

## **STUDENT PROGRESS**

### **7241 STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

Directory information is information contained in an education record of a student that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed.

The District shall publish an annual public notice informing parents or eligible students (i.e., a student eighteen (18) years of age or older or who is attending an institution of post-secondary education) of the District's definition of directory information, the parent/eligible student's right to refuse the release of student directory information and indication of the time period for their response. Following such public notice and a reasonable response period, the District may release such information to an outside group without individual consent.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) defines student directory information as any of the items as indicated in the following list. The Amherst Central School District will release the following defined directory information\* as checked below:

- name
- address
- telephone listing
- date and place of birth
- major field of study
- grade level
- participation in sports and activities
- weight and height (for members of athletic teams)
- dates of attendance
- honors, degrees and awards
- e-mail address
- photograph

name of educational institution previously attended

Directory information **does not** include:

- a) A student's social security number; or
- b) A student's identification (ID) number, except as provided below.

Directory information includes a student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used by the student for purposes of accessing or communicating in electronic systems, or that is displayed on a student ID card or badge, but only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a personal identification number (PIN), password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user. Parents and eligible students may not, by opting out of disclosure of directory information, prevent a school from requiring a student to wear or present a student identification card or a badge that displays information that may be directory information.

### **Limited Directory Information Disclosure**

Limited Directory Information Disclosure means that that the District may limit disclosure of its designated directory information to specific parties, for specific purposes, or both. Allowing limited directory information disclosure may permit the District to use student directory information for such limited purposes as school yearbooks, honor roll lists, graduation programs, playbills and other similar uses, without obtaining individual consent. Limiting the disclosure of such information may be beneficial when the District perceives such disclosure as putting students at risk of becoming targets of marketing campaigns, news media or possible victims of criminal acts. The District shall limit its disclosure of its designated directory information as specified in its public notice to parents and eligible students.

### **Military Recruiter Access**

The release of student directory information is not to be confused with the release of names, addresses and telephone listings of eligible students (i.e., a student seventeen (17) years of age or older or in the eleventh grade (or its equivalent) or higher) to Military Recruiters. In compliance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), and the National Defense Authorization Act, the School District shall notify parents that by law it routinely releases this information to Military Recruiters upon request

subject to a parents'/eligible students' written request not to disclose such information.

**Policy References:**

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 United States Code (USC) Section 1232(g)  
34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 99

**Policy Cross References:**

[7240 - STUDENT RECORDS: ACCESS AND CHALLENGE](#)

[7242 - MILITARY RECRUITERS' ACCESS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND INFORMATION ON STUDENTS](#)

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