

Annual Notice of FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education record. They are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading or in violation of the student's privacy rights. Parents or eligible students may ask the District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, AEA employees, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee or student team or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
4. The right to inform the District that the parent does not want directory information, as defined below, to be released. Any student over the age of eighteen or parent not wanting this information released to the public must make objection in writing by the start of each school year (or within ten days of enrolling in the District if a student enters after the start of the school year) to the principal. The objection needs to be renewed annually.

STUDENT'S NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER; NAMES, ADDRESSES, EMAIL ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS; DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH; MAJOR FIELDS OF STUDY; PARTICIPATION IN OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS; WEIGHT AND HEIGHT OF MEM-

BERS OF ATHLETIC TEAMS; DATES OF ATTENDANCE IN THE DISTRICT; DEGREES AND AWARDS RECEIVED; THE MOST RECENT PREVIOUS SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION ATTENDED BY THE STUDENT; PHOTOGRAPH AND LIKENESS; AND OTHER SIMILAR INFORMATION.

5. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

The District may, prior to adjudication, without parental consent or court order, share any information with juvenile justice agencies contained in a student's permanent record which is directly related to the juvenile justice system's ability to effectively serve the student. Information contained in a student's permanent record may be disclosed by the District to juvenile justice agencies after adjudication only with parental consent or a court order. Information shared shall be used solely for determining the programs and services appropriate to the need of the student or student's family or coordinating the delivery of programs and services to the student or student's family. Information shared is not admissible in any court proceedings which take place prior to a disposition hearing, unless written consent is obtained from a student's parent, guardian, or legal or actual custodian. The agreement with the juvenile justice agency only governs the District's ability to share information and the purpose for which that information can be used. The purpose for the sharing of information prior to a student's adjudication is to improve school safety, reduce alcohol and illegal drug use, reduce truancy, reduce in-school and out-of-school suspensions, and to support alternatives to in-school and out-of-school suspensions and expulsions which provide structured and well supervised educational programs supplemented by coordinated and appropriate services designed to correct behaviors that lead to truancy, suspension, and expulsions and to support students in successfully completing their education. The juvenile justice agency requesting the information will contact the principal of the building in which the student is currently enrolled or was enrolled. The principal will forward the records within 10 business days of the request. Confidential information shared between the agency and the District shall remain confidential and shall not be shared with any other person, unless otherwise provided by law.

RELEASE OF STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Ballard Community School District has adopted a policy designed to assure parents and students the full implementation, protection and enjoyment of their rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. A copy of the District's policy is available for review in the office of the board secretary, the superintendent and of the principals of all of our schools.

This law requires the District to designate as "directory information" any personally identifiable information taken from a student's educational records which it will make available to the public without the parents' or students' prior consent.

The District has designated the following information as directory information: student's name, address and telephone number; the parents' names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers; date and place of birth; enrollment status, grade level and fields of study; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; dates of attendance and building attended in the District; degrees, honors, and awards received; the most recent previous educational institution attended by the student; photographs and other likenesses and other similar information. You have the right to refuse the designation of any or all of the categories of personally identifiable information as directory information with respect to your student provided that you notify the District in writing not later than the start of the school year (or within 10 days of enrolling in the District if a student enters after the start of the school year). If you desire to make such a refusal, please complete and return the slip attached to this notice.

If you have no objection to the use of student information, you do not need to take any action.

RETURN THIS FORM

Ballard Community School District Parental Directions to Withhold Student
Directory Information for _____ - _____ school year.

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Do not make any directory information available: _____

Do not make the following directory information available:

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian/Custodian of Student

Date

Signature of Student 18 years of age or older

Date

Additional forms are available at the school.

Form Revised: January 10, 2006