

2023-24 Thorp School Annual Communication Notice

Directory Information:

The Family Educational Rights and Policy Act (FERPA) is a federal law passed in 1974. Among other provisions, FERPA requires schools to get permission from a parent or eligible student (a student who is at least 18 years old or is enrolled in a college or university) before the school releases data that personally identifies that student. FERPA allows for the sharing of student information *without* permission in certain instances, such as when:

- School officials, including contractors, have a legitimate educational interest in the data.
- Determining financial aid.
- Developing, validating, or administering predictive tests.
- Administering student aid programs.
- Local, state, and certain federal representatives conduct an audit of or evaluate a school's education program.

Can I opt out of Student Data Collection?

Generally, no. If your child goes to public school, they must be included in counts and summary reports about public education. School districts are required to submit information to the state on all its students. *However, through the school, you can opt out of having your child's directory information shared with other entities.*

Directory information includes things like the student's name, address, telephone listing, and email address.

<https://www.k12.wa.us/data-reporting/protecting-student-privacy>

We are required by law to release your student's directory information, including address and phone number unless you tell us not to, to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning.

Please **opt my student out** from the following:

- Information release to military recruiters
- Information release to institutions of higher learning

Photo Release:

Occasionally, Thorp Schools may publish your child's photo or work on the school Website or newsletter, etc. We assume we may publish your child's photo or work in the school newsletter, website, social media or other newspaper publications, *unless* you opt out here.

DO NOT publish my child's photo or work in the school newsletter, website, social media, or other news publication.

If you would wish to opt your student out of the yearbook, please contact the school office at (509)964-2107, otherwise all students will be included in the yearbook.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____