

Blaine School District No. 503

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Annual Opt Out Form – Use of Student Information Release of Photograph and Directory Information 2017-18 School Year

Student Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Most information about our students is confidential and cannot be made public without having consent of parents/guardians. Under the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a school district may release "directory information" about a student to certain specified entities unless a parent/guardian files this written objection form with the school office. *This form must be completed **each year** if you do **not** want your student's photo or directory information released.*

During the school year, students may be photographed or videotaped during classroom activities or special programs, with the pictures used in the local newspaper, district newsletter and District Webpage. The caption used with the photo may identify the student's name, school and grade. Photographs may also be used throughout the school year in education-related publicity. Directory information may be released to the media, colleges and universities, the military, or other entities specified under FERPA. **Directory information is NOT released for commercial purposes.**

The Blaine School District identifies directory information as student photograph or video image, student name, address and listed telephone number(s), parent/guardian name(s), date and place of student's birth, dates of attendance, diplomas and awards received, most recent previous school attended, major field of study, post-high school career plans, participation in officially recognized activities and/or sports, weight/height of members of athletic teams, other similar information that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Student work may also be published or released unless the parent or guardian has objected below. *If this completed form is not returned, permission to release photos and/or directory information will be assumed. Please use one form per student.*

If you **DO NOT** want your child's directory information and/or student work to be published or released, please mark the category(ies) below for which you object to its release. Sign and date below and turn this form in to the office at your child's school:

- Military** – all branches of military service (e.g. student info will not go to recruiters)
- Higher Education** – colleges, technical and trade schools (e.g. transcripts will not be sent to colleges)
- Public:** Broad Public Audience Beyond School Families – including but not limited to newspapers and other media, other agencies' publications (e.g. student achievements will not be celebrated in the newspaper)
- District:** Blaine School District Internal Use Only – including but not limited to programs, articles, parent organizations, district print or electronic newsletters/websites (e.g. student achievements will not be included in district publications)
- Local:** School Families are the primary audience, but accessible by general public – including but not limited to yearbooks, rosters, programs, newsletters to school families, Family Handbook, vendors selected by District/School for events and activities (e.g. photographers, trip organizers, alumni assoc.)

By my signature below, I verify my understanding of the following:

- Checking the "District" or "Local" category may result in my student not being included in photos of class/school activities or for recognition of academic/athletic achievements, as well as class/yearbook photos.
- I understand that this objection expires on August 31, 2018 and must be renewed each school year.

Signature of parent/guardian (or signature of student if 18 years of age or older)

Date

Printed Name of parent/guardian (or student if 18 years of age or older)

Phone#