

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires that Montgomery County Public Schools obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Montgomery County Public Schools may disclose appropriately designated directory information without written consent, unless you have opted out using the form below. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow Montgomery County Public Schools to include this type of information in certain school publications, such as

- School publications such as yearbooks and newspapers
- Articles about school activities and athletic events
- News of performances, school activities and athletic events
- Extracurricular and athletic programs
- Class lists and graduation lists
- Lists of those receiving honors, awards, scholarships

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, federal law requires that Montgomery County Public Schools provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless a parent has opted out using the form below.

Directory Information may include the following:

- Student's name
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Photos or videos of performances, school activities and athletic events
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended

DIRECTORY INFORMATION CONSENT FORM

Please check the appropriate box above to indicate your preference for release of directory information pertaining to your child. You may change your preference at any time by submitting a written request to the school office. Your child's school principal can answer any questions regarding FERPA and consent. This form must be submitted to the school by September 1, 2011.

- A. I consent to the release of the above directory information about the student named below.
- B. I **do not** consent to the release of the above directory information about the student named below, except as authorized by law.
- C. (Grades 9-12 only) I consent to the release of the above directory information about the student named below **except** information about this student may **not** be released to the military.

Student's Name: _____ [OTHER IDENTIFIER]: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____