South Kortright Central School



Back to School Newsletter

August 2026

Dear South Kortright School Families and Community,

Welcome to a new school year! It is a pleasure to welcome back our returning students and families, and to extend a warm greeting to those who are joining the South Kortright community for the first time. I hope you had a relaxing, enjoyable summer and are ready for the opportunities that a new school year brings. As we begin another year together, we remain committed to creating meaningful learning experiences that challenge, support, and inspire every student. Building on the successes of previous years, we look forward to expanding opportunities for our students while continuing to strengthen the partnerships between our school, families, and the community.

At South Kortright, our priority is to provide a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment where every student feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential. We strive to foster curiosity, resilience, and compassion so that our students are well prepared to become thoughtful, responsible, and engaged members of their communities.

Throughout the summer, our teachers, support staff, administrators, and Board of Education have been hard at work preparing for a successful start to the school year. Classrooms have been organized, plans have been developed, and our staff will officially return on Tuesday, September 1, for professional learning and final preparations before students arrive.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, and beginning another exciting year of learning and growth together. Enjoy the remaining days of summer, and thank you for your continued partnership and support. Wishing you and your family a wonderful school year!

Respectfully,
Tarkan Ceng, Ed.D.

CHILD REGISTRYAND SCHOOL CENSUS

All Parents and Guardians residing within the South Kortright Central School District, please be sure that all pre-school children, children with disabilities or special needs, and new babies, are listed on the school census. To register your children or children in your charge, please call the school at 538-9111, to provide information.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

Children should be dropped off at school between 7:45 am and 8:00 am **at the gym entrance**. There is no supervision until that time. Please follow the signs, stay in your car and be courteous to others who are picking up and dropping off. Students may not remain in the school building after 3:07 pm unless they are participating in a school sponsored activity and are under the direct supervision of school personnel.

BUS CHANGES

Due to safety concerns we limit the number of places a student can be picked up and dropped off to TWO LOCATIONS ONLY; your home address and ONE OTHER ADDRESS.

If your child is going to take a bus to the secondary location, **you must send in a bus note giving permission for the change.**

Students should turn in bus notes **first thing in the morning.** (Elementary students give these notes directly to their teachers.)

Please limit phone calls to **emergencies only. Any bus change phone calls must be made before 11 am**

VISITING SKCS AND THE AUTOMATED LOCKING SYSTEM

A reminder that all doors in the building will be locked throughout the day. The primary entrance will be the front entrance. Visitors will need to press a button, which will alert office staff that a visitor is present. **Visitors will be limited to those with appointments.** Visitors will be asked to identify themselves and will be asked to state the purpose of their visit. Upon approval, the door will be unlocked, and visitors will then proceed to the foyer where office staff will provide assistance with the sign-in process. Handicapped visitors may use the south entrance.

BUS TIMES AND ROUTES

Bus routes have been modified. The drivers will be making practice runs on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. Classes begin Thursday, September 8, 2026.

PERIOD SCHEDULE

Students may leave Harbaugh Hall to go to their lockers and homerooms at 7:50 am. For students in Grades 7-12, first period class is homeroom.

SKCS 9 Period Schedule

7:50 First waring bell

8:00 Second warning bell—head to class

Period	Begin	End	Pass	Session
1st	8:05	8:52	4	:47
2nd	8:56	9:38	4	:42
3rd	9:42	10:24	4	:42
4th	10:28	11:10	4	:42
5th	11:14	11:56	4	:42
6th	12:00	12:42	4	:42
7th	12:46	1:28	4	:42
8th	1:32	2:14	4	:42
9th	2:18	3:00	4	:42
Final Bus Bell		3:07		

New Bell-to-Bell Cell Phone Policy Began September 4, 2025

As part of New York State's initiative to reduce classroom distractions and improve student mental health, South Kortright Central School has implemented a bell-to-bell personal device ban starting September 4, 2025.

What does this mean?

Students will not be permitted to use or access cell phones, earbuds, smartwatches, or personal electronics during the school day — from the first bell to the final bell — unless allowed for instructional, medical, or IEP/504 reasons.

What happens if a student uses a device during the day?

- 1st time: Warning; device returned at dismissal
- 2nd time: Parent must pick up the device
- 3rd time: Additional disciplinary steps

What if there's an emergency?

Parents should call the school office at (607) 538-9111 to reach students. Students may use the office phone for emergencies..

