

Directory Information

Directory information or class lists of student names and/or addresses, and telephone lists shall not be distributed without the consent of the parent or legal guardian of the student or by the student who has attained status as an eligible student. (*An eligible student is a student or former student who has reached eighteen years of age or who is attending an institution of post-secondary education or is an emancipated minor.*)

“Directory information” means one or more of the following items: student’s name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field(s) of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, photographic, computer and/or video images, grade levels, electronic mail address, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, including honor roll publication, and the most recent previous public or private school attended by the student, parent’s name and/or e-mail address.

A student’s Social Security Number or student ID number is prohibited from designation as directory information. However, student ID numbers, user ID, or other electronic personal identifiers used by a student to access or communicate in electronic systems may be disclosed only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticates the user’s identity such as a personal identification number (PIN), password or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user.

Military recruiters or institutions of higher learning shall have access to secondary school students’ names, addresses, and telephone listings unless a secondary student or the parent of the student requests that such information not be released without prior written parental consent. The EASTCONN Board of Directors shall notify parents of the option to make such a request and shall comply with any request received.

Any person or organization denied the rights accorded under this policy shall have the right to request a review of the decision by the EASTCONN Board of Directors by filing a written request with the Executive Director of EASTCONN.

Public Notice

EASTCONN will give annual public notice to parents/guardians of students in attendance and students eighteen years of age or emancipated. The notice shall identify the types of information considered to be directory information, EASTCONN’s option to release such information and the requirement that EASTCONN must, by law, release secondary students’ names, addresses and telephone numbers to military recruiters and/or institutions of higher education, unless parents/guardians or eligible students request that EASTCONN withhold this information. Such notice will be given prior to the release of directory information.

A student ID number or other unique personal identifier that is displayed on a student ID badge may be considered as directory information only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticates the user's identity, such as a PIN, password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user.

Exclusions

Exclusions from any or all directory categories named as directory information or release of information to military recruiters and/or institutions of higher education must be submitted in writing to the Principal by the parent/guardian, student of eighteen years of age or emancipated student with fifteen days of the annual public notice.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records; Confidentiality)

Note: *EASTCONN may adopt and implement a limited directory information policy that allows for the disclosure of directory information to specific parties, for specific purposes, or both. Such a policy must be specified in the public notice to parents/guardians and eligible students. The Agency must then limit directory information disclosures to those specified in the public notice. See version #2 of this policy for an example.)*

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-210 (11) Access to public records. Exempt records.

10-221b Boards of education to establish written uniform policy re treatment of recruiters.

Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (section 438 of the General Education Act, as amended, added by section 513 of P.L. 93-568, codified at 20 U.S.C. 1232g and Final Rule 34 CFR Part 99, December 9, 2008 and December 2, 2011.)

P.L. 106-398, 2000 H.R. 4205: The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001.

P.L. 107-110 "No Child Left Behind Act" Title IX, Sec. 9528.

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