

NOTICE FOR DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that Alleghany Highlands Public Schools, with certain exceptions, obtain the parent's written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the child's educational records. However, Alleghany Highlands Public Schools may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless the parent has advised the school to the contrary. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow Alleghany Highlands Public Schools to include this type information from the student's educational records in certain school related publications.

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, federal law requires Alleghany Highlands Public Schools to provide military recruiters, upon request, names, addresses, and telephone listings, unless the parent has provided written notice that they do not want their child's information disclosed.

If a parent does not want Alleghany Highlands Public Schools to disclose directory information from the child's educational records without prior written consent, the parent must notify the school principal in writing at the beginning of each school year.

No school disclosed the address, telephone number, or email address of a student pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 99.31(a)(11) or the Virginia Freedom of Information Act unless the parent or eligible student affirmatively consents in writing to such disclosure.

Alleghany Highlands Public Schools have designated the following as directory information:

1. Student names;
2. Gender;
3. Date and place of birth;
4. Participation in officially recognized activities;
5. Weight and height of members of athletic teams;
6. Photograph;
7. Degrees, honors, and awards;
8. Grade level;
9. Dates of attendance; and
10. Enrollment Status.

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