

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

TITLE: PERSONNEL FILES

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424. PERSONNEL FILES	
1. Purpose	Orderly operation of the school district requires maintaining a file for the retention of all records relative to an individual's duties and responsibilities as a district employee.
2. Authority SC 510	The Board requires that sufficient records be maintained to ensure an employee's qualifications for the job held, compliance with federal and state requirements and local benefit programs, conformance with district policies and rules, and evidence of completed evaluations.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Board delegates the establishment and maintenance of official personnel records to the Superintendent or designee, who shall prepare guidelines defining the material to be incorporated into personnel files.
4. Guidelines	A central file shall be maintained; supplemental records may be maintained only for ease in data gathering.
42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq	Medical records shall be kept in a file separate from the employee's personnel file. Only information that pertains to the professional role of the employee and is submitted by duly authorized administrative personnel and the Board may be entered in the official personnel file. A copy of each entry shall be made available to the employee except for matters pertaining to pending litigation or criminal investigation.
43 P.S. Sec. 1321 et seq	<u>Employee Access</u> Professional employees shall have access to their own file, except that information relative to confidential employment references/recommendations shall not be available for review by the employee.

<p>Title 22 Sec. 403.4 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6311, 7801 Pol. 404</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 403.4 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6311, 7801</p>	<p>Personnel wishing to review their own records shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Request access in writing at least forty-eight (48) hours notice and requests are limited to two (2) times per calendar year. Employer may limit the number of employee granted access to the file in any given week to eight (8).2. Review the record in the presence of the administrator or designee responsible to maintain personnel records.3. Make no alterations to the record, nor remove any material.4. Sign a log attached to the file indicating the date and person reviewing. <p><u>Appeals</u></p> <p>Personnel who choose to appeal material in their records shall make a written request to the administrator delegated to maintain the records and shall specify:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Name and date.2. Material to be appealed.3. Reason for appeal. <p>The responsible administrator shall refer the appeal to the administrator responsible for supervising the employee.</p> <p><u>Title I Schools</u></p> <p>In accordance with law, the district shall release to parents/guardians, upon request, information regarding the professional qualifications and academic degrees of any teacher providing instruction to their child at a school receiving Title I funds. The district shall annually notify parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year about their right to request such information.</p> <p>The district shall notify parents/guardians of students attending Title I schools when their child has been assigned to or taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified, as defined by federal law.</p>
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File Contents

1. Completed employment application form.
2. Copy of appropriate certificate.
3. Transcripts.
4. Recommendations.
5. I-9 Immigration Form.
6. Criminal history and child abuse clearance statement.

During the period of employment, the following additional data shall be maintained in personnel files.

1. Rate of compensation.
2. Attainment of advanced degrees and effect on compensation.
3. Completed evaluations.
4. Disciplinary incidents.
5. Special awards or distinctions.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 111, 510

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 8.1 et seq., 403.4

Child Protective Services Law – 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq.

Inspection of Personnel Files – 43 P.S. Sec. 1321 et seq.

No Child Left Behind – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6311, 7801

Americans With Disabilities Act – 42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.

Immigration Reform and Control, Title 8, Code of Federal Regulations – 8 CFR
Sec. 274a.2

Board Policy – 404