

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: ADMINISTRATIVE
EMPLOYEES

TITLE: PERSONNEL FILES

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324. PERSONNEL FILES	
1. Purpose	Orderly operation of the school district requires maintaining a file for the retention of all records relative to an individual's duties and responsibilities as a district employee.
2. Authority	The Board requires that sufficient records be maintained to ensure an employee's qualifications for the job held, compliance with federal and state requirements and local benefit programs, conformance with district policies and rules, and evidence of completed evaluations.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Board delegates the establishment and maintenance of official personnel records to the Superintendent or designee, who shall prepare guidelines defining the material to be incorporated into personnel files.
4. Guidelines	A central file shall be maintained; supplemental records may be maintained only for ease in data gathering.
42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq	<p>Medical records shall be kept in a file separate from the employee's personnel file.</p> <p>Only information that pertains to the professional role of the administrative employee and is submitted by duly authorized administrative personnel and the Board may be entered in the official personnel file.</p> <p>A copy of each entry shall be made available to the employee, except for matters pertaining to pending litigation or criminal investigation.</p> <p>Personnel records shall be available to the Board but only as required in the performance of its designated functions as a Board and as approved by a majority vote of the Board.</p>

43 P.S.
Sec. 1321-1324

Employee Access

Administrative employees shall have access to their own file, except that information relative to confidential employment references/recommendations shall not be available for review by the employee.

Personnel who wish to review their own records shall:

1. Request access in writing.
2. Review the record in the presence of the administrator or designee responsible to maintain personnel records.
3. Make no alterations to the record, nor remove any material.
4. Sign a log attached to the file indicating the date and person reviewing.

Appeals

Personnel choosing to appeal material in their records shall make a written request to the administrator delegated to maintain the records and shall specify:

1. Name and date.
2. Material to be appealed.
3. Reason for appeal.

The responsible administrator shall refer the appeal to the administrator directly involved who shall hear the appeal, make a determination and permit the addition of employee comments.

File Contents

Upon initial employment, the employee's file shall contain:

1. Completed employment application form.
2. Copy of certificate, where applicable.
3. Transcripts.
4. Recommendations.

