

# WHITEHALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS

## FERPA Opt-Out Form

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (also known as “FERPA”) is a federal law that protects the privacy of educational records, and is described in Board Policy 8330 our district website ([www.whitehallschools.net](http://www.whitehallschools.net)). A copy of the notice may also be obtained by contacting your child’s school office.

In accordance with the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), as amended, a student’s education records are maintained as confidential and, except for a limited number of special circumstances listed in that law, will not be released to a third party without the parent/student’s prior written consent. The law, however, does allow schools to release student “directory information” without obtaining the prior consent of the parent/student. If you do not want the release of certain types of directory information without your prior consent, you may choose to “opt-out” of this FERPA exception.

Occasionally the press and other publicly supported institutions including alumni groups, colleges, military recruiters, and school-related activity sponsors could ask for the following types of directory information: student’s name, grade, major field of study, extracurricular participation, achievement awards, information to the military, student picture, student picture on district website. If for any reason you do not wish to have this information released, please fill out the form below and return to the school office.

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**Only those parents who want to exclude items should return this form.** Please complete this form, mark the items below to be excluded, and return to the school office. Thank you.

School Building: (circle one)      Ealy                  Shoreline                  Middle School                  High School

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student’s Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I indicate that I do not want the following information released for my child:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student’s address  | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade placement                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major field of study                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Extracurricular participation                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Achievement awards   | <input type="checkbox"/> Information to the military                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student’s picture (used in yearbook, media releases, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Student’s picture on the district website      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student’s picture on social media (Facebook)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Student’s weight & height for athletic rosters |