

NOTIFICATION OF PARENT RIGHTS AND DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Directory Information

McDowell County Schools may disclose, without written parental consent, certain categories of personally identifiable information designated as “directory information.” Directory information is defined as information contained in an educational record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. It includes a student’s name, family structure, address, grade level, email address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in classroom activities and officially recognized school activities and sports (including photographs and/or videos), weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received (including photographs and/or videos), the most recent school attended, and other similar information. Releases include, but are not limited to, local/state/national media such as written press, broadcasting and Internet.

Additionally, McDowell County Schools forwards education records, including electronic transcripts, to other agencies or institutions that have requested records and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll, without prior consent of the parents or eligible students.

- Personally identifiable information about your child can be shared with school officials with legitimate educational interests.
- Personally identifiable information about your child can be shared with another school at which the student intends to enroll.
- Personally identifiable information about your child can be shared with state or location educational authorities for auditing or evaluating federal-or-state supported education programs, or enforcing federal laws that relate to those programs.
- Personally identifiable information about your child can be shared if the school district has designated the information as “directory information.”

A parent or eligible student (18 years of age or older) who does not want such information to be disclosed, should request in writing, by **August 31, 2021** that such information is to be withheld.

Parent Rights to Inspect and Review Records

McDowell County Schools, in accordance with FERPA and Policy 4350 guidelines, provides annual notification of parents’ rights to inspect and review their own child’s education records. Parents wishing to inspect their child’s education record will have to submit a written request using a request form available at schools or online. Forms and procedures for viewing records may be found at the following URL: <https://boe.mcdo.k12.wv.us/>