



Independence Community School District

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Student Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Independence Community School District, with certain exceptions, obtain written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the Independence 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 Independence 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;
- PTO student directory;
- 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 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 receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories: name, address and telephone listing, unless parents have advised the Independence Community School District that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

The Independence Community School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- name;
- grade level;
- participation in officially recognized activities and sports;
- degrees and awards received;
- enrollment status;
- weight and height of members of athletic teams and
- photograph and other likeness and other similar information.

If you do not want the Independence 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 September 30 of each school year.

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