



Bellefonte Area School District

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DIRECTORY INFORMATION NOTICE

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

- A playbill, showing your child's role in a drama/music production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing the 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 recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses, and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their child's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want the Bellefonte Area School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the principal of your child's building in writing by **September 21, 2012**. The Bellefonte Area School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Address
- Telephone Listing
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended