

District Response To Concern

The Moberly School District recently received a [letter from the Attorney General's Office](#) in relation to a [district form](#) being utilized to process requests to record IEP and Section 504 meetings. The form is used to help a parent provide notice to the district of their intent to record and is not a "consent" form as indicated in the letter. The form is consistent with a Missouri law that was recently enacted that allows parents to record certain meetings. Significantly, the district has not prohibited any parent who provided notice using the form from recording a meeting since the new law went into effect. The new law clearly contemplates that the district may require notice in advance and may also record the meeting.

As with most school districts in the state, the Moberly School District has maintained a long-standing policy that prohibits audio and video recording on school grounds without prior permission. This policy was drafted and approved by the legal team of the Missouri School Boards Association. The prohibition of recording on district property was designed, in part, to help protect the confidentiality and legal interests of students and employees as required by federal law. The district must now balance these interests with a parent's new right to record meetings in a manner that complies with both state and federal law.

The district recognizes and appreciates the Attorney General's advocacy for parents. We look forward to engaging in an open dialogue with him to help him better understand the operations of a public school system and the rationale behind our efforts to balance multiple interests and comply with both state and federal law. As always, our goal is to remain focused on serving the educational needs of our students.