

Community Relations

Media Access to Students

The Board of Trustees recognizes the important role the media serves in reporting information about The Woodstock Academy's program, services and activities.

The Head of School or his/her designee shall be authorized to grant permission and set parameters for media access to students at The Woodstock Academy. The media may interview and photograph students involved in instructional programs and school activities including athletic events provided their presence will not be unduly disruptive and shall comply with Board of Trustee policies.

Media representatives shall be required to report to the Head of School or his/her designee for prior approval before accessing students involved in instructional programs and activities not attended by the general public.

Parents who do not want their student interviewed, photographed or videotaped by the media shall inform the Head of School or his/her designee accordingly by following the "opt-out" procedures.

The Head of School or his/her designee may release student information to the media only in accordance with applicable provisions of the education records law and Board of Trustee policies governing directory information and personally identifiable information.

Parents will be advised of The Academy's media access to students' policy at the time of the student's registration and each fall in the student/parent handbook.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-213 Access to public records. Exempt records.

10-209 Records not to be public.

Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Sec. 438, 20 U.S.C. Sec 1232g (1988).

Title I - Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Act. (PL 105-17)

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