

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

NOTICE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Rossville Consolidated School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Rossville Consolidated 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 Rossville Consolidated School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- The annual yearbook;
- Graduation programs;
- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production; 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 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 recruiter, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want Rossville Consolidated 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 15. Rossville Consolidated School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Date of birth
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Telephone number
- Address
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- Major field of study
- Gender
- The most recent previous school attended
- Electronic Mail Address
- Photograph or Videotape not used in a disciplinary manner
- Student work displayed at the discretion of the teacher with no grade displayed