

Student Educational Records

FERPA Notice of Designation of Directory Information

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that _____ School District, with certain exceptions, obtains your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, _____ School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the _____ School District to include this type of information from your child's educational records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want _____ School District to disclose directory information from your child's educational records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by _____ (date). _____ School District has designated the following information as directory information:

[THE FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED INCLUSIONS. IF A DISTRICT WISHES TO ADD OR DELETE, IT SHOULD CONSULT WITH ITS LEGAL COUNSEL.]

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| ▪ Student's name | ▪ Grade Level |
| ▪ Address | ▪ Participation in officially recognized activities and sports |
| ▪ Telephone listing | ▪ Weight and height of members of athletic teams |
| ▪ Photograph | ▪ Degrees, honors and awards received |
| ▪ Date and place of birth | |
| ▪ Dates of attendance | |

_____ School District
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