

# Parents' Bill of Rights

Senate Bill 49 (Session Law 2023-106), generally known as the Parents' Bill of Rights, became law on August 16, 2023. BGCS is currently working on additional guidance for school leaders, staff and families regarding implementation of this new legislation. Additional resources will be added to our site and shared with all stakeholders as they are available.

## **Parents' Rights for Their Child's Education**

Under State law (S.L. 2023-106), parents are allowed to exercise the following rights with regards to their child's education:

The right to consent or withhold consent for participation in reproductive health and safety education programs, consistent with the requirements of G.S. 115C-81.30.

The right to seek a medical or religious exemption from immunization requirements, consistent with the requirements of G.S. 130A-156 and G.S. 130A-157.

The right to review statewide standardized assessment results as part of the State report card.

The right to request an evaluation of their child for an academically or intellectually gifted program, or for identification as a child with a disability, as provided in Article 9 of this Chapter.

The right to inspect and purchase public school unit textbooks and other supplementary instructional materials, as provided in Part 3 of Article 8 of Chapter 115C.

The right to access information relating to the board's policies for promotion or retention, including high school graduation requirements.

The right to receive student report cards on a regular basis that clearly depict and grade the student's academic performance in each class or course, the student's conduct, and the student's attendance.

The right to access information relating to the State public education system, State standards, report card requirements, attendance requirements, and textbook requirements.

The right to participate in parent-teacher organizations.

The right to opt in to certain data collection for their child, as provided in Part 5 of Article 7B and Article 29 of Chapter 115C.

The right for students to participate in protected student information surveys only with parental consent, as provided in G.S. 115C-76.65.

The right to review all available records of materials their child has borrowed from a school library.