

## Changes to Student Educational Record and Use of Student Nicknames



**Summary:** Florida's State Board of Education approved an amendment to **6A- 1.0955** directing school districts to develop a procedure for parents to authorize the use of any deviation from the child's legal name in school.

**What does this mean for my student?** In accordance with this amendment, parents or legal guardians of any HCSD student must approve the use of a nickname, or any name different from that on the student's birth certificate. For example, a student whose legal name is Jonathan, could not be referred to as "Johnny" by school personnel without parent authorization.

Parents of transgender students may authorize staff to use a name that differs from the student's legal name. However, while the teacher and other personnel would utilize a different name for the student when requested by the parent, under the recently adopted **House Bill 1069**, the teacher or other personnel may elect not to utilize the pronoun "she/her" when referring to the student.

**What do I need to do?** Parents wishing to authorize the use of any name other than the child's legal name, can access Skyward's Family Access and indicate the nickname of your student by looking for the "Other Name" field. Parents may also contact the school's registrar for any help with updating information in Skyward.