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2023-2024 FERPA Information

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal Law, requires that Oxford Community Schools, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's educational records. However, Oxford Community 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 Oxford Community Schools to include this type of information from your child's records in certain school publications. Some examples of the use of directory information are school district publications such as The Wildcat Review, newspaper articles about student accomplishments, yearbook pictures, athletic pictures, and PTO/PSC directories.

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, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three 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 Oxford Community Schools to disclose directory information from your child's education records, you must notify the district in writing.

Oxford Community Schools has designated the following information as directory information:

Student's name, address, telephone number and place of birth

Student's major field of study

Student's participation in officially recognized activities and sports

Student's height and weight if member of an athletic team

Student's height if member of an athletic team

Student's weight if a member of an athletic team which requires disclosure to participate

Dates of attendance

Date of graduation

Awards received

Honor rolls

Scholarships

Telephone numbers for inclusion in school or PTO/PSC directories

School photographs or videos of students participating in school activities, events, or programs Student photographs include videotaping of events such as concerts, plays or other performances.

Videotapes may be broadcast on the district website, social media, and Oxford Community TV.

