

FERPA Opt-Out Letter

County Schools

Parents and guardians have the right to opt-out of sharing directory information. Schools use directory information to publish items such as yearbooks, honor roll, newsletters, and graduation announcements. This also includes information about opportunities for scholarship programs and colleges to be sent to you.

Directory information may include a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, participation in officially recognized activities and sports. A school may disclose directory information to third parties, for non-commercial use only. Schools will **never** sell information to third parties for commercial purposes. Directory information will only be used for official purposes and to colleges and universities if you so choose.

Federal law requires schools to release a secondary student's name, address, and phone number to military recruiters and institutions of higher education unless the student or his parent requests in writing that such information be withheld. In addition, the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA) gives parents (or students, if 18 years of age or older) the authority to prohibit schools from disclosing any or all directory information by providing notification in writing. More information about your FERPA rights may be viewed at: <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>

Please provide an answer to the following required question(s). If this form is not returned, students will not be removed from sharing directory information.

Question 1: Do you grant permission to allow directory information to be shared for non-commercial purposes?

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Yes, I give my permission for my student's directory information to be shared.

No, I do not give my permission for my student's directory information to be shared.

Question 2: Do you grant permission for your student's contact information to be provided to the US Military for the sole purpose of informing students of potential career opportunities?

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Yes, I give my permission for my student's information to be shared with the US Military.

No, I do not give my permission for my student's information to be shared with the US Military.

In order to inform you and your student about educational and scholarship opportunities, North Carolina public and private colleges may request from the Department of Public Instruction your student's contact information (name, home address, home phone number).

Question 3: Do you grant permission to share information with NC Public and Private Colleges?

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Yes, I give my permission for my student's information to be shared with colleges and universities.

No, I do not give my permission for my student's information to be shared with colleges and universities.

Question 4: During the junior year of high school, students take the state-administered nationally-recognized college readiness assessment currently the ACT. Do you grant permission to share your student's ACT scores with colleges and universities? The highest score available will be shared.

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Yes, I give my permission for my student's ACT scores to be shared.

No, I do not give my permission for my student's ACT scores to be shared.

Student Name: _____
(Please Print)

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____
(Please Print)

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian/Student (if 18 or older)

Date

It is the policy of the [REDACTED] County Public School System not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status in its educational programs, activities or employment policies.