

School District No. 53 (Okanagan-Similkameen)
2026-27 Parent/Guardian Consent Form
 Okanagan Falls Elementary School



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Please review, authorize and return this form to your child's teacher immediately. All information provided on this form is collected under the authority of the *School Act, Section 13 and 79 and/or Ministerial Order M152/89*. The information provided will be used for educational programs and administration purposes, and when required, may be provided to health services, social services, support services, or the Ministry of Education's data services as outlined in *Section 79(2) of the School Act*. The authorizations collected on this form will be kept secure and confidential in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *School Act*. This authorization will be updated on an annual basis for a 12 month term commencing October 1 – September 30. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this form, please contact your school Principal.

Please complete one form per child

STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name:
First Name:
BC Care Card Number:
Grade:
Teacher:
Parent Email:

(Detailed information regarding these agreements are provided on the following pages of this form.)

Please indicate your consent by checking the boxes below.

☐ **I GIVE CONSENT** for my child's photograph, name or comments to be part of a media broadcast, publication or website. This may include a school publication, website or community newspaper.

☐ **I GIVE MY CONSENT** to receive email from school administration and teachers. Also, other electronic communication such as newsletters, field trip information, and other school and community related information from the school or district.

☐ **I AGREE THAT** I will explain the "Technology: Acceptable Use Agreement" policy to my child and encourage them to follow the requirements. I will assure that my child understands that if they violate this agreement, it may result in the loss of use of technology and/or access to the internet.

☐ **I UNDERSTAND THAT** my child's locker is to store personal belongings only, and that their locker may be inspected by a school administrator or the RCMP at any time.

☐ **I GIVE PERMISSION** for my child to participate in community walking trips with their class or groups, including trips to the area across the street. It is understood that the full cooperation of the student is required at all times if these activities are to be a successful and educational experience for all.

☐ **I GIVE PERMISSION** to the Parent Advisory Committee to contact me by mail, email or phone.

☐ **I GIVE PERMISSION** for my child to participate in the BC Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program.

☐ **I UNDERSTAND THAT** my child may be involved in a threat assessment if needed. Refer to attached document titled, Fair Notice: Response to Threat Making Behavior.

☐ **I GIVE PERMISSION for** my child to participate in the FRESH for KIDS Program. A province wide healthy initiative to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruits, vegetables, dairy and nutritious products for our students during the school day. Our students will receive these healthy options over the school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

FREEDOM of INFORMATION and PROTECTION of PRIVACY ACT - FIPPA

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), proclaimed in October 1993, was extended to local public bodies such as schools in the Fall of 1994.

- The purpose of the Act is to promote the general principles that provincial government information should be available to the public, and that personal information respecting individuals being held by government (including educational bodies) should not be improperly disclosed.
- With this in mind, please read the following statement with respect to the information the school collects about yourself and your child.
- We require your permission to use information about your child from time to time in celebrating his/her successes in school. For example
 - displaying photograph(s) and/or information regarding your child; on a bulletin board/newsletter/brochure, school year-book
 - in the local newspaper
 - posting birthday announcements in the school
 - posting on the School District website and/or social media sites
 - using video conferencing and/or creating/posting/displaying digital media projects all require that we have your permission to do so.

CANADA'S ANTI SPAM LEGISLATION - CONSENT

Canada's anti-spam legislation is in force effective July 1, 2014. As a result, the Okanagan Similkameen Board of Education would like to ensure we have your consent to send you newsletters, announcements and other messages which may contain advertising or promotions including field trips, fundraising, student pictures, or similar events electronically. Your signature indicates that you wish to receive these electronic communications from your school. You may withdraw your consent at any time by advising the school or district. Please call your school or the district office if you have questions.

TECHNOLOGY: ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT (Policy E-3 – Internet Access and Use)

The use of technology in School District No. 53 (Okanagan-Similkameen) is a privilege. Access to technology and the internet requires personal responsibility, and therefore by signing the consent form, you are agreeing to:

- Responsible use of technology at all times
- Respect for other's personal information
- Abide by Copyright Laws (I will get permission from the original author to use graphics or any copyrighted works)
- Abide by Plagiarism Laws (I will not copy information and claim it as my own)
- Abide by the school Code of Conduct
- Abide by *Policy E-3- Internet Access and Use*
- Never use the school's technology for unethical, inappropriate or illegal activities

Please read *Policy E-3- Internet Access and Use* (on the district website) and the "*Technology: Acceptable Use Agreement*" for your child. Although School District No.53 (Okanagan-Similkameen) has taken precautions to reduce access to controversial materials or information on the internet, restriction to all such materials or information cannot be guaranteed and you cannot hold School District No. 53 (Okanagan-Similkameen) responsible for such access. Technology and internet access in School District No. 53 (Okanagan-Similkameen) is to be used for educational and/or research purposes. Any violation of this agreement may result in the loss of use of technology and/or access to the internet and that further disciplinary action may be taken.

SCHOOL LOCKER - USER AGREEMENT

School lockers are assigned as a privilege for students and are to be used to secure personal belongings only. Any use of school lockers for storing illegal items is prohibited and will result in the loss of the assigned locker and/or further legal investigations may occur. The student's right to privacy in respect to the storage of possessions in his/her locker is acknowledged, however, there may be times when the need to ensure enforcement of the school's Code of Conduct supersedes the right of privacy and lockers may be inspected.



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CERTIFICATE OF PARENTAL AUTHORITY FOR COMMUNITY WALKING TRIPS

Within School District No.53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

School Day Journeys

The Board of Education considers it desirable that students should visit and observe for themselves certain aspects of community life. There are numerous resources within the community which provide valuable educational experiences. A staff member(s) will accompany the school journey and make every reasonable precaution to ensure the safety of the students will be taken. Should a school journey be taken in which there might be more than normal risk or difficulty of supervision, you will be asked for specific approval for that trip as outlined in *Policy No.E-4 - Field Trips*.

Accidents can be the result of the nature of the activity and can occur with or without any fault on either the part of the student, or the School Board or its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your son/daughter to participate in this activity, you are accepting the risk of an accident occurring.

This consent form does not cover field trips to locations outside school district boundaries, activities such as swimming, bicycling or activities that involve bus transportation or any overnight field trips.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Within School District No.53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

The school will receive requests from the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) to contact parents regarding important events, opportunities for students, fundraisers and PAC sponsored events. If you consent to this request, the PAC will be allowed to access your address, phone number and email address from the school records.

FRESH for KIDS Program

Within School District No.53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

Administered by the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and supported by Healthy Families BC. Our school is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruits and vegetables to our students *during the school day*. Our students will receive these healthy foods throughout the school year at no charge to the students.

Please contact Okanagan Falls Elementary School if you have any questions regarding any of these policies or agreements (250) 497-5414.