

Blaine School District No. 503

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Annual Opt Out Form Release of Photograph and Directory Information 2016-17 School Year

*This form must be completed **each year** if you do **not** want your student's photo or directory information released to specific groups. If this completed form is not returned, permission to release photos and/or directory information will be assumed. Please use one form per student.*

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

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 any party with a similar level of interest.

According to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, directory information can be made public without the consent of parents/guardians. However, families have the right to restrict the release of directory information to certain groups. The consequences of not having photos released for school district use include: a student not being included in photos of class/school activities; not being photographed for recognition of academic/athletic achievements; not being included in class/yearbook photos.

If you do not want your student's directory information released to one or more of the following groups, check the appropriate group(s) below and return this signed Opt Out Form to your student's school. The Opt Out request must be renewed annually.

I do NOT want my child's student directory information released to the groups checked below:

- Public** – including, but not limited to, vendors, newspapers and other media (e.g. student achievements will not be celebrated in the newspaper)
- Higher Education** – institutions of higher education (e.g. transcripts will not be sent to colleges)
- Military** – all branches of military service (e.g. student info will not go to recruiters)
- District** – distribution within Blaine School District including, but not limited to, programs, articles, parent organizations, district/school print or electronic newsletters/websites (e.g. student achievements will not be included in district newsletters/websites)
- Local** – distribution within student's school (e.g. student will not be in school yearbook)

Student Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

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#