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Form 360

Students Over Age 18: Freedom of Information, Attendance Reporting (SafeArrival) and School Communication (SchoolMessenger)

Your young adult has reached, or will soon be reaching the age of 18. This means they are now considered an adult by the province of Ontario. At age 18, they have the right to decide what school-related information they would like shared, and with whom this information can be shared.

Attached is the **Freedom of Information Form** which needs to be completed by your young adult advising the school of any changes moving forward. The school will not be able to discuss any school-related issues unless consent has been given by your young adult. Both sides of the Freedom of Information form must be completed. Please discuss this with your young adult so that both of you are aware of what changes will be taking place. Below is information on how to interpret the questions for students over 18.

How to interpret the Freedom of Information form

Students who turn 18 must complete both sides of the Freedom of Information form. The first page is called **Freedom of Information & Consent Form for Secondary Students** and the second page is called **Students 18 Years of Age or Older**.

- Question one relates back to the first page of the form named **Freedom of Information & Consent Form for Secondary Students**. It asks about the 7 questions from this form. If you answer 'YES' to all those 7 questions, then the answer to the first question on the **Students 18 Years of Age or Older** should be 'YES.' If you say 'NO' to at least one question, then the answer should be 'NO.'
- Question two asks if the board/school can disclose everything to parents/guardians: marks, student behaviour, suspensions, information in the Ontario Student Record (OSR), student attendance, report cards, transcripts, transportation, extra-curricular etc.
- Question three asks if the board/school can disclose ONLY things that get filed in the OSR: report cards, transcripts, Individual Education Plans, violent incident forms, and other educationally relevant documents at the discretion of the principal.
- Question four asks if the board/school can disclose ONLY things that do NOT get filed in the OSR: disciplinary infractions, police issues, news about child receiving scholarships, broadcasts about things that are happening at school that are not specifically related to the child.

Attendance Reporting (SafeArrival) and School Communication (SchoolMessenger)

Your young adult will now be responsible for reporting their own absences, and receiving important information from their school. They are encouraged to create a SchoolMessenger account via the website portal or mobile app to report their absence and receive important information from the school. As a parent/guardian, you will not be able to report the student absence now that they are 18. Please visit [the Limestone District School Board website Families menu](#) for information regarding attendance. Any general or emergency messages from the school will be sent directly to your young adult.

If you have questions regarding the information on this form, please contact your school principal.