

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

SUBJECT: Student Withdrawal from Parental/Guardian Control

General

Under the Child and Family Services Act, a student aged 16 or 17 may withdraw from the control of their parent(s)/legal guardian. The Education Act gives 16 and 17-year-old students rights that are not extended to other students under 18 years of age, where they have withdrawn from parental control.

A student's decision to remove themselves from care and control is a significant decision and should be treated as such by the student. Students who remove themselves from the care and control of their parents/guardians at age 16 or 17 are able to make any decisions that an adult student is permitted to make, including attending school. Once it has been substantiated that a student has withdrawn from parental/guardian control, the student must provide consent for the parent to receive educational information such as grades, attendance and discipline, as well as any other personal information to which the school/Board may have access to such as: address or phone number, health, and well being.

Completion of Withdrawal from Parental Control Notification Form

1. Completion of the Withdrawal from Parental Control Notification Form (Appendix A) along with supporting documentation to show that the student is living independently is required to support the student's claim.
2. Students must be in compliance with the Lambton Kent District School Board's admission policies and this form cannot be used for a student to misrepresent where they reside.
3. Students who complete the form must provide documentation to prove that they are living independently from their parents and/or legal guardians and that they have an independent source of income. This documentation will be verified and the form signed by the school principal/vice-principal or designate. For example, this can include:
 - A copy of a rental agreement
 - A pay stub and/or proof of social assistance.
4. Students must sign the form in front of a witness (school administrator or designate).
5. Once the student has completed the form and documentation is verified:
 - a) the school will update the student's information in the student information system, and
 - b) the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted by the school administration and advised that the student has indicated that they have withdrawn from parental control.
6. The completed form is to be filed in the Documentation File of the student's OSR.
7. When a student aged 16 or 17 who has withdrawn from parent control, and resides with and is being cared for and supported by a relative or another adult, they are regarded as living in a guardianship situation rather than living independently (*Education Act*, S. 18).

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Reference:

**Withdrawal from Parental/Guardian Control Notification Form
(For 16 or 17 Year-Old Students)**

Overview:

The *Education Act* gives 16 and 17-year-old students rights that are not extended to other students under 18 years of age, where they have withdrawn from parental control.

The purpose of this form is for 16 and 17-year-old students to notify the Lambton Kent District School Board that they have withdrawn from parental control. This means that they have removed themselves from the care and control of their parents and/or legal guardians, and are currently living independently. In addition, it means that they are financially independent from their parents.

Student Information:

Students who complete this form must provide documentation to prove that they are living independently from their parents and/or legal guardians and that they have an independent source of income. This documentation will be verified below by a staff member. For example, this can include a tenancy agreement, a pay cheque, and/or proof of social assistance.

The Lambton Kent District School Board reserves the right to seek further proof that the student has withdrawn from parental control, such as confirmation of residence and financial independence. Note that all students must be in compliance with the Lambton Kent District School Board's admission policies and this form cannot be used for a student to misrepresent where they live.

Student Name (Print)

Date of Birth

Current Street Address
(include apartment number)

Postal Code / City

Source of Income (e.g. proof of social assistance, recent pay stub)

Declaration:

I declare that I am 16 or 17 years of age and I have removed myself from the care and control of my parents and/or legal guardians. I am living independently from my parents and/or legal guardians and I have an independent source of income. With regards to my education at the Lambton Kent District School Board, I recognize that by declaring myself withdrawn from the control of my parents and/or legal guardians, I am now solely responsible for all matters relating to my education. I will be making all decisions relating to my education on my own behalf.

Signature

Date

FOR BOARD USE ONLY:

Income verified by:

Address verified by:

Copy - Area Superintendent