

BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Consent for Disclosures of Student Identifiable Information to Health Department Officials

Purpose:

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) seeks to keep students healthy and safe throughout the school year. We will be collaborating with health department officials to address conditions of public health importance, which includes sharing information to meet or prepare for a potential or confirmed health condition. This will enable us to identify unusual clusters of disease and provide information to the school community (including students at high risk) about illnesses that may endanger their health. It will also help the health department and medical community assess the spread of infectious diseases and allocate scarce medical resources.

Types of student information to be disclosed:

Consent of the parent (or student age 18 or over) is required by the family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 USC § 1232g, for disclosures of personally identifiable information from your child’s education records, with some exceptions*.

With your consent, we will disclose personally identifiable information about your child, including but not limited to medical symptoms and other health information, school attendance, and parent contact information, for the purpose of addressing the health or safety of my child and/or other individuals, including but not limited to diseases or conditions determined by Florida law to have public health significance (64D-3.029, F.A.C.).

I, _____, agree to allow Broward County Public Schools to disclose personally identifiable information about my child (name) _____, to health department officials for the purposes stated above.

I understand that I may withdraw my consent to share this information at any time. The revocation of my consent must be submitted in writing and signed.

Signature of Parent, Guardian, or Eligible Student

Date: _____

*Please note: Information about your child will be shared with health department officials without your consent if school officials determine (1) that there is a significant and articulable threat to the health or safety of your child, other students and/or employees, and (2) that the health department needs to know the information to address the health threat and protect the health or safety of your child or other individuals (34 CFR 99.36).