

PERSONNEL RECORDS

Information about staff members is required for the daily administration of the school system, for implementing salary and other personnel policies, for budget and financial planning, for responding to appropriate inquiries about employees, and for meeting the School Committee's education reporting requirements. To meet these needs, the Superintendent maintains a comprehensive and efficient system of personnel records maintenance and control under the following guidelines:

1. A personnel folder for each present and former employee will be accurately maintained in the central administrative office. In addition to the application for employment and references, the folders will contain records and information relative to compensation, payroll deductions, evaluations, and any other pertinent information.
2. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will be the official custodian for personnel files. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will have overall responsibility for maintaining and preserving the confidentiality of the files within the provisions of the law.
3. Personnel records are considered confidential under the law and will not be open to public inspection. Access to personnel files will be limited to persons authorized by the Superintendent to use the files for the reasons cited above.
4. Each employee will have the right, upon request, to review the contents of his/her own personnel file.
5. Employees may make written objections to any information contained in the file. Any written objection must be signed by the staff member and will become part of the employee's personnel file. Further, no negative comment will be placed in a staff member's file unless it is signed by the person making the comment and the staff member is informed of the comment and afforded the opportunity to include his written response in the file.

LEGAL REFS.: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Sec. 438, P.L. 90-247
Title IV, as amended
88 Stat. 571-574 (20 U.S.C. 1232g) and regulations
M.G.L. 4:7; 71:42C

CONTRACT REF: Contract of the Harvard School Committee and the Harvard
Teachers' Association
Hourly Employee Work and Salary Guidelines

CROSS REF.: KDB, Public's Right to Know

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