

Davidson County Schools

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- Student’s name;
- Address;
- Telephone listing;
- Date and place of birth;
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports;
- Weight and height of members of athletic team;
- Dates of attendance;
- Diplomas, certification and awards received;
- Most recent previous school or education at institution attended by the student;
- Pictures or videos taken by school officials or personnel on school grounds, in school buildings and at school activities unless the picture or video may reveal confidential information about a student;
- Intellectual property such as writings, art, creations and productions, including electronic.

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