

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that the Faith School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the Faith 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 Faith School District 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/guardian's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks.

If you do not want the Faith School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by the first day of school. The Faith School District has designated the following information as directory information:

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| -Student's Name | -Participation in officially |
| -Address | 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 | - The most recent educational agency or institution |
| -Major field of study | attended |
| -Dates of attendance | |
| -Grade level | |

Two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents/guardians have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.¹

The Faith School routinely discloses names, addresses, and telephone numbers of students to military recruiters upon request. The parent/guardian or eligible student may opt out of the public nonconsensual disclosure of directory information to military recruiters by filing form JOA-E at the School Administration Office prior to the first day of school.

Parent/Guardians have the right to report violations of the FERPA by the school district to the Department of Education.

Copies of the policy regarding student records, directory information, recruitment and compliance under FERPA can be secured from the school web site or may be obtained at the superintendent's office.

¹These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (P.L. 107-110), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002* (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces.