

# NOTIFICATIONS AND ANNUAL NOTICES

## **Nondiscrimination for School Publications and Public Announcements**

The Colton School District will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. This district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment.

An inquiry regarding compliance and/ or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Civil Rights Compliance/Title IX/RCW 28A.640 Officer, Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Paul Clark, Superintendent, 706 Union, Colton, WA 99113 or by phone at 509-229-3385.

## **Drug-Free, Weapon Free Schools**

Colton School District maintains all school district facilities in compliance with state law as drug-free and weapon-free facilities. No alcohol, tobacco consumption, or weaponry is allowed on district property except:

- a. Persons engaged in military, law enforcement or district security activities.
- b. Persons involved in a school-authorized convention, showing, demonstration, lecture or firearm safety courses.
- c. Persons competing in school authorized firearm or air gun competitions.
- d. Any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer.
- e. Persons, over 18, who are not enrolled as students, with concealed weapons permits who are picking up or dropping off students.
- f. Persons, over 18, not enrolled as students conducting legitimate business at the school and have lawful possession of a firearm or other dangerous weapon, if the weapon is secured in a vehicle; or is concealed from view in a locked, unattended vehicle.
- g. Persons bringing dangerous weapons other than firearms, if they are lawfully possessed, and are to be used in a school authorized martial arts class; and  
*\*\*Possession of firearms on school property will result in a one-year expulsion, subject to appeal with notification to parents and law enforcement. \**

## **Childfind Notification**

The Colton School District provides many programs for the children in our school district at no cost to you. The district offers special programs such as speech therapy, physical and occupational therapy through our developmental pre-school program. The child must be 4 to 5 years of age.

Developmental screenings and/or comprehensive assessments for children who are suspected of having a disability that could adversely affect their educational development are available at no cost to you. These services are available for persons between the ages of birth and 21 years of age. If your family is living in a temporary situation, you may contact the district where you are staying to attend a screening. An appointment for further information is available from the district at 509.229.3386.

### **Home-based Instruction**

A parent who intends to cause his/her child or children to receive home-based instruction in lieu of attendance or enrollment in a public school, approved private school and an extension program of an approved school, must file an annual declaration of intent. Forms are available in the district office.

### **Vaccines Required For School Attendance**

"The attendance of every child at every public and private school in the state...shall be conditioned upon the presentation before or on each child's first day of attendance of proof of either 1) full immunization, 2) the initiation of ...a schedule of immunization, or 3) a certificate of exemption as provided for in RCW 28A.210.090.

EXEMPTIONS: MEDICAL exemption requires a physician's signature.

PERSONAL/RELIGIOUS exemptions require the signature of a parent/guardian.

\*\*\*Your local Health Department is an excellent source of information regarding immunization issues. Please contact Whitman County Health Department at 509.397-6280 for further information.

### **Family Educational Rights of Privacy Act (FERPA)**

The Colton School District provides the following notification to parents of students currently in attendance and eligible students currently in attendance, of their right under the Act and this part. Specifically, the parent of an eligible student has the right to:

- Inspect and review the student's education record within 45 days of receipt of request.
- Request an amendment of the student's education record to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights.
- Consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the students education records, except to the extent that the ACT and the regulations in the part authorize disclosure without consent.
- File with the U.S. Department of Education a complaint concerning alleged failures by the Colton School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

### **Sexual Harassment Notice**

Any district student, parent, or volunteer who believes he/she has been subjected to sexual harassment should report it to the principal, supervisor, and/or affirmative action officer. The affirmative action officer for the Colton School District is superintendent, Paul Clark at 509.229.3385. For a copy of the district's Sexual Harassment Policy contact the district office at 509-229-3385 or visit the website at [www.colton.k12.wa.us](http://www.colton.k12.wa.us)

### **Equal Opportunity Employer**

Colton School District complies with all state and federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or disability. This holds true for all district employment and opportunities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district Civil Rights Compliance/Title IX/RCW 28A.640 Officer, Section 504/ADA Coordinator Paul Clark at 706 Union, Colton, WA 99113 or by phone at 509.229.3385.

