

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Opt-out of Release of Directory Information

Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) may disclose appropriately designated “directory information” without written consent, unless you opt out of some, or all, of its release. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, defines directory information as information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. Those categories of information include student name, address, telephone number, photographic image, participation in activities and sports, height and weight (if on an athletic team), years in attendance at City Schools, grade level, major field of study, degrees, honors and awards received, and most recent educational institution attended prior to City Schools.

Two federal laws require City Schools to provide military recruiters, upon request, with student names, addresses and telephone listings unless parents/guardians have advised City Schools that they do not want their student’s information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you give your consent to the release of your student’s directory information as described above you DO NOT need to complete or return this form. If you do not want City Schools to disclose directory information from your child’s education records without your prior written consent, you must notify City Schools by completing and signing this opt out of release of directory information form and returning it to the named student’s school by September 30, 2015. If you do not give your consent to allow City School’s to release your student’s directory information then please check all that apply:

- In City Schools materials (e.g., playbills, team rosters, school websites, social media, etc.)
- To United States military recruiters
- To institutions of higher learning
- To any organization of parents, teachers, students or former students; businesses; agencies; governmental or political offices; or any combination of these groups
- To the media
- To anyone

Home Language Survey

In accordance with federal and state requirements, City Schools conducts the Home Language Survey of all students to assist in identifying language minority students. The Home Language Survey provides a broad indicator of which students may require further assessment to determine eligibility for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) services.

Student’s country of birth: _____

What was the language your child first learned to speak?

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| <input type="radio"/> English | <input type="radio"/> Español (Spanish) | <input type="radio"/> नेपाली (Nepali) | <input type="radio"/> ትግርኛ (Tigrinya) |
| <input type="radio"/> Français (French) | <input type="radio"/> العربية (Arabic) | <input type="radio"/> kiSwahili (Swahili) | <input type="radio"/> ودرآ (Urdu) |
| <input type="radio"/> 普通话 / 國語 (Chinese, Mandarin) | <input type="radio"/> 粵語 / 粵語 (Chinese, Cantonese) | <input type="radio"/> Tagalog (Tagalog) | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese) | <input type="radio"/> Wolof (Wolof) | <input type="radio"/> አማርኛ (Amharic) | _____ |

What language do you use most often at home? _____

Parent, guardian, or eligible student signature

Date

Please print and fully complete BOTH SIDES of this form.