



Tumwater School District

Directory Information Opt Out Form 2026-27 School Year

Tumwater School District will release student "Directory Information" for school-related purposes unless you notify your student's school in writing by October 1st of each school year, or within ten (10) days of enrollment after October 1st. If you do not want Directory information about your student released (list of information that may be released is on the next page), please check all the boxes that apply and return the form to your child's school. One form per student is required.

NOTE: If release of information is okay, no action is required

For Students in All Grades

School District Use: DO NOT release my student's visual image or other directory information for Tumwater schools or district use, including publications, websites, school-related social media, or sports team rosters. To opt out, check the box to the right.

Public Use: DO NOT release my student's visual image or directory information to outside agencies for school-related purposes such as school photo services, yearbook companies, graduation announcements, data-sharing with higher education institutions, or parent organizations. To opt out, check the box to the right.

- **IF you checked the box above to opt out of Public Use, but wish for your child's picture and information to be included in the school yearbook, check the box to the right.**

Media Use: DO NOT release my student's visual image or directory information to local newspapers, television stations, social media, or other media outlets for school-related stories or recognition. To opt out, check the box to the right.

ONLY - for High School Students

U.S. Military: The Federal ESSA requires high schools to provide a list of junior and senior student's names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone number to military recruiters. To opt out, check the box to the right. Please note that this does not prohibit the military from gathering information from non-school sources or from having recruiters speak with students while on campus.

OSPI – Institutions of Higher Learning: Senate Bill 5593 outlines requirements for districts to share high school student directory information with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. To opt out, check the box to the right.

If ANY boxes above are checked, please sign and return this form to your child's school.

Student Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



Notice Concerning Release of Student Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that Tumwater School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your student's education records. However, Tumwater School District may disclosure appropriately designated "Directory Information" without written consent, unless you have advised the district to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of "Directory Information" is to allow the district to include this type of information in certain school publications. Examples include:

- The district website, the Open Line, or school publications;
- A playbill showing your student's role in a drama or music production;
- The school yearbook/annual;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs;
- District or school social media posts;
- Sports activity sheets showing weight and height of team members

FERPA authorizes Tumwater School District to release student "Directory Information" for school-related purposes without parental permission **unless you notify your school, in writing, by October 1st or within ten (10) days of enrollment after October 1st** that you do not want such information released to those who request it. The district has defined "Directory Information" through , board policy and procedure #3231:

- Student's name, address, parent email address, and telephone number
- Photograph date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Dates of attendance and grade level
- Degrees and awards received
- Most previous educational agency or institution attended by the student

This type of information is used in school publications such as newsletters, school programs (music, drama, graduation, etc.), sports information sheets, honor roll and/or other recognition lists. During the school year, district personnel will be photographing students for publications, websites, school newsletters, and websites. Requests for directory information also come from the local media. In addition, many school events, activities and concerts will be videotaped for presentation on Tumwater's local cable channel, Channel 26. Parents who do not want their children included should make that request in writing to their school office each year.

Two federal laws require local educational agencies under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with directory information categories: name, email address, address and telephone listing, unless parents have advised the district, in writing, not to release such information. In the fall, all parents of juniors and seniors will receive an informative letter with an "opt out" form to sign and return by October 1st.

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The Tumwater School District will not release any directory information for commercial purposes or for other purposes not related to the conduct of school business.