

FAMILY RIGHTS TO PRIVACY AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 requires that a school district inform parents whenever information on a student is released by the school district unless the information is defined as "Directory" information. Directory information may be published by the school district in school yearbooks, school bulletins and newsletters, school athletic programs, or school information sheets. In addition, any individual may receive this information under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Van Buren Public Schools has identified the following as directory information which can be released to the public: student name, address, telephone number to college and military recruiters, photograph, weight and height of members of athletic teams, participation or eligibility for officially recognized activities and sports, grade placement, and honors and awards received.

This information is released without prior written consent of the parent, guardian, or adult student (age 18). This notice is to inform parents in the school district of the information which is considered Directory information and to provide the parent, guardian, or adult student the opportunity to request that specific information about the student is withheld. Any parent/guardian wishing to deny the release of Directory information concerning their child should contact the Superintendent's Office at (734) 697-9123 ext. 1010 for the specific forms required.