

Community Relations

Media Access to Students

Brookfield Board of Education shall provide media representatives access to students as deemed appropriate by the building principal or his/ her designee.

Media representatives are required to report to the principal's office for prior approval before gaining access to students involved in instructional programs and activities. No permission is required for events attended by the general public.

Media representatives wishing to photograph or identify students under the age of 18 must obtain parental/guardian approval. Such permission shall not be required before photographs, videotapes, and/or articles referring to students involved in athletic events may be published.

Parents who do not want their student interviewed, photographed or videotaped by the media shall inform the school Principal or his/her designee.

Information obtained by media representatives directly from students does not require parental/guardian approval prior to publication by the media. Parents who do not want their students interviewed or photographed by the media may direct their student accordingly.

District employees may release student information to the media only in accordance with applicable provisions of the education records law and Board policies governing directory information and personally identifiable information.

Parents/guardians shall be advised of this policy annually.

(cf.5125 – Students Records; Confidentiality)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 1-19(b)(11) Access to public records. Exempt records.
 10-209 Records not to be public.
 Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Sec. 438, 20 U.S.C.
 Sec 1232 (1988).
 Education of the Handicapped Act of 1975, as amended and renamed
 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.