

## **Farmingdale CARE**

CARE is a private, non-profit corporation which provides before-school/after-school and summer care and pre-kindergarten education in the elementary schools. For information, please call 516-752-6652.

## **Free or Reduced Price Lunch**

Students whose families meet the financial criteria set by the government may receive a free or reduced price lunch. Applications can be obtained at your child's school and should be completed and returned as soon as possible. All applications will be reviewed for approval.

## **Pesticide Notification**

Education Law requires that all schools establish a pesticide notification procedure. Part of that procedure includes establishing a registry of names and addresses of people that wish to be notified prior to any application. Although the school district does not use pesticides, there may be an occasion where we have to. If you wish to be placed on the notification registry, please contact Nelson Dominguez, Office of Districtwide Operations (516-752-6545). For additional information, please contact the New York State Education Department website at [www.emsc.nysed.gov/facplan](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/facplan).

## **Asbestos Abatement Notification**

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires that all schools establish an asbestos notification plan. Part of that plan includes posting a 10 day notice at the building where abatements are planned. For further information contact the Districtwide Operations office at (516) 752-6545.

## **Student Information & the Military**

The Patriot Act obliges the district to provide student directory information to military recruiters unless parents have signed an opt-out request and sent it to the guidance office. Parents of juniors and seniors will receive a copy of the opt-out form in September by mail. The deadline for return is September 28.

## **Non-Discrimination Policy**

The Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, religion, marital status, gender, age, disability, military status, genetic predisposition, carrier status or sexual orientation in the educational programs and activities that it operates, or the employment therein. In addition the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District does not discriminate in accordance with the Dignity for All Students Act.

## **Title IX / ADA 504**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District, Farmingdale, New York does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race or disability in educational programs and activities which it operates, that is required by Title IX of the Federal Education Amendments of 1972, and the regulations implementing the same not to discriminate in education programs and activities extends to employment therein and the admission thereto and that inquiries, complaints or grievances concerning the application of Title IX harassment issues and ADA/504 Regulations must be referred in writing to Barbara J. Horsley, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, 50 Van Cott Avenue, Farmingdale, NY 11735 or the Director of the Office of Civil Rights, U. S. Department of Education, 75 Park Place, New York, NY 10007. All complaints of violation of these regulations will be investigated and, if necessary, hearings held and actions taken to bring about an equitable resolution.

## **Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that the District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. A student's parent(s) or eligible student has the right to inspect and review the student's records within forty-five (45) days of the day that the District receives a request for access.

The right of a student's parent(s) or eligible student to consent to disclosure of certain information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent for: 1) information the District has received prior written consent of the student's parent(s) or the eligible student to disclose, 2) directory information unless a student's parent(s) or eligible student has opted out, as defined in this section of the calendar; or 3) under limited circumstances certain other information as permitted by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The right of a student's parent(s) or eligible student to seek to amend parts of the student's education record which s/he believes to be inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the student's rights. The student's parent(s) or eligible student should write the school principal (or appropriate official) clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed, and specifying why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the student's parent(s) or eligible student, the school will notify the student's parent(s) or eligible student of the decision and advise him/her of the right to a hearing regarding his/her request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student's parent(s) or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

As stated above, the District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include: District's Newsletter; school or local newspapers; athletic programs; musical or theatrical programs; District website; news releases; annual yearbook; honor roll or other recognition lists; classroom videotapes that the New York State Education Department requires for permanent teacher certification; and graduation programs. Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, Farmingdale Youth Council and its affiliated organizations, Farmingdale Public Library, Farmingdale PTA, Farmingdale CARE, and companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories—names, addresses and telephone listings—unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want the District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must submit a written request to the Superintendent of Schools. Failure to make such request shall be deemed consent to release, provide, or publish the directory information during the school year.

The District has designated the following information as directory information: student's name, address, telephone listing, electronic mail address, photograph, data and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, grade level, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors, and awards received, the most recent educational agency or institution attended.

The right of any person to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education, Family Compliance Office if the Farmingdale Union Free School District violates FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202-4605.