

Directory Data Notification

If a School Board has designated directory data in accordance with 118.125 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, the Rio District must notify parents, legal guardians or guardian ad litem of the categories of information, which the Board has designated as directory data, which may be released without the prior consent of the parent, legal guardian or guardian ad litem.

Rio School District defines directory data as a student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and athletics, weight and height of members of athletic teams, photographs, degrees and awards, and school of most recent attendance.

Upon request, the Rio District may release a student's name, address, and school grade of attendance to requesting agencies (such as State technical colleges, State colleges and universities, alumni reunion committees, the United States Military Services {seniors and students who drop out of school}, photographers for senior pictures, driver's education facilities, publications sponsored by Rio School District, etc.).

Upon request, student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and athletics, weight and height of members of athletic teams, photographs, degrees and awards, and school of most recent attendance may also be released to publications sponsored by Rio School District, area newspapers, and appropriate private and public sponsored magazines.

Parents or guardians of minor children and adult students have the right to consent to the disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in their student records, except as allowed by state and federal law.

In accordance with the law, the Rio District forwards upon request student records to another school without consent for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer.

Student records shall be made available to Rio District employees who are required by the state to hold a teacher's license and to other school district officials only if they have a legitimate educational or safety interest in the records. Employees and district officials have a legitimate educational or safety interest in the record if the individual needs to review an education record in order to provide educational service or to fulfill some aspect of his or her professional responsibilities.

Administrators have the discretion to refuse the release of individual student phone numbers and addresses for the safety of the student.

IF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS DO NOT WISH TO HAVE ANY OR ALL OF THE CATEGORIES OF INFORMATION RELEASED, THEY MUST NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IN WRITING WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THIS NOTICE BEING PROVIDED. Directory data shall be considered public information and may be released to appropriate persons and media in accordance with Board of Education policy unless the parent(s) or adult students refuse the release in writing by notifying their respective school principal. Forms for this purpose will be available at each school.

Parents/guardians may file a complaint with the Family Policy and Regulations Office of the Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201 if they feel their rights have been violated.