



NOTICE OF RIGHT TO INSPECT PUBLIC RECORDS

By law, under the Inspection of Public Records Act, every person has the right to inspect public records of Rio Rancho Public Schools. Compliance with requests to inspect public records is an integral part of the routine duties of the officers and employees of the school district.

Procedures for Requesting Inspection: Requests to inspect public records should be submitted to the district's Records Custodian:

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A person desiring to inspect public records may submit a request to the records custodian orally or in writing. However, the procedures and penalties prescribed by the Act apply only to written requests. A written request must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the person making the request. Written requests may be submitted in person or sent via US mail, email or facsimile. The request must describe the records sought in sufficient detail to enable the Records Custodian to identify and locate the requested records.

The Records Custodian must permit inspection immediately or as soon as practicable, but no later than 15 calendar days after the Records Custodian receives the inspection request. If inspection is not permitted within three business days, the person making the request will receive a written response explaining when the records will be available for inspection or when the public body will respond to the request. If any of the records sought are not available for public inspection, the person making the request is entitled to a written response from the Records Custodian explaining the reasons inspection has been denied. The written denial shall be delivered or mailed within 15 calendar days after the records custodian received the request for inspection.

Procedures for Requesting Copies and Fees: If a person requesting inspection would like a copy of a public record, a reasonable fee may be charged. The fee for printed documents 11 inches by 17 inches or smaller is \$0.40 per page. The fee for downloading copies of public records to a computer disk or storage device is the actual cost to download. If a person requests that a copy of a public record be transmitted by mail, email or facsimile, a fee representing the actual cost may be charged. The fee must be paid in advance, before the copies are made. A receipt indicating that the fees have been paid will be provided upon request to the person requesting the copies.

In order to protect the integrity of its records, all copies must be made by the Records Custodian or designee using district-owned equipment. RRPS does not permit members of the public to "borrow," copy, and then return public records to the district.