



Save for College Program Opt-Out Notice and Form for Parents and Guardians

OFFICE NOTE: FOR KINDERGARTENERS [11/1/2021]

Dear Parent/Guardian

The NYC Department of Education (“DOE”) has partnered with the nonprofit NYC Kids RISE, Inc. on the NYC Kids RISE Save for College Program (“Program”). This free program provides qualifying students with money for qualified college and career training costs. NYC Kids RISE allocates \$100 for each student in the Program in a “Scholarship Account”. Subject to funding, the City of New York and DOE are expanding the Program this year and your child’s school will be included. For more information, visit <http://nyckidsrise.org>.

This notice contains important information about how to either automatically accept your child’s inclusion in the Scholarship Account for the Program, or take action to opt-out. A federal law called the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act stops the DOE from sharing a student’s personally identifiable information without permission. However, unless you tell us not to, the DOE can share some details about you and your child. These details are called “Directory Information.” **To participate in this Program, both NYC Kids RISE and a company called VistaShare need your child’s Directory Information.** Directory Information includes:

- A student identification number unique to the program
- Full name
- Birthdate
- Home address
- Whether the home address changes
- Home phone number
- School name
- Current grade level
- Language(s) spoken at home
- Transfers made to other schools, if any, both inside and outside the NYC public school system

They also need the following adult information for up to two parents/guardians per student:

- Parent identification numbers unique to the program
- Full name
- Email address
- Cell and/or other phone number

NYC Kids RISE works with VistaShare to store participant information, manage an online portal, and provide technical support. NYC Kids RISE and VistaShare are only allowed to use or share this Directory Information to run and evaluate the Program. They are not allowed to sell, use, or share Directory Information for any advertising, marketing, or other commercial purposes.

What options do you have?

1. **DO NOTHING if you want your student to join the Save for College Program and \$100 will be allocated for your child in a Scholarship Account.**
2. Fill out the form on the next page if you **DO NOT** want to share your child’s Directory Information. This means your child will not participate and will not receive an account. Return this form to your school secretary by **12/23/2021**. Please speak to your school Parent Coordinator if you have any questions about this form.

Do you have questions about the Program? Call the NYC Kids RISE Hotline at 833-543-7473 or email the DOE at SavingTogether@schools.nyc.gov.

OFFICE NOTE: Keep all returned Opt-Out Notices in the student’s Cumulative Folder indefinitely.
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Save for College Program Opt-Out Form

Only complete and sign this form if you do not want your student to participate. Return to your school secretary by 12/23/2021.

As my child's parent/guardian, I **DO NOT WANT** my child's Directory Information to be shared. I **UNDERSTAND** that by withholding this Directory Information, no money for my child will be included in a Scholarship Account and my child **WILL NOT** receive any Scholarship Account money.

Student First Name:	Student Last Name:
School Name:	Student's Official Class: Official Grade Level:
Parent/Guardian Printed Name:	Signature:
Date:	