

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that the Dell Rapids School District, with certain exceptions, obtain written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the Dell Rapids 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 Dell Rapids School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications.

Examples may include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production
- The annual yearbook
- Honor roll or other recognition lists
- Graduation programs
- 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 education 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 have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent. If you do not want the Dell Rapids School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the building principal in writing by September 1st of each year. The Dell Rapids School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's Name
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Date and place of Birth
- Grade Level
- Email Address
- Dates of Attendance
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight & height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended
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