

Providing Consent for Information Sharing – Students 18 Years of Age or Older

1. Why am I not my child's contact anymore?

Provincial legislation requires school boards to recognize a student as an adult when they reach the age of 18. This means that the adult student is responsible for their own education, attendance, and any matters related to discipline.

If they prefer, students 18 years of age or older may opt to allow their parent(s)/guardian(s) to become their contact for school.

2. What gives the School/Board authority to take parents/guardians off the contact list?

The Halton Catholic District School Board is adhering to the Government of Ontario legislation (*Education Act, Age of Majority Act and Accountability Act, and Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*).

3. What if my child wants me to be a contact?

Students interested in having their parent(s)/guardian(s) as a contact for the school are required to complete the *Adult Student* form and submit it to their school's office.

4. How do I become a contact if my child does not grant me permission?

Under the provincial legislation, students 18 and over must grant this permission. Please speak to your child about having this option provided to you.

5. If my child 18 and over misses an exam/OSSLT/assignment, may I speak to school staff on their behalf?

Unless the adult student has provided permission for their parent(s)/guardian(s) to speak with the school, the school must discuss these matters with the adult student.

6. I am the adult student and have consented for my parent(s)/guardian(s) to communicate with the school, but now I wish to remove them. How do I do this?

As the adult student, you can include or remove parent(s)/guardian(s) at any time. A new form must be completed, signed, dated and submitted to the school office for any changes to apply. If you wish to remove your parent(s)/guardian(s) as a contact for the school, it is recommended that you inform your parent(s)/guardian(s) before the form is submitted to your school.

7. What information may be disclosed in compassionate circumstances?

When there is a need to notify a close relative, friend or spouse about a student who is injured, ill or deceased, school boards may disclose personal information without consent in order to facilitate or enable contact