



SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FERPA Notification for the 2016-2017 School Year

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), individual student records including grades, test scores, evaluations, etc., are not available for public inspection. This information is only available to the student's parents/guardians or to the student of legal age. Federal law does, however, allow student information that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy to be disclosed. The law refers to this as directory information.

Directory information includes the student's name, address, phone number, photograph, date 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, and the most recent previous school attended. Sumter School District is **not** publishing any kind of directory of students, but the information allows us to include your child's name, photograph, accomplishment, or quote in certain school and district publications such as a yearbook, honor roll program, or newsletter.

During the course of your child's school career, he or she will participate in a variety of academic, athletic, fine arts, and other events and activities in which he or she may be photographed or interviewed by district or school staff or news media. Information about your child may appear in newspaper articles, on television, in radio broadcasts, on displays, on the website, on social media, or in district or school promotional pieces. The district also discloses directory information to armed services recruiters, upon request.

If you object to the release of this information, please notify me in writing at 1345 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC 29150, within 15 days of receipt of this notice. If you do not submit a written objection, the district will be able to release this information as appropriate.

The use of any information by Sumter School District is for the promotion of our students and district. Any questions concerning student records should be addressed to the guidance office of the individual school.

Sincerely,

J. Frank Baker, Superintendent
Sumter School District