### **Annual Asbestos Notification**

In compliance with Federal legislation, Colton School District is required to notify parents annually regarding the condition and status of asbestos in the school. Most of the friable asbestos has been removed or encased, otherwise protected in accordance with federal AHEA and state WISHA laws. Small amounts of asbestos

do remain, primarily in vinyl asbestos tile. There is no danger to people with the materials that remain. Copies of the AHERA inspection report and management plan for our district is available for public review in the district office during regular business hours.

### **BECCA Bill**

This bill was originally written to deal with juvenile runaway problems. Some attendance provisions were added by amendment. There are several parts to this bill that parents and school-age children need to note and understand. The BECCA bill increased the school responsibility for communication with parents on unexcused absences. If your child has more than two unexcused absences within a month, you will be asked to come into the school for a conference. If your child receives a fifth unexcused absence within a year, you and your child will be petitioned into the Superior Court. It is mandatory under this law that the school carries out the petition process if the student is under the compulsory attendance law.

Superior Court may order

- Student back to school
- Community service by the student/and or parent
- Parent to attend school with the child
- Other actions or penalties designed to alleviate the truancy problem

If conditions imposed by the Court are not met, the child or parent may be found in contempt of court and additional penalties may be imposed, including incarceration. This law also allows the parent to petition their child into Superior Court. This is an option that parents may want to consider in the case that the parents feel like that they are at the "end of their rope" with their child and cannot get the child to attend. Parents may contact the school or the Juvenile Prosecutor in the county in which they reside for more information on this option.

### **Public Participation Notice**

Any application and any required policies, procedures, evaluations, plans and reports related to special education will be available to parent and other members of the general public through the District Special Education Director. For information contact Michele Blakely-Heitstuman, Special Education Director at 706 Union, Colton, WA 9913 or by phone at 509.229.3386

### **Integrated Pest Management**

Colton School District on occasion has a need to use chemical sprays in order to manage vegetation and insect pests. The Board of Directors of Colton School District desires to maintain environmentally safe and healthy school facilities and desires to protect employees, students and the general public who utilize school facilities. The Board recognizes that the application of various pesticides may be necessary for the maintenance of public health and welfare.

Parents and staff will be notified in the following manner: A pre-notification will be sent home with students of planned applications. Forth-eight (48) hours prior to the planned application the district will post a notification at the entrance to the site and in the District Office indicating:

1. Date, time and exact location of the application of pesticides
2. The name of the pesticide to be used.
3. Any suggested precautions.
4. Any pertinent information regarding the pesticides to be used.
5. Name and contact persona and phone number.
6. Pest to be controlled.

Emergency applications, notification will be provided as soon as possible after the application.

Pesticides will be applied by a commercial applicator or a school employee who is a licensed applicator.

A list of pesticides/herbicides may include: Portfolio, Oust XP Herbicide, d-conn, Amine-D, Buccaneer, Trimec Classic, Hi-Dep, Triplet, Tempo , Wasp, Hornet and Bee spray.

Applications should be done at a time when students, staff and the general public will not be using the area treated. In no case are pesticides to be used where students have reasonable access to the treated area. Information regarding pesticide use on the school grounds can be obtained by contacting Brad Nilson, Maintenance/Grounds Supervisor at 509.229.3385. An annual summary of pesticide use will be available at the conclusion of each school year.

### **Homeless Assistance**

Students who become homeless may receive assistance to remain at their school and receive other assistance. Please contact the school counselor at 509.229.3386.

### **Student Rights and Responsibilities**

Colton School District's policies and procedures concerning student rights and responsibilities (behavior, attendance, discipline, bullying, harassment, etc) are published each year and given to each student at the beginning of the school year. This information is also available on our website [www.colton.k12.wa.us](http://www.colton.k12.wa.us).