Let's work together to support focused learning and social interaction

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to a new school year! We hope you are as excited to start the 2026-2027 school year as we are. We look forward to greeting your children and working with you to make this new school year a wonderful learning opportunity. Please visit our school's Facebook page and our district website frequently for the latest information. Below you will find important information to start the year.

1) First Day of Classes and Graduation:
First Day: Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Graduation: Saturday, June 26, 2027
2) Orientations
August 24, 2026: 5:00 5th grade
5:45 7th grade
6:30 9th grade
7:15 Seniors
August 26, 2026: 4:00, PK and Kindergarten
3) Open House
Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 8 from 4:30-6:30. Details will be forthcoming.
4) Parent/Teacher Conferences:
Tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24: 12:00 - 3:00 PM.
5) School Calendar:
Enclosed in this newsletter is a copy of the school calendar. Please call the Main Office if you have any questions.
6) Student Handbook:
On the first day of school, students will receive a student handbook. I will meet with them to go over some of the highlights. *Please take note of our Code of Conduct and review it with your child.* A separate document with student and parent acknowledgement of the Code of Conduct and Consequences will also come home. We ask that you sign the sheet and send it back to school. I encourage you to read and go over some of the more important entries with your child. A copy is also posted on the school website.
7) Student Planners:
Planners are given to each student in grades 3-12. They can be a wonderful tool to help your child stay organized. Please encourage your child to use this planner daily.
8) Emergency Card Information:
Please be sure to submit a new emergency card to the Main Office at the start of the school year. Even if the information is the same as the previous school year, please submit a card stating that nothing has changed. This will help the Main Office as we input/update student data.
9) Changes to Basic Contact Information:
Please provide us with **updated** phone, cell phone, email, and/or address information should you change employment or move within the district during the school year. It is very important that we have the most current information at all times. You can contact the Main Office to do this.
10) Stopped Buses:
Please do not enter the driveway in the front of the building during bus times, and always honor the flashing STOP sign on all buses even when in the parking lot. PLEASE follow the posted speed limit in front of the school and in the parking lot. There are students and other pedestrians arriving and leaving throughout the day.
11) Cell phones:
In accordance with New York State Regulations, cell phones will once again not be permitted to be used during the school day by students in any grade level. Students in grades PK-6 are not permitted to have cell phones at school at all.
A new school year is full of possibilities and we look forward to being a part of that experience in the SK school community. We are always available and willing to hear your feedback, questions, and concerns, so please feel free to email us at jdoroski@skcs.org for students in grades 5-12 or sburruss@skcs.org for students in grades PK-4, or call 538-9111 to set up an appointment.

Sincerely,

Jill Doroski **Samantha Burruss**
Principal, 5-12 **Principal, PK-4**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

2026: 8/3, 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/21
2027: 1/11, 2/8, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17, 6/14

Budget Hearing 5/11/27 at 7 pm

Budget Vote – 5/18/27– 12:00-8:00pm

The public is invited to attend all meetings. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted and are held in Harbaugh Hall (cafeteria). Please check out our website for updates at www.skcs.org/page/board-of-education

EMERGENCY
SCHOOL CLOSINGS OR DELAYS

Broadcast of school closings or delays begins with the 5:30 or 6:00 a.m. news. Please use the following public means of communication, leaving the school lines open for emergencies. Thank you for your cooperation.

https://www.skcs.org
https://www.schoolclosingsnetwork.com
School Closings and Delays | Spectrum News NY1
WBNG TV
WRGB TV
Capital News 9

We ask for your cooperation in helping us promote a healthy and safe school environment by not sending your child to school with soda or energy drinks. In particular, many energy drinks are labeled as **not intended for individuals under 18 years of age** due to their high caffeine and stimulant content. Water, milk, and other healthier beverage choices are encouraged. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our students healthy, focused, and ready to learn.

