

2017-2018 Release of Student Data for Northland Community Schools

According to the Minnesota Data Practices Act and the Federal Family Educational Right and Privacy Act (FERPA), student directory information is public unless a parent requests that the information not be released. This year parents who **do not want their child's data released for the 2017-18 school year**, must **notify their child's school, in writing, by September 15th 2017**. This annual notification from the district and schools for the opt-out is announced each fall. When asked, you will need to update your child's information for the following school year. Annually, parents can choose to opt-out of either or both of the two categories listed below. If you have questions, you may contact the school your child attends.

1. Student Directory Information

Parents may choose to opt-out of release of all student directory information, or they may select specific areas to not have the data released. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow NCS to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Playbills showing your student's role in a drama production
- Yearbook
- Honor Roll or other recognition lists
- Graduation Programs
- Sports/Activity Programs

Special NOTE: By opting out of the student name portion of the student information (seen below), you will be opting out of such examples as those listed above (yearbook, programs, Honor Roll, etc.).

Student Information

- Name
- Address
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Participation in officially Recognized activities and sports
- Grade level completed
- Enrollment Status (i.e. Full-Time or Part-Time)
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Dates of attendance (e.g. Student attended NHS from Sept. 2000-05)
- Degrees and awards received
- Most recent previous educational agency or institution attended

Parent(s) Information

- Name
- Address
- Telephone number

2. Photos/Video Transmissions

Throughout the year, photographs and video are taken in classrooms and at school activities that happen during the school day. Photos or videos may be used in some of the following examples, but are not limited to:

- District publications (The Eagle, calendar, etc.)
- Yearbooks
- School newsletters/newspapers
- Local/area newspapers
- Other educational organizations
- Cable access channel(s)
- Website
- Photo classroom composite page (included in picture day packets)

****Photos can be published on the district website with the student's name. Unless you have opted out of your child's name being released as a part of the student directory information section above, it can be used online.**

Special NOTE: By opting out of photos/video transmissions you will be opting out of ALL items listed above. Also note that the district is not responsible for (has no control of) photos/video, taken by the public, at school public events (such as basketball games or homecoming coronation), which are published in newspapers or aired for viewing on cable or the web.

(Complete this form ONLY if you are opting out of one or more of the categories listed)

Release of Student Data Opt-Out for the 2017-2018 School Year

***Only complete and return if you are opting out of one or both of the categories. You have not opted out of any information if you only sign and return the form.**

A parent/guardian must complete and return this form by **September 15th 2017, ONLY** if you choose to opt-out of any of the categories outlined on the other side of this page. This form must be completed for each child you wish to opt-out of any section and returned to the school he/she will attend for that school year. If you need additional forms, you can make a copy or contact your child's school. It is understood that if the form is not completed, you are accepting the district's policy of the dissemination of student information.

Student Name (*Please Print Clearly*): _____

School Attending in 2017-2018: _____

Grade Level in 2017-2018: _____

Check one, two or three of the following (if applicable):

_____ I choose to opt-out of, **ALL Student Directory Information.**

_____ I choose to opt-out of, **the following portions of the Student Directory Information** (*Please print clearly*):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

_____ I choose to opt-out of, **Photos/Video Transmissions**

Parent/Guardian Name (*Please Print Clearly*): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this completed form to your child's school of attendance for the 2017-2018 school year.