Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Directory Information

[Note: Per § 99.37(d), your school may adopt a limited directory information policy. If you do so, the directory information notice to parents and eligible students must specify the parties and/or purposes that may receive directory information.]

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Neosho R5, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child’s education records. However, Neosho R-5 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 the Neosho R-5 to include this type of information from your child’s education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student’s role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, 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, 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 the following information – 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. [Note: These laws are Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. § 7908) and 10 U.S.C. § 503(c).]

If you do not want Neosho R-5 School District to disclose directory information from your child’s education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in
writing by August 30, 2013 Neosho R-5 has designated the following information as directory information:
- Student’s name
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Telephone listing
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Photograph
- Degrees, honors, and awards
- Date and place of birth received
- Major field of study
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended
- Dates of attendance