NOTICES FROM THE CAFETERIA

From Christie Pietrantoni, Cafeteria Manager

- Due to the Federal and State regulations we will continue offering students more fruits, green and red veggies and the amount of fats, sugar, and salt will be reduced. These regulations will make a healthier school environment.
- Breakfast items, juice, and fresh fruit will be available.
- Students will not be permitted to pay for snacks with money from their accounts unless we receive a note from their parent or guardian.
- Student accounts are set up for the convenience of putting money on the accounts for Breakfast and Lunch. Student accounts are not set up for charging. **If you allow your son/daughter to take snacks or 2nd meal off their account, please send additional money to cover the charges.**
- Due to State and Federal regulations we will continue to have snacks with less fat and more nutritional value and drinks that are 100% juice. Snack drink sizes will be no more than 16 or 20 oz. drinks. All milk must be 1% or less at breakfast **unless we receive a doctors note for your child.**
- Pre-K-3 Parents: Please send your child's lunch and snack money in an **envelope marked with the child's first and last name** so that their teacher can keep track of what they are to have each day. **If your child owes $2.50 or more on a meal account, then snack milk/juice may not be purchased until balance is paid.**
- Money can be sent in daily, weekly or monthly in a marked envelope. Be sure to send enough money for each meal so your child does not owe.
- Students who do not bring lunch from home will be encouraged to eat a breakfast and lunch instead of snacks.

******SKCS is a CEP School, which means all students will receive one (1) free breakfast and one (1) free lunch daily.**

MEAL PRICES

Breakfast	Pre-K– 12	**Free**
Lunch	Pre-K-12	**Free**

Purchase of a second breakfast	**$1.00**
Purchase of a second lunch	**$1.75**

***Note: Second meals cannot be charged!**

Milk	**.50 cents**
Juice Cups 4 oz.	**.50 cents**

ABSENT AND/OR TARDY

Please remember the importance of having your child attend school regularly. When a student is absent, he/she must bring a written excuse for each tardiness or absence from school. The note needs to state the date of the absence or tardiness and the reason. If your child is absent, please notify the office **before 9:00 am,** stating the reason for the absence. Please remember to follow the call with a written excuse when the student returns to school.

EMERGENCY SITUATION DRILLS

All schools are required to establish protocol for numerous hazardous or emergency situations, and to practice those protocols with students and staff. Due to updates to Education Law 807 and Fire Code 405.2, we are now required to conduct a total of twelve emergency drills, eight of which must occur between September 1 and December 31 of a calendar year. These drills are a combination of evacuation (fire) drills and lockdown drills, and there is flexibility around the time of day they each need to occur. Additionally, we have other procedures designed to secure the facility to prevent an intruder from entering the building called a "lock out"; and another used for a variety of purposes called a "hold in place" which is used in several situations such as hazardous spills and certain weather emergencies. Please note that the South Kortright Central School goes above and beyond what is required by state mandate to ensure that our students and staff are safe in all emergency situations. You will get a notice one week prior to the start of the drills.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Class of 2026



Help Your Child Succeed in School:

Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher must slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school, college, and in their careers.

www.attendanceworks.org

Schooltool

Please book mark our website www.skcs.org
At the top of our home page you will find a **schooltool link** for parents and students. This is available for grades 5-12.

This is a valuable tool to help track attendance and progress in coursework. Once you have a username and password, available in the Guidance Office, you can log in at your convenience and click on each class to view grades that have been posted. You can also email the teacher if you have questions.

SKCS also uses Facebook to celebrate our student successes as well as communicate upcoming events. Like us and check back frequently.
https://www.facebook.com/SouthKortrightCentralSchool

MEDICAL INFORMATION

According to New York State Law, in order for prescription or non-prescription medication to be given in school, the following conditions must be met:

- The medication must be in its original container.
- A parent or guardian must provide written instructions as to why, when, and how much medication is to be given to the student.
- Written instructions from the student's physician to administer the medication must be provided.
- Students are NOT allowed to self-carry medications without a doctor's note.

State Law also requires that all students in Grades Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11, all Special Education students, and all students new to the School District receive a physical exam. * This updated physical exam must be handed in to the school nurse within 30 days of the start of the new school year. The School Doctor will give these exams, unless the School Nurse receives a copy of a private exam at the beginning of the school year. All students participating in sports must have a yearly physical exam. If a student has received immunizations and/ or physical exams over the summer, please send official records to the Health Office.

NYS requests blood lead levels for students entering Prekindergarten.

NYS Education Law requires that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, only summary information is sent, no names and no information about individual students are sent.
If you wish to have your child's information excluded from this survey report, please call the school nurse at the number below.

