

STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION – USE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*, a Federal law, requires that the Waterloo Community School District (WCSD), with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the WCSD 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 all the WCSD to include this type of information from your child's education 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 Act of 1965 (ESEA)* to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information: names, addresses, and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without prior written consent.¹

If you do not want the WCSD to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing within two weeks of enrollment or by the second Friday in September of the current school year. The Waterloo Community School District has designated the following as directory information:

- Student's name
- Address
- Telephone number
- Grade level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- Photograph and other likeness in still pictures or videotape

¹These laws are: Section 9528 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 7908) and 10 U.S.C. § 503(c).

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