

Parent Request For Deviation from Student's Legal Name

Florida Statute 1000.071 provides the authority for the State Board of Education to adopt rules to implement statutes. In June 2023, the Florida State Board of Education approved changes to Rule 6A-1.0955 stating that school districts will adopt policy and procedures to address *"provisions for parents to specify the use of any deviation from their child's legal name in school. School districts will develop a form to obtain parental consent along with any required documentation, as appropriate."*

Parent/guardians have the opportunity to request a deviation from their child's legal name:

- during initial enrollment,
- through the annual re-enrollment process,
- or any time throughout the school year.

This request is completed through the Parent Portal on FOCUS in the Forms Summary Section.

By submitting this form through the Parent Portal, parent/guardians are requesting that an alternate name be added to the FOCUS demographic screen which appears on BPS email and other Office 365 Applications. The student's legal name will still appear on report cards, transcripts, and other legal documents.