

**STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION  
ANNUAL NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**



The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), a federal law, requires that the School District of Greenville County ("District"), with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records.

However, the District may disclose designated "directory information" about your child without your written consent UNLESS you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The District has designated the following information as "directory information":

- student's name
- school
- participation in recognized activities and sports
- weight and height of members of athletic teams
- degrees, honors, and awards received
- dates of enrollment
- grade level
- photographs and videotape of students participating in District and/or school events (excludes District surveillance and bus video)

The primary purpose of directory information is to allow your child's school and/or the District to include this information about your child in school publications. Examples of such uses include: a program showing your student's role in a drama production, yearbook, honor roll or other recognition list, graduation programs, and sports activity sheets and rosters, newsletters, school and District websites or social media sites, newspaper articles, as well as television and radio broadcasts.

In addition, directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can be released 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.

Also, two federal laws require school districts to provide military recruiters and institutions of higher education, upon request, with three directory information categories – high school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the school that they do not want their child's information disclosed without prior written consent.

**If you do NOT want The School District of Greenville County to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must either 1) notify your child's school in writing or 2) complete an opt-out form located at the student's school by Sept. 18, 2017. Only a parent/legal guardian or eligible student (18 years of age or older) can choose not to have directory information released.**

**Please note that you must notify your school EACH year if you do NOT want directory information released. You cannot choose what student directory information to release. However, you can specifically choose to exclude military recruiters and institutions of higher education from receiving a student's directory information.**