



Jackson Public Schools
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
Annual Notice for Directory Information

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Jackson Public Schools (JPS), with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, JPS may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised JPS to the contrary in accordance with JPS procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow JPS to include 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 Education Act of 1965, as amended (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 their prior written consent. [Note: These laws are Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. § 7908) and 10 U.S.C. § 503(c).]

If you do not want JPS to disclose any or all of the types of information designated below as directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the school in writing by September 15. JPS has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Major field of study
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Dates of attendance
- Date of graduation
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- School photographs or videos of students participating in school activities, events or programs