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## **FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS and PRIVACY ACT (FERPA) PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS ACT (PPRA)**

The FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS and PRIVACY ACT (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Madrid-Waddington Central School, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Madrid-Waddington Central 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 this district 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; annual yearbook; honor roll or other recognition lists; graduation programs; and sports activity sheets. 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 location education agencies (LEA's) 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 consent.

If you do not want Madrid-Waddington Central School to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 10<sup>th</sup> of each school year. Madrid-Waddington Central

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School designates the following information as directory information: (NOTE: an LEA may, but does not have to, include all the information listed below.)

- Student's name
- Grade Level
- Address
- Electronic mail address
- Major field of study
- Date and place of birth
- Telephone
- Weight & height of members of athletic teams
- Photograph
- Degrees, honors & awards
- Dates of attendance
- Participation in officially recognized activities & sports
- Most recent educational agency or institution attended

Also, in accordance with the federal Protection of Pupil Rights amendment, the district hereby notifies parents that our schools may occasionally conduct student surveys that touch on topics such as political affiliation, income, or beliefs or religious practices of the student. In such cases, a letter will be sent home explaining parent rights to opt a child out from such a survey before it is conducted.

Questions about school policies in connection with family rights and privacy laws can be addressed to building principals or the Superintendent.

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