Please note additional immunizations to attend school are as follows:

- Students entering 6th grade are required to have a Tdap vaccine.
- Students entering 7th grade are required to have on Meningococcal vaccine.
- Students entering 12th grade are required to have a 2nd booster dose of Meningococcal vaccine.
- Additional vaccine requirements are required within 14 calendar days upon return to school.
- Any students not fulfilling the above vaccination requirements will be not be able to attend school until the vaccinations are received via New York State Law.

Please feel free to contact Ms. Lisa McGregor, RN, with any questions or concerns at 538-9111 ext. 316

PROJECT LOCKER SWEEP

The South Kortright Central School, along with most of the other schools, cooperate with the NYS Police in Project Locker Sweep. Project Locker Sweep is used as a precautionary measure to help deter anyone from bringing illegal or explosive substances into the school. At least once a year we are visited by one or two NYS Troopers and their canines to check the building for illegal or explosive substances. During this time we follow the Hold in Place protocol.

Automated Calling

The South Kortright Central School District is currently using an automated calling notification system. This enables us to notify our Parents, Students, Personnel, and others affiliated with our school by phone and e-mail regarding:

School Closings and Delays, Emergency Situations, Special Events, and Virtually any Important School Related Information

Parents, Students, School Staff: If you have a change of contact information to report, or you are not currently in the system and would like to be, please contact the school at 607-538-9111.



ANNUAL NOTICES

CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Pursuant to State and Federal Education Law, the South Kortright Central School District has developed a Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedures which is provided to students in the Student Handbook for Middle and High School. Annually, the SKCS Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedures, undergoes revisions in order to bring the code into compliance with changes in Education Law. Please pay particular attention to the ***DRESS CODE,*** and the ***BOARD REGULATION REGARDING MATTERS THAT COULD PRODUCE DISCIPLINARY ACTION*** sections of the revised policy. Parents and Guardians should review this policy with their child(ren) who attend SKCS.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The SKCS Board of Education encourages participation of parents of students eligible for Title I services in all aspects of their child's education.
The SKCS Board of Education recognizes the rights of the parent to be fully informed of all information relevant to the identification or change in identification, evaluation and educational placement of a disabled child.
All due process procedures for parents and children, NYSED Regulations Part 200 shall be observed by the South Kortright Central School District.
Complete copies of the Parent Involvement Plan are available to view during regular business hours.

SCHOOL POLICIES

The South Kortright Central School District has developed and implemented policies in compliance with Federal and State laws and regulations for:

- Comprehensive Attendance
- *Anti-discrimination Title IX
  *Sexual Harassment

Anyone wishing to see these policies should contact the District Office.
***Note:** Please contact Dr. Tarkan Ceng, Superintendent, SKCS Compliance Officer for Title IX - Anti-discrimination Policy #0100 and Sexual Harassment Policy #0110 if you have questions about these policies.

MILITARY NOTIFICATION

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 has required school districts to implement numerous changes. One of the requirements of this act is that schools must provide students' names, addresses and phone numbers to the military, unless parents request specifically that we do not release such information.

We expect to receive requests from several of the military branches this year , and we need to respond to them in a timely manner. Please complete the form below and return it to the Main Office at school by November 1, 2026, if you do not wish the South Kortright Central School to release the name, address and phone number of your son or daughter to the military.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Please return this portion to the South Kortright Central School Guidance Office by November 1, 2026

MILITARY NOTIFICATION

To Whom It May Concern:

I do not wish that the South Kortright Central School release the name, address and phone number of the following student(s) to the military:

_____
Student's Name

_____ _____
Grade ***Date***

_____
Parent's Name (Please Print)

_____
Parent's Signature

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM NEWS

South Kortright Central School District is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 in a non-base year. All children in the school will receive one breakfast and lunch meal with milk at no charge regardless of household income for the **2026-2027** school year. No further action is required of you.
However, a Household Income Eligibility Form was inserted in the SKCS SCO calendar for your benefit. Completion of this form is voluntary and may be used to determine eligibility for additional state and federal program benefits that your child(ren) may qualify for. Read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and return it to the school named above. Call Betty Ann Post at 607-538-9111 ext. 304, if you have questions or need help.

