

STUDENT PERSONNEL

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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION DIRECTORY INFORMATION PUBLIC NOTICE No. 506.2R1

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Johnston Community School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Johnston Community School District may disclose 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 Johnston Community School District to include this type of 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/guardian'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 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents/guardians have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent. Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. § 7908) and 10 U.S.C. § 503(c). A student's directory information may be released to an inquirer, outside the Johnston Community School District, unless the student specifically requests that directory information be withheld. However, FERPA does not require that directory information be released, it is at the discretion of the Johnston Community School District. It is the District's practice to only provide the following directory information to district-sponsored entities or district-associated entities who are organized for the purpose of supporting the district such as the Johnston Community School Foundation and the Dragon Scholarship Fund and not to other third parties.

If you do not want the Johnston Community School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by the first day of school. Johnston Community School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Address
- Telephone listing

- Email address
- Photograph
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended
- Student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used to communicate in electronic systems that cannot be used to access education records without a PIN, password, etc. (A student's SSN, in whole or in part, cannot be used for this purpose.)

Reference: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99)

Legal Reference:

20 U.S.C. §1232g.

45 C.F.R. 99, 99.31(b)

Iowa Code Chap. 22 (1989).

670 Iowa Admin. Code 3.3 (12).

281 Iowa Admin. Code 12.3 (6) (new standards).

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