

Collecting Social Security Numbers

Florida Statute 1008.386 says, "Each district school board shall request that each student enrolled in a public school in this state provide his or her social security number." In accordance with law, the school district uses confidential social security information for a number of important reasons like making accurate student identification, for college transcripts, and other legitimate state and federal educational programs, including but not limited to free and reduced lunch programs, health department programs, Medicaid/Medicare, grants, and financial aid opportunities.

Presenting a student's social security card or a copy of the card to school enrollment officials satisfies this request. To protect students' identification, the school district takes reasonable and appropriate steps to secure social security numbers from unauthorized access and unlawful release to unauthorized parties.

A student is not required to provide his or her social security number as a condition for enrollment or graduation.