Information Sheet – 9/11/18 - Board of Trustees Meeting

TO: Board of Trustees Item: 8.2

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DATE: September 6, 2018

RE: Revised Board Policy, Administrative Regulation & New Exhibit, BP/AR/E 5125.1, Release of Directory Information, Consider Adoption as Presented

Release of Directory Information, BP/AR/E 5125.1:

(BP/AR/E revised) Board Policy contains minor revisions to reflect most current CSBA sample policy. Administrative regulation and exhibit updated to reflect the California Attorney General's model policy, developed pursuant to NEW LAW (AB 699), which requires that the annual parental notification include a statement that directory information does not include citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or national origin.

I have attached the CSBA sample board policy, administrative regulation and exhibit followed by the current District board policy and administrative regulation.

Recommended Action: Approve the revised Board Policy, Administrative Regulation and new Exhibit.

CSBA Sample
Board Policy
Release Of Directory Information

BP 5125.1
Students

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of directory information and therefore authorizes the release of such information only in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee may release student directory information to representatives of the news media or nonprofit organizations in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

The Superintendent or designee may limit or deny the release of specific categories of directory information to any public or private nonprofit organization based on his/her determination of the best interests of district students. (Education Code 49073)

Note: Districts should carefully consider whether to place items containing student directory information, such as home addresses or telephone numbers, on the district's web site since release of such information may put students at risk and may also be a violation of Education Code 49073 as specified below.

Under no circumstances shall directory information be disclosed to a private profit-making entity, except for representatives of the news media and prospective employers, in accordance with Board policy. Private schools and colleges may be given the names and addresses of 12th-grade students and students who are no longer enrolled provided that they use this information only for purposes directly related to the institution's academic or professional goals. (Education Code 49073)

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status
49061 Definitions
49063 Notification of parents of their rights
49073 Release of directory information
49073.5 Directory information; military representatives; telephone numbers
49603 Public high schools; military recruiting

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 10
503 Military recruiter access to directory information
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
7908 Armed forces recruiter access to students and student recruiting information
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
11434a McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

Management Resources:
CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE PUBLICATIONS
Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, April 2018
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Access to High School Students and Information on Students by Military Recruiters, 2002
WEB SITES
California Attorney General's Office: http://oag.ca.gov
U.S. Department of Education, Family Policy Compliance Office:
http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/index.html

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CSBA Sample
Administrative Regulation
Release Of Directory Information

AR 5125.1
Students

Definition

Note: Education Code 49073 and 20 USC 1232g, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), mandate that school districts adopt a policy identifying those categories of student records considered to be "directory information," which may generally be released unless the parent/guardian notifies the district of his/her refusal. "Directory information" is defined in Education Code 49061 and 34 CFR 99.3 and listed in the following section. The district may not expand the list, but may modify it to remove any items the district does not intend to release as directory information. Also see AR 5125 - Student Records.

Note: Education Code 49061 does not include three types of information defined as directory information in 34 CFR 99.3: the student's place of birth, grade level, and photograph. Thus, these types of information are not reflected in the following list. Districts that receive any request for such information about student(s) based on federal law should consult legal counsel prior to releasing the information.

Directory information means information contained in a student record that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Such student information includes: (Education Code 49061; 20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.3)

1. Name

2. Address

3. Telephone number

4. Email address

5. Date of birth

6. Major field of study

7. Participation record in officially recognized activities and sports

8. Weight and height of athletic team members

9. Dates of attendance

10. Degrees and awards received

11. Most recent previous school attended

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

Directory information does not include a student's social security number or student identification number. However, for purposes of accessing or communicating in electronic systems, directory information may include a student identification number, user identification, or other personal identifier used by the student provided that the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with a personal identification number, password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user. (34 CFR 99.3)

Note: The following paragraph reflects a model policy developed by the California Attorney General pursuant to Education Code 234.7, as added by AB 699 (Ch. 493, Statutes of 2017). See the Office of the Attorney General's Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues. Also see the section "Notification to Parents/Guardians" below.

Directory information also does not include a student's citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicating national origin.

Notification to Parents/Guardians

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 49063 and 20 USC 1232g, the district must annually notify parents/guardians and students who are age 18 or older, in writing, of the categories of records considered to be "directory information." The Attorney General's model policy developed pursuant to Education Code 234.7 requires that this notification also describe the manner in which parents/guardians may refuse the release of directory information. See the accompanying Exhibit for a sample parent/guardian notification.

At the beginning of each school year, all parents/guardians shall be notified as to the categories of directory information the district plans to release and the recipients of the information. The notification shall also inform parents/guardians of their right to refuse to let the district designate any or all types of information as directory information, how to refuse release, and the period of time within which a parent/guardian must notify the district in writing that he/she does not want a certain category of information designated as directory information. (Education Code 49063, 49073; 20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.37)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 234.7, districts are mandated to adopt the following paragraph consistent with the Attorney General's model policy.

