

## FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that the Stewartville Public Schools, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Stewartville Public Schools may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow Stewartville Public Schools to include this type of information from

your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity rosters, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, Federal law requires local education agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with 3 directory information categories - names, addresses, and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want Stewartville Public Schools to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing. Stewartville Community Schools has designated the following information as directory information under Policy #515: Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records.

- Student's name
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Photograph
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- Most recent educational agency or institution attended
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It does not include personally identifiable data which references religion, race, color, social position or nationality.