

# Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

## Directory Information Release Notice

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that **Arizona Charter Academy**, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, **Arizona Charter Academy** 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 **Arizona Charter Academy** 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 production;
- The 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 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. (These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (P.L. 107-110), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002* (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces.)

If you do not want **Arizona Charter Academy** to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the School in writing. **Arizona Charter Academy** has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Participation in official recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- Date and place of birth
- The most recent educational agency or institution
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level attended