



Volunteer Program & Privacy Policy

Federal Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

The Federal Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 makes a very clear and strong statement concerning school children and their rights as US Citizens. The law says, simply stated, that what happens to children in their school and academic pursuits on a day to day as well as on an overall basis, is confidential. Only the parties who have a “right” to that information (i.e.: the student, parent, child, teacher, guidance counselor, etc.) may discuss that individual child and his or her difficulties. The obvious intent of the law, for our volunteer purpose, is to insure that our youngsters do not become the topic of discussion throughout the community. Not only is this a legal issue, but even more importantly, it is an ethical one.

This is not presented to our volunteers as an attempt to inhibit them from observing our program as a whole. The school does not discourage families from discussing their impressions of the academic programs with the community, but reminds parents that discussing classroom observations of an individual child or group of children is a serious breach of ethical rules and privacy legal regulations.

I have read the above regarding the Federal Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, and as a member of the Windham Cooperative community I agree to follow the guidelines.



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