

# Appendix S: PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS FOR DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY

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Education Law §2-d ensures that, in addition to all of the protections and rights of parents under the federal FERPA law, certain rights will also be provided under the Education Law. These rights include, but are not limited to, the following elements:

- (A) A student's PII cannot be sold or released by the educational agency for any commercial or marketing purposes.
    - PII may be used for purposes of a contract that provides payment to a vendor for providing services to an educational agency as permitted by law.
    - However, sale of PII to a third party solely for commercial purposes or receipt of payment by an educational agency, or disclosure of PII that is not related to a service being provided to the educational agency, is strictly prohibited.
  
  - (B) Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record including any student data stored or maintained by an educational agency.
    - This right of inspection is consistent with the requirements of FERPA. In addition to the right of inspection of the educational record, Education Law §2-d provides a specific right for parents to inspect or receive copies of any data in the student's educational record.
    - NYSED will develop policies for annual notification by educational agencies to parents regarding the right to request student data. Such policies will specify a reasonable time for the educational agency to comply with such requests.
    - The policies will also require security measures when providing student data to parents, to ensure that only authorized individuals receive such data. A parent may be asked for information or verifications reasonably necessary to ensure that he or she is in fact the student's parent and is authorized to receive such information pursuant to law.
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New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234; and

- (E) Parents have the right to file complaints with an educational agency about possible breaches of student data by that educational agency's third-party contractors or their employees, officers, or assignees, or with NYSED. Complaints to NYSED should be directed in writing to the Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany NY 12234, email to [CPO@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:CPO@mail.nysed.gov). The complaint process is under development and will be established through regulations to be proposed by NYSED's Chief Privacy Officer, who has not yet been appointed.
- Specifically, the Commissioner of Education, after consultation with the Chief Privacy Officer, will promulgate regulations establishing procedures for the submission of complaints from parents, classroom teachers or building principals, or other staff of an educational agency, making allegations of improper disclosure of student data and/or teacher or principal APPR data by a third-party contractor or its officers, employees or assignees.
  - When appointed, the Chief Privacy Officer of NYSED will also provide a procedure within NYSED whereby parents, students, teachers, superintendents, school board members, principals, and other persons or entities may request

Education Law §2-d provides very specific protections for contracts with “third party contractors”, defined as any person or entity, other than an educational agency, that receives student data or teacher or principal data from an educational agency pursuant to a contract or other written agreement for purposes of providing services to such educational agency. The term “third party contractor” also includes an educational partnership organization that receives student and/or teacher or principal APPR data from a school district to carry out its responsibilities pursuant to Education Law §211-e, and a not-for-profit corporation or other non-profit organization, which are not themselves covered by the definition of an “educational agency.”

Services of a third-party contractor covered under Education Law §2-d include, but not limited

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**APPENDIX S-1**  
**Attachment to Parents' Bill of Rights**  
**For Contracts Involving Disclosure of Certain Personally Identifiable Information**

Education Law §2-



4. Specific information of the contract and its parts will be given to the student

