

THOMAS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Parents' Bill of Rights

Purpose

Thomas Academy Charter School recognizes parents and legal guardians as primary decision-makers for their children's education, health, and well-being and supports transparency, communication, and family partnership under North Carolina law.

Parent Rights

- Direct their child's education and make lawful educational decisions.
- Access and review student academic, attendance, discipline, assessment, IEP, and Section 504 records when applicable.
- Receive information about progress, attendance, assessments, graduation requirements, policies, and interventions.
- Participate in conferences, meetings, evaluations, and educational planning.
- Review curriculum, instructional materials, course descriptions, library resources, and supplemental materials by contacting the principal.
- Receive required notices about major school, health, safety, discipline, and required health-service matters.
- Provide consent for surveys, certain health services, field trips, media releases, and activities when required.
- Expect a safe, respectful learning environment free from bullying and harassment.
- Communicate with teachers and administrators and receive timely responses to reasonable questions.

Parent Responsibilities

Parents support student success by ensuring regular attendance, keeping contact information current, reviewing school communications, supporting learning at home, respecting school policies and staff, attending requested conferences, encouraging appropriate behavior, and working collaboratively to resolve concerns.

Resolving Concerns

Parents should first contact the classroom teacher. If unresolved, they may meet with the principal, submit concerns in writing, and follow Thomas Academy Board appeal policies when applicable.

Nondiscrimination

Thomas Academy Charter School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its educational programs or activities as provided by law.

Legal Authority

This policy is intended to comply with applicable North Carolina law, including Chapter 114A, Chapter 115C, FERPA, and IDEA where applicable.

