



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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TO: Superintendents/Directors
Exceptional Children Administrators

FROM: Dr. Carol Ann M. Hudgens, Senior Director
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§ 115C-150.15 REPORTING TO SCHOOLS ON DEAF AND BLIND CHILDREN

On April 3, 2023, House Bill 1030 was amended. Now known as [Session Law 2023-10](#), House Bill 11, the amendments revised two local reporting requirements on deaf and blind children.

(a) Request for Consent. Local superintendents shall require that the following request for written consent along with any informational materials provided by the school for the blind or the school for the deaf in the service area in which the local school administrative unit is located, be present to parents or custodian of any children who are deaf or hard of hearing or are blind or visually impaired no later than October 1 of each school year:

“North Carolina provides two public schools for the deaf serving students who are deaf or hard of hearing: the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf and the North Carolina School for the Deaf. North Carolina also has a public school for the blind serving students who are blind or visually impaired: the Governor Morehead School for the Blind. Do you consent to the release of your contact information and information regarding your child and his or her hearing or vision status to these schools so that you can receive more information on services offered by those campuses?”

(b) Annual Report to Schools for the Deaf and Blind. Local superintendents shall report by November 30 each year the names and addresses of parents or custodians of any deaf or hard of hearing or blind or visually impaired children who have given written consent to the directors of the schools for the deaf and blind. The report shall include whether the hearing and visual impairments range from partial to total disability, and if the child has multiple disabilities with the visual or hearing impairment not identified as the primary disability of the student. The report shall also be made to the Department of Public Instruction.

The following attached technical assistance materials are being provided to public school units to support compliance with these requirements.

- Request for consent (English)
- Request for consent (Spanish)
- Annual report: [Qualtrics Survey](#)

Questions may be directed Sherri Vernelson, Section Chief, Sensory Support and Assistive Technology, at Sherri.Vernelson@dpi.nc.gov.

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Session Law 2023-10 House Bill 11 Consent for Release of Information

Beginning July 14, 2016, and updated April 3, 2023, a law was passed that gives parents or custodians of students with hearing and/or vision loss, the choice to release their contact information and their student's disability information to the schools for the deaf and blind.

"§ 115C-150.15. Reporting to schools on deaf and blind children. (a) Request for Consent. – Local superintendents shall require that the following request for written consent, along with any informational materials provided by the school for the blind or the school for the deaf in the service area in which the local school administrative unit is located, be presented to parents or custodians of any children who are deaf or hard of hearing or are blind or visually impaired children no later than October 1 of each school year.

Please read the information below, indicate whether or not you give your consent, and return to your child's teacher by October 1, 2023.

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Do you consent to the release of your contact information and information regarding your child and his or her hearing or vision status to these schools so that you can receive more information on services offered by those campuses?

_____ YES, you may release my contact information, information regarding my child and his/her hearing or vision status.

_____ NO, you may not release my contact information, information regarding my child and his/her hearing or vision status.

Parent/Custodian Signature

Date

****If YES, please provide:**

Parent/Custodian Name: _____

Address: _____

Ley de Sesión 2023-10 Proyecto de Ley de la Cámara 11

Consentimiento para la divulgación de información

A partir del 14 de julio de 2016 y actualizada el 3 de abril de 2023, se aprobó una ley que brinda a los padres o custodios de estudiantes con pérdida auditiva y / o visual, la opción de divulgar su información de contacto y la información de discapacidad de sus estudiantes a las escuelas para sordos y ciegos.

"§ 115C-150.15. Reporte a escuelas residenciales sobre niños sordos o ciegos.

(a) Solicitud de Autorización. – Los jefes de distritos escolares locales requerirán que la siguiente solicitud de autorización por escrito sea presentada a los padres de familia, encargados o tutores legales de niños con impedimentos de vista o audición a más tardar el 1º de octubre de cada año escolar.

Lea la información a continuación, indique si da o no su consentimiento y regrese al maestro de su hijo antes del 1 de octubre de 2023.

Carolina del Norte ofrece dos escuelas públicas para los estudiantes sordos que sirven a los estudiantes sordos o con problemas de audición: la Escuela para Sordos del Este de Carolina del Norte y la Escuela para Sordos de Carolina del Norte. Carolina del Norte también tiene una escuela pública para ciegos que atiende a estudiantes ciegos o con discapacidad visual: la Escuela para Ciegos del Gobernador Morehead.

¿Acepta la divulgación de su información de contacto e información sobre su hijo y su estado auditivo o visual a estas escuelas para que pueda recibir más información sobre los servicios ofrecidos por esos campus?

_____ SÍ, puede divulgar mi información de contacto, información sobre mi hijo y su estado auditivo o visual.

_____ NO, no puede divulgar mi información de contacto, información sobre mi hijo y su estado de audición o visión.

Firma del padre/custodio

Fecha

**** En caso afirmativo, sírvase proporcionar:**

Nombre del padre/custodio: _____

Dirección: _____