In addition, the annual parental notification shall include a statement that directory information does not include citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicating national origin and that the district will not release such information without parental consent or a court order.

(cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)

Note: The following paragraph applies to districts that maintain secondary schools and receive funds under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). 20 USC 7908 requires those districts to notify parents/guardians that they may request that the district not release their child's name, address, and telephone number to military recruiters, employers, or colleges without their prior written consent. According to Guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) (Access to High School Students and Information on Students by Military Recruiters), a single notice provided through a mailing, student handbook, or other method that is reasonably calculated to inform parents/guardians of the above information is sufficient. The law does not specify whether parents/guardians may request that the district not release their child's information to certain third parties, such as military recruiters, but authorize the release to other parties, such as private employers. Districts should consult legal counsel as appropriate.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that they may request that the district not release the name, address, and telephone number of their child to military recruiters, employers, or institutions of higher education without prior written consent. (20 USC 7908)

Parent/Guardian Consent

Note: Education Code 49073 specifies that parents/guardians may request that their child's directory information not be released (an "opt-out" process). Similarly, 20 USC 7908 requires an "opt-out" process by which parents/guardians may request that their child's information not be released to military recruiters, employers, or institutions of higher education. However, in the case of a homeless student as defined in 42 USC 11434a, directory information may only be released if the parent/guardian or student age 18 or older has provided written consent for its release ("opt-in process").

No directory information of a student identified as a homeless child or youth as defined in 42 USC 11434a shall be released, unless the parent/guardian, or the student if he/she is 18 years or older, has provided written consent that directory information may be released. For any other student, directory information shall not be released if his/her parent/guardian notifies the district in writing that such information not be disclosed without the parent/guardian's prior consent. (Education Code 49073; 20 USC 1232g, 7908)

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

For a former student, the district shall continue to honor any valid request to opt out of the disclosure of directory information made while the student was in attendance at the district, unless the opt-out request has been rescinded. (34 CFR 99.37)

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CSBA Sample

Exhibit

Release Of Directory Information

E 5125.1
Students

Note: The following exhibit is based on a model notice prepared by the U.S. Department of Education and should be modified to reflect district practice. It has been updated to include provisions required by the California Attorney General's model policy developed pursuant to Education Code 234.7, as added by AB 699 (Ch. 493, Statutes of 2017); see the accompanying administrative regulation.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTICE
RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that _____(district name)_____, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the district 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 district to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school and/or district publications. Examples include:

* a playbill, showing your child's role in a drama production
* the annual yearbook
* honor roll or other recognition lists
* graduation programs
* 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/guardian'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 districts receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, to provide military recruiters, upon request, with students' names, addresses, and telephone listings, unless parents/guardians have advised the district that they do not want their child's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want the district to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the district in writing by _____(insert date)_____. The district has designated the following information as directory information:

Note: The district should modify the following list to specify those categories of information defined by the district as "directory information" in the accompanying administrative regulation. Those items the district does not intend to release as directory information should be deleted.

1. Name

2. Address

3. Telephone number

4. Email address

5. Date of birth

6. Major field of study

7. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports

8. Weight and height of athletic team members

9. Dates of attendance

10. Degrees and awards received

11. Most recent previous school attended

The district also may disclose your child's student identification number, user identification, or other unique personal identifier used to communicate in electronic systems, provided it cannot be used to access education records without a personal identification number (PIN), password, or other factor that only the authorized user knows. Your child's social security number will not be used for this purpose.

Directory information does not include your child's citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicating national origin. The district will not disclose such information without your consent or a court order.

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RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Superintendent or designee may authorize the release of student directory information to representatives of the news media, prospective employers or nonprofit organizations as provided by law. Unless prohibited by the parent/guardian in accordance with law, directory information which school officials may disclose consists of the following: student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of athletic team members, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and most recent previous school attended.

Telephone numbers shall be released only with express parental consent.

Military services representatives shall not have access to directory information.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
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RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

At the beginning of each school year, all parents/guardians shall be notified as to what categories of directory information the school or district plan to release, and to whom. (Education Code 49063, 49073)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Directory information shall not be released regarding any student whose parent/guardian notifies the district in writing that such information may not be disclosed. (Education Code 49073)

Based on its determination of the best interest of the student, the district may limit or deny the release of specific directory information to any public or private nonprofit organization. (Education Code 49073)

Under no circumstances shall directory information be disclosed to a private profit-making entity other than employers, prospective employers, and representatives of the news media. Private schools and colleges may be given the names and addresses of 12th grade students and students who are no longer enrolled provided they use this information only for purposes directly related to their institution's academic or professional goals. (Education Code 49073)