



Information for Parents on the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects the privacy of student education records and gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he/she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond high school at any age (eligible student). FERPA also authorizes Lexington/Richland Five to release students' "directory information" to individuals who request that information.

According to school board policy JRA, Public Use of School Records, directory information regarding students will be handled in a manner consistent with FERPA. The policy defines directory information as a student's name, photograph, grade level, school to which he/she is assigned, years of attendance at that school, awards received, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and weight and height of athletic team members.

In addition, the No Child Left Behind stipulates that local high schools must provide military recruiters or an institution of higher education access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. A secondary school student or the parent of the student may request that the student's name, address, and telephone listing not be released without prior written parental consent, and the local educational agency or private school shall notify parents of the option to make a request and shall comply with any request.

If you do not wish to have directory information about your child released or if you prefer that your child's name, address, and telephone listing not be released without prior written parental consent please notify the school in writing no later than 30 days after the first day of school.