Participation in the Free and Reduced Meal Program benefits more that just the families and children who are eligible. The statistics from the applications qualifies us to participate in other Federal, State, Local and privately funded programs.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF TEACHERS AND PARAPROFESSIONALS

Under the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, you may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teacher(s), and paraprofessional staff (Licensed Teaching Assistants). This information is available in the District Office and will be provided to you upon request. Additionally, you can check the certification status of any teacher certified in New York State at a website developed and maintained by the New York State Education Department. The internet address of this website is: http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/

ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT (AHERA)

The School District's Asbestos Management Plan, submitted to the New York State Education Department, is in accordance with EPA's Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) and the New York State Right to Know Law. The plan may be viewed by contacting Mr. Michael Dengler at SKCS from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION REQUEST

New York State Education Law Section 409-H requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. Occasionally, we need to use pesticides on a limited basis.

The South Kortright Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are NOT subject to prior notification requirements:

- The school remains unoccupied for 72 continuous hours after an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and related compounds;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging or biting insects including venomous spiders, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect about an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive the 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that may be scheduled at the South Kortright Central School District, please contact Mr. Michael Dengler.

SUMMARY OF THE SKCS COMPREHENSIVE ATTENDANCE POLICY

The South Kortright Central School New Comprehensive Attendance Policy sets minimum attendance requirements for course credit and promotion. Students in grades 7 - 12, who do not meet minimum attendance requirements for a class, will not receive credit for that class.

Attendance Recording - Attendance in grade 7-12 will be taken at the beginning of each period of scheduled instruction. A student will be considered absent if he/she is not present for more than one-half of his/her period of scheduled instruction. For a class taken by a 7th– 12th grade student, the period of scheduled instruction is the length of time the student spends in a particular class.

Tardy - a student will be considered tardy if he/she arrives more than five minutes later than the scheduled starting time of instruction, but does not miss more than one-half of the class instruction. Each tardy will count as one-half of an absence.

Early Departure - a student will be considered as departing early if he/she leaves more than five minutes prior to the end of his/her scheduled instruction, but does not miss more than one-half of the class instruction. Each early departure shall count as one-half of an absence.

Absences, tardiness, or early departures are distinguished as excused or unexcused - Examples of excused absences include: illness, death in family, medical appointment, required court appearances, religious observance, military obligations, attendance at another school activity, pre-approved scheduled college visitations, pre-approved educational experiences, pre-approved work, or others as approved by the Principal or Superintendent. All other absences, tardiness, or early departures are considered unexcused. Examples of unexcused absences include: car trouble, family vacations, oversleeping, work, and any other absence, tardiness, or early departure for which the pupil has no valid school excuse.

Written Notification - The school must receive a written notification of the reason for the absence, tardy, or early departure from the parent or person in parental relation. Otherwise, the absence, tardy, or early departure will be considered unexcused.

Absences and Credit - The following chart shows the maximum number of absences a student can have.

Parent/Guardian Notification - When a student has been absent for 50% of the course's maximum allowable absences, we will notify you that your youngster is in danger of losing course credit because of failure to attend. When a student has been marked absent for 75% of the course's maximum allowable absences, we will schedule a conference with you to discuss the situation and to seek solutions.

Consequences - To discourage unexcused absences, tardiness, or early departure, the pupil may be subject to disciplinary procedures for unexcused absence, tardiness, or early departure, including verbal and written warnings, detentions, in-school suspensions, loss of driving privileges, and loss of extra-curricular privileges as described in the Code of Conduct.

Type of Course	Maximum Allowable Absences
Single Period, Full Year	16
One marking Period, Single Period	4
Semester, Single Period	8
Transfer Students	Maximum allowable absences will be prorated to time spent in the District

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRVIACY ACT (FERPA)

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (**FERPA**), a Federal law, requires that South Kortright Central School, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education record. However, South Kortright Central School may disclose appropriate 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 South Kortright Central School to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

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, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, the New York State Education Law §2-1 and two federal laws require school districts receiving assistance under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with student names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the school district that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want South Kortright Central School to disclose some or all directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by November 30th. South Kortright Central School has designated the following information as directory information.

- Student's name
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Date 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.

NYS requires that all teachers seeking permanent certification submit a videotaped classroom lesson. As a result, students in routine classroom situations may be videotaped by teachers seeking permanent certification from the state. If you do not want a your child included in these videotapes, you should inform South Kortright Central School in writing that videotapes including your child should not be used as part of the teacher certification process.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the School Principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parents or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the School Principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advised them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent of a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
600 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605.

South Kortright Central School
Box 113, 52800 St. Hwy. 10
South Kortright, NY 13842

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