Minnesota Statutes M.S. 120A.22 to A.26 & 121A.15 require the person responsible for providing instruction to a child to submit the Minnesota Compulsory Instruction Report to the superintendent of the school district in which the student resides. The report is available from the Minnesota Department of Education or the district office.

The full Compulsory Attendance Report is due to the district office by October 1 of the first year and the Letter of Intent to Continue is required each subsequent year. Students between the ages of seven and sixteen must be reported in attendance at a school or they are subject to Minnesota truancy laws. Home schooled students that are not reported by October 1 are not eligible to receive state educational funds.

### **Vocational Opportunities**

Wrenshall High School offers a variety of vocational opportunities through Career and Technical Education (CTE). These opportunities are offered to all students regardless of race, national origin, sex, or disability. Admission to specific courses is determined by grade level, and in some circumstances completion of prerequisite courses. Course offerings can be viewed at the high school website <https://www.isd100.org/academics/counseling-career-center/>

The district has designated the following individuals to coordinate compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972.

High School Counselor: Erik Holter, eholter@isd100.org

High School Section 504 Coordinator: Danielle Arneson, darneson@isd100.org

Title IX Coordinator: Jeff Pesta, jpesta@isd100.org

### **Post Secondary Enrollment Options Act (PSEO)**

Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that allows public and nonpublic students in 10th, 11th and 12th grades to earn college credit while still in high school, through enrollment in and successful completion of college nonsectarian courses at eligible postsecondary institutions. Students generate both college credit and high school credit by successful completion of the course. Most PSEO courses are offered on the campus of the postsecondary institution; some courses are offered online. Each participating college or university sets its own admissions requirements for enrollment into the PSEO courses. Eleventh and 12th-grade students may take PSEO courses on a full- or part-time basis; 10th-graders are eligible to enroll in PSEO on a more limited basis. Students must meet the PSEO residency and eligibility requirements and abide by participation limits specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09. More information is available at the MDE website

<https://education.mn.gov/mde/fam/dual/pseo/>

Inquiries regarding PSEO for Wrenshall High School students can be directed to the licensed school counselor Erik Holter, eholter@isd100.org