

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts (ChArts), with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, ChArts may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the school to the contrary in accordance with school procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow ChArts include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

-A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production

-The annual yearbook

-Honor roll or other recognition lists

-Graduation programs

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want ChArts to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the school in writing by September 30th of the current school year.