

Bill A592: Prohibits Dissemination of Personal Student Information on the Internet Without Parental Consent

On January 8, 2002, Bill A592, as listed below, was passed by the legislature.

Be It Enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

The board of education of each school district and the board of trustees of each charter school that establishes an Internet web site, shall not disclose on that web site any personally identifiable information about a student without receiving prior written consent from the student's parent or guardian on a form developed by the Department of Education. The written consent form shall contain a statement concerning the potential dangers of personally identifiable information about individual students on the Internet.

As used in this act, "personally identifiable information" means student names, student photos, student addresses, student e-mail addresses, student phone numbers, and locations and times of class trips.

This act shall take effect immediately.

In accordance with Bill A592, [the attached form](#) is approved by the Department of Education and is the official form to be used for parent/guardian approval of student personal information to be posted to a school or district web site. As such, this form should be used immediately by all public schools in New Jersey.

Any personally identifiable student information currently on any district or school-based Internet site should be removed as soon as practicable if the parental consent form is not obtained from the student's parent or legal guardian.

Parents or guardians must execute the consent form for all students before the school may post any student's personally identifiable information or photograph on the Internet.

For any further questions or information contact the Office of Educational Technology at 609-292-3518.

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