

Bernards Township School District
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
Annual Notice for Disclosure of School Directory Information
High School

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that requires the school district, with certain exceptions, to obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's educational records. However, the school may disclose some student information without written consent when the information is designated "Directory Information" unless you have advised the district to the contrary in accordance with district procedures.

The primary use for Directory Information by the district is to include this type of information in certain school publications. It is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. Examples of school publications are:

- a playbill or program, showing your child's role in a drama or music production
- the annual yearbook
- honor roll or other recognition lists published at school or in newspapers
- graduation programs
- sports statistics listed in programs, such as football which may include height and weight of team members.
- school or district website

Directory Information can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to:

- other schools the student is seeking to attend (transcripts, etc.)
- class ring manufacturers
- state or federal authorities auditing, evaluating programs or enforcing state or federal laws
- a court by order of a subpoena

The school district has designated the following as Directory Information:

Student name	Degrees, honors and awards received	Major field of study	Grade level
Address	Most recent educational agency or institution attended	Dates of attendance	
Telephone number	Participation in school-sponsored activities and sports	Photograph	
Email address	Weight and height of members of athletic teams	Date and place of birth	

Two federal laws require school districts that receive assistance under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three Directory Information categories - names, addresses, and telephone listings - unless parents have notified the district that they do not want their child's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want the district to disclose Directory Information about your child without your prior written consent, you must notify the district in writing by 09/15. Please complete the lower portion of this form and return the entire form to your child's school if you do not want your child's directory information disclosed.

_____ Mr. Frank Howlett _____
 Name
 _____ 908-204-2585 X 136 _____
 Telephone Number

_____ Principal Ridge High School _____
 Title
 _____ fhowlett@bernardsboe.com _____
 Email Address

Parent: ONLY complete and return this entire form IF you DO NOT give your consent for release of School Directory Information. Use a separate form for each child and return it to their school.

I **do not** want my child's Directory Information disclosed and request one of the following:

- Do not release my secondary student's directory information at any time.
- Do not release my secondary student's directory information without my prior written consent.

Name of Student: _____ School: _____ Date: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____