

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ([FERPA](#)) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student educational records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

FERPA currently allows schools to designate and disclose without consent items of information as "directory information." The Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) [Board Rule 6Gx13- 5B-1.07](#) defines "directory information" as the following: student information: name, address, telephone number if it is listed, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees and awards received, and most recent previous educational agency or institution attended.

Congress passed a provision in the [No Child Left Behind Act](#) that addresses the disclosure of directory-type information to military recruiters. It is the policy of M-DCPS to provide annual notification to parents and eligible student of their rights regarding student educational records and the release of directory information. Directory information may be released without consent unless a parent or eligible student has notified M-DCPS in writing that they do not wish the information released. The Directory Information Opt-Out Form may be used at any time during the school year for this purpose. Parents should return the completed form to their child's school.

For more information about how to opt out of providing directory information to military recruiters, contact your home school, and complete an opt-out form.

Click on the links below to view:

- Annual parent notification letter ([English](#)) ([Español](#)) ([An Krevol](#))
- Opt-Out Form ([English](#)) ([Español](#)) ([An Krevol](#))

