



Signature Page & Summaries

The Plymouth Public Schools is required to collect signatures to ascertain that parents, guardians, and students have read and understood the following:

1. *Content of the Student Handbook (including Media Release, Directory Information, and Transfer of Records)*
2. *Information concerning an Act Relative to Sex Education (M.G.L. Ch. 71 §32A)*
3. ***The Liability Release Form 2021-2022 (requires signature)***

The Plymouth Public Schools is required to obtain parent/guardian permission pursuant to the following:

1. *Student Internet Safety & Technology Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)*

To assist you, please refer to the following summaries.



Please, be sure to complete and return the signature page to your child's school no later than one week after the receipt of the Student Handbook

Pictures, Names, Student Work, or Quotes in the Media

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Directory Information Notice

The Plymouth Public Schools has designated certain information contained in the education records of its students as directory information for purposes of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Student Record Regulations, 603 CMR 23.00 et seq.

The following information regarding students is considered directory information: name; address; telephone number; date and place of birth; major field of study; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; dates of attendance; degrees, **honors, and awards received**; and post-high school plans of the student.

Directory information may be disclosed for any purpose at the School System's discretion, without the consent of a parent/guardian of a student or an eligible student. Parents/guardians and eligible students have the right, however, to refuse to permit the designation of any or all of the above information as directory information. In that case, this information will not be disclosed except with the consent of a parent/guardian or eligible student, or otherwise allowed by FERPA and 603 CMR 23.00 et seq.

Any parent/guardian or student refusing to have any or all of the designated directory information disclosed must file written notification to this effect with the school's principal no later than one week following the receipt of this handbook. This notification is part of the signature page.

In the event a refusal is not filed, it is assumed that neither parent/guardian nor eligible student objects to the release of directory information.

Notice on Transfer of Records to another School

Pursuant to 603 CMR 23.07 (g), notice is hereby given that the Plymouth Public Schools forwards the complete school record of a transferring student to schools in which the student seeks or intends to enroll. Such transfer of records takes place without the consent of the parent/guardian or eligible student.

An Act Relative to Sex Education (M.G.L. Ch. 71 §32A)

Parent Notification

The Health Education and Science programs of Plymouth Public Schools contain comprehensive PreK-12 curricula. The goal of the program is to help students acquire appropriate content background to develop life skills or problem solving, communication, and decision-making abilities to prepare for a healthy and productive future.

The Health Education and Science programs have been designed by our professional staff, using their research-based programs as well as programs developed by the Massachusetts Department of Education, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the American Red Cross, Operation Lifesaver, and other health and science education resources.

Sexuality education is part of the comprehensive Health Education program. In grades PreK/Kindergarten to grade 5, the following units contain sexuality topics: personal safety/safety, growth and development, and disease.

Within the Science program, learning standards for K-4 are lessons, which include topics dealing with characteristics of all organisms. These topics include growth, development, reproduction, and death. The students will also observe that plants and animals have different structures, which serve different functions in growth, survival, and reproduction.

During health and science classes, student questions will be answered factually and in an age-appropriate manner. Each student's privacy will be respected, and no one will be required to answer questions or reveal personal information. Material is presented factually.

Under Massachusetts law and the Plymouth School Committee policy, you may exempt your child from any portion of a curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues. If you would like to exempt your child from a particular class, please send the request in writing.

The Director of Health Education and the Coordinator of Science are available to meet with you to review the curriculum and materials. To review these materials, please call to make an appointment.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child has a positive and educationally enriching experience this school year. If you have any questions regarding the exemption process for the Health and Science Programs, please call your school's principal.

To exempt your child from any portion of the health and/or science curriculum that primarily involves sexual education or human sexuality issues, you must notify the school in writing on the back of the Signature Page.

Student Internet Safety and Technology Acceptable Use (AUP)

A signature releases the Plymouth Public Schools, its personnel, and any institutions with which it is affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from a student's use of, or inability to use, the Plymouth Public Schools Data Network, including, but not limited to claims that may arise from the unauthorized use of the system to purchase products or services.

The parent/guardian agrees to instruct his/her child regarding any restrictions against accessing material that is in addition to the restrictions set forth in the AUP. Please complete the **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY AND ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT**. This form once completed will need to be returned to your building principal.

Military Recruitment/Institutes of Higher Education

According to the provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), schools are now required to provide student directory information (**secondary school student name**, address, and telephone number) upon request to military recruiters and/or institutions of higher education.

Any parent/guardian who does not want this information released to these third parties must file written notification to this effect with the school's principal no later than one week following the receipt of this handbook. This notification should be written on the back of the Signature Page.



SIGNATURE PAGES

FOR STUDENTS AND PARENT(S) / GUARDIAN(S)

Student Information

First Name: _____ **Middle Initial:** _____ **Last Name:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name:

Below, please check the boxes that apply, sign all pages, as well as the **2021-2022 Liability Release Form, and the Student Technology Acceptable Use Form**, and then return all pages to the school.

An Act Relative to Sex Education

A. I acknowledge that I have read the information concerning Parent Notification of An Act Relative to Sex Education M.G.L. Ch. 71 §32A.

YES

NO

B. My child may participate in any portion of the health and/or science curriculum that primarily involves sexual education or human sexuality issues.

