

Elementary Student Privacy Rights

STUDENT INFORMATION

Under the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA), Granite School District is allowed to collect certain student information and photos/videos without prior written consent. Examples of such student information include:

- Annual class pictures and individual pictures
- Awards and honors (lists and photos of students receiving such honors and awards
- School and grade level videos, photographs and other images that may be used on the school or district websites or social media outlets.
- Social media
- Partner organizations
- Access to local media outlets for video or photographs related to news stories (this rarely occurs and does not include media interviews wherein, explicit parental/guardian permission will be requested).

This information and these images are generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. However, certain families or individuals may not want to have their child's information released and they are allowed to "opt out" under FERPA.

Denial of Release of Student Information - Any Student K-6

Parents have the option to "opt out" and prevent the release of student information as described above by submitting a written request to the school principal. This opt out must be completed annually in writing (email is permissible).

If you choose to opt out, your student may be excluded from the following school documents or publications that are typically accessible to the public:

- The yearbook, class or individual photos (if you opt your child out, we are not allowed to take their photo for any purpose)
- Honor roll and other recognition lists
- Musical and theatrical programs
- Other documents related to school-sponsored organizations or activities
- Video or photographs that may be used on school or district websites and social media outlets
- Video or photographs taken by local news media at special school events (this does not include events open to the public)

Complaints of alleged failures by the district to comply with student privacy requirements should be addressed to the school principal or to Granite School District's Communications Department. If they are not or cannot be resolved at the local level, FERPA/PRPA complaints may be filed with the following federal agency:

Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue SW Washington, DC 20202-4605 Telephone: (202) 260-3887

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact your school principal or the Granite School District Communications Department at 385-646-4529 or customerservice@graniteschools.org.