

RIGHTS OF PARENT/CHILDREN/YOUTH OF VALLEY OAKS CHARTER.

It is the responsibility of Valley Oaks to inform families about their rights. Below is a listing of some of the items you will want to review.

1. **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act:** This act covers the educational rights of children and youth in homeless situations. The school has a responsibility to identify children who are experiencing homelessness and to offer appropriate services to the family, child, or youth. If a child is defined by law as "homeless" the school will inform that child about educational/enrollment provisions of the law. If you are aware of a child who is homeless, please let the school know immediately. Contact Jeff VanderNoor for further information.
2. **Williams Uniform Complaint Act:** The Education Code 35186 requires that schools provide sufficient textbooks and instructional materials to use in class and to take home to complete work. It also requires facilities to be clean, safe, and maintained in good repair. If you have a complaint about the school regarding these issues, you can file a complaint on forms obtained in the Human Resources Department of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office or it can be downloaded from the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office's web site at www.kern.org or the California Department of Education's web site at www.cde.ca.gov.
3. **Release of Student Information:** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act gives parents certain rights regarding their children's records. The act provides for parents and former students, who have reached age 18 or are attending school beyond high school, the right to inspect and review education records, the right to request corrections to records believed to be inaccurate or misleading, and permission to release information. However, school districts may release information without consent to school employees who have a need to know; a school to which a student is transferring; to government officials in order to carry out lawful functions; to appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to students; to organizations conducting approved studies for the school; to accrediting organizations in response to court orders or subpoenas; to officials in cases of health and safety emergencies within a juvenile justice system; and to state and local authorities pursuant to state law.

Information can also be released for a student directory unless the parent requests that the information be withheld.

4. **Spraying for pest control** is done during the weekend and the school posts the spraying times at the entrance of the school so that persons sensitive to the substances can be informed.