YES (Unrestricted)

NO (Restricted)

Information Released to a Third-Party Mailing Service

My child's name and address may be released to receive Charter Public School recruitment information.

- YES (Unrestricted)
- NO (Restricted)

Pictures/Student Work in the Media

My child's picture or schoolwork may be taken for the media or used in school district publications including yearbook pictures submitted to the newspaper.

- YES (Unrestricted)
- NO (Restricted)

Directory Information Notice

The school district may release my child's directory information to publish items such as yearbooks, graduation announcements, newsletters, and honor roll announcements without having to get written consent for each use of student information.

- YES (Unrestricted)
- NO (Restricted)

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Student Technology AUP Access Agreement (Revised Due To Policy 9.25 Revision)

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY AND
ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT**

STUDENT SECTION (Must be signed by students in grades six and above.)

Student Name (print): _____ **Grade** _____

School: _____

I have read, understand, and agree to follow the Plymouth Public Schools Technology AUP. I understand that if I violate this policy or school rules my access can be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures. I understand this policy applies to all technology being operated on Plymouth Public Schools property or connected to the Plymouth Public Schools network. I understand and agree there is no expectation of privacy related to information stored and transmitted over the Plymouth Public Schools network.

Student Signature (print): _____ **Date:** _____

PARENT/ GUARDIAN SECTION (The following section must be signed by a parent or guardian unless the student is over 18 years of age.)

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read the Technology AUP and this Agreement. I hereby release the Plymouth Public Schools, its personnel, and any institutions with which it is affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the Plymouth Public Schools network, including, but not limited to, claims that may arise from the unauthorized use of the system to purchase products or services. I understand that violation of this AUP or any other technology policies, agreements, or rules may result in disciplinary action.

I understand and agree that there is no expectation of privacy related to information stored and transmitted over the Plymouth Public Schools Network. I understand and agree that my child will abide by the terms of any device loan agreement if he/she receives a 1:1 device through the Plymouth Public Schools and that the AUP and this Agreement apply to any devices used by my child on Plymouth Public Schools property or connected to the Plymouth Public Schools network. I will instruct my child regarding any restrictions against accessing materials that are in addition to the restrictions set forth in the Technology AUP. I will emphasize to my child the importance of following the rules for personal safety. I understand that by signing this Agreement, I am acknowledging the acceptance of all Plymouth Public Schools network and device policy requirements and responsibilities.

- I give permission for my child to access the Internet and certify that the information contained in this form is correct.
- I **DO NOT WISH FOR MY CHILD TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET.**

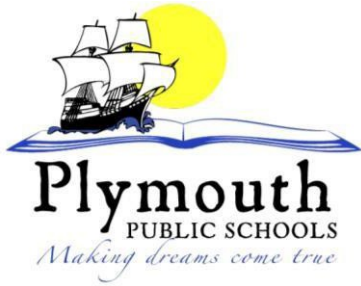
Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Please Cut Along This Line And Return Completed Form To School



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Liability Release Form ~ School Year 2021-2022

As a result of a recent school district insurance review, our insurance carrier has recommended that all participants in school sponsored activities that occur outside of the regular classroom have a signed waiver on file. Students will be unable to participate in such activities if a signed Liability Release Form is not on file.

I, the undersigned _____ of _____, my child or ward,
Parent, guardian, etc. Student's name (first and last)
a minor, do hereby consent to my child's participation in voluntary athletic or recreation programs, field trips, or school sponsored activities of the Town or Public School of Plymouth.

I also agree to forever release the Town or Public School of Plymouth, the School Committee, and all their employees, agents, board members, volunteers, and any and all individuals and organizations assisting or participating in voluntary athletic or recreation programs, field trips, or school-sponsored activities of the Town or Public Schools ("the Releasees") from any and all claims, rights of action and causes of action that may have arisen in the past, or may arise in the future, directly or indirectly, from personal injuries including, but not limited to, death, illness, injury and/or disease, and including any death, illness, injury and/or disease in any way related to or arising out of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), to my child or property damage resulting from my child's participation in the Town or Public School of Plymouth voluntary athletic or recreation programs, field trips, or school-sponsored activities.

I also promise, to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Releasees against any and all legal claims and proceedings of any description that may have been asserted in the past, or may be asserted in the future, directly or indirectly, arising from personal injuries to my child or property damage resulting from my child's participation in the Town or Public School of Plymouth voluntary athletic or recreation programs, field trips, or school-sponsored activities.

I further affirm that I have read this Consent and Release Form and that I understand the contents of this Form. I understand that my child's participation in these programs is voluntary and that my child and I are free to choose not to participate in said programs. By signing this Form, I affirm that I have decided to allow my child to participate in the Town or Public School's athletic or recreation programs, field trips, or school-sponsored activities with full knowledge that the Releasees will not be liable to anyone for personal injuries and property damage my child or I may suffer in voluntary Town or Public School athletic or recreation programs, field trips, or school-sponsored activities.

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____
(Please print)

Parent or Guardian of: _____
(Please print)

Grade: _____ School: _____

Date: _____

The Plymouth Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, homelessness, genetic information, ancestry, status as a veteran or U.S. uniformed military service member, disability, or age in admission to, treatment in, or employment in its services, programs, and activities.

Student Handbook

I acknowledge that I have read and have discussed the preceding rules and regulations of this STUDENT HANDBOOK with my child.

YES

NO

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____