

REFUSAL OF CONSENT FOR USE OF STUDENT INFORMATION – 2017-2018

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”) ensures that personally identifiable information of students in school records are kept confidential. The law specifies, however, that certain non-sensitive “Directory Information” may be released for any purpose at the discretion of the school corporation, with general notification of such intent. Please consider this notice as a general notification for the 2017-2018 school year. **To request that the school not disclose directory information:**

If you wish to restrict use of your child’s information – Visit www.msdwat.k12.in.us/refusal, print and complete the form, and return it to your child’s school. Please notify your child’s school *in writing* within 14 days of the start of the school year or within 14 days of enrolling your child.

Otherwise, your student’s directory information may be released without further permission.

NOTE: Please note that United States armed forces recruiters also have a right to a student’s name, address and phone number unless the student’s parent or the adult student specifically requests in writing that this information is not released to the armed forces recruiters.

MSDWT Schools considers “Directory Information” to be:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student’s name • Age • Grade level • Honors and awards • Dates of attendance • Participation in officially recognized activities or athletics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment status • Address • Photographs • Phone numbers • Email address • Teacher of record |
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This Directory Information is used for a variety of purposes such as yearbook or student newspaper, printed programs for extracurricular activities, news releases to the local media, corporation publications (including published images on the district website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or other social media, and interviews with local news media. It can also be used on the corporation website, corporation videos, podcasts, and interviews with local news media for broadcast on TV or radio. In the case of high school students, information can be released to colleges.

Please know that you have the right to request that the school not disclose any or all directory information. Please consider very carefully your decision to request the school not to disclose directory information. This information is typically used in news stories about our students’ achievements and classroom activities, honor roll lists, the yearbook, and school directories, and school and corporation newsletters. **Should you deny permission for the release of information, any future requests for such information from news media and other individuals will be refused for the duration of the school year.**