



Questions and answers for the Education and Health Information Sharing Consent Form

What is the purpose of this form?

The purpose of this form is to get your consent to allow the Department of Education to share complete school class lists with the Department of Health and Social Services, so that HSS can follow up to ensure parents/guardians are aware of the services such as Yukon Childrens Dental Program or Hearing Services. This is not a consent form for health services. The information shared can only be used to offer services and help track usage of services for students, monitor communicable disease occurrences and help provide information to those who may be at risk.

Why can't the information be provided between government departments?

The law requires the Department of Education to have expressed consent to provide basic student information to Health and Social Services such as student name, school, grade and date of birth.

How will my children be impacted if I choose not to consent?

If you choose not to provide consent for the Department of Education to share information to HSS, there is a risk that you will not be informed of services such as hearing screenings or immunizations for your child. There is also a risk that you will not be made aware of health risks that may directly impact your child and other family members such as an outbreak of a disease.

Signing this consent form is a way to stay informed. Parents have the right to pick and choose which health services they would like for their child. The goal of this form is to provide parents with the awareness and opportunity to access health services that are available. Sometimes the enrollment forms don't make it home. Signing this consent form allows Health and Social Services to offer services multiple times if for any reason a form is not returned to the school.

Why are we signing this now?

Previously, following a "Memorandum of Understanding" agreement, the Department of Education was able to share basic information such as student name, school, grade, date of birth and what health services they were enrolled in with Health and Social Services. Under new privacy and security practices, the Department of Health and Social Services is legally required to get direct consent from parents/guardians.

Will I have to sign this every year?

No. This form only needs to be signed once throughout your child's consecutive time in the Yukon public school system. However, if you move out of the Yukon and move back, you will have to resign a consent form.