

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Annual public notice should be presented to parents or eligible students that “Directory information” will be released as deemed necessary by school officials. The school district designates the following items as “Directory information”: student’s name, parent’s name, address, phone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees, and awards received, most recent previous school attended, and photograph. Parents or eligible students will have ten (10) school days after the annual public notice to view the student’s directory information and to provide notice in writing to the school district that they choose to not have this information released. Unless notified to the contrary, in writing, within the ten (10) school day period, the school district may disclose any type of those items designated as directory information without prior written consent.

Surrogate Parent Notice

PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF STATE LAW 162.997-999 RSMo, the State Board of Education is required to appoint a surrogate parent at such time as it becomes evident that a child with a disability does not have a parent or a person acting as a parent to participate in matters dealing with the provision of special education. For purposes of this requirement, the term may include the biological parent, a guardian, a person acting as a parent of a child including, but not limited to a grandparent, a stepparent, or a foster parent with whom the child lives. The term does not include the State if the child is a ward of the State. The term does not include a person whose parental rights have been terminated.

The local public school district is given the responsibility to determine when a child with a disability who requires special education and who resides in the District is without a parent. The District must notify the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of the need to appoint a surrogate parent. Training for persons serving as surrogate parent will be provided by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the local public school district.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve as a surrogate parent, more information can be obtained from the Director of Special Services in the local public school district.