MONTAGUE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EDUCATION IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

2017-2018 FERPA Opt-Out Form

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (also known as "FERPA") is a federal law that protects the privacy of educational records, and is described in Board Policy 8940. The 2017-18 Annual Notification of FERPA Rights is published on the district's website (www.mapsk12.org) and is located under the "Our District" tab (click on "Annual Notices"). A copy of the notice may also be obtained by contacting your child's school office.

In accordance with the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), as amended, a student's education records are maintained as confidential and, except for a limited number of special circumstances listed in that law, will not be released to a third party without the parent/student's prior written consent. The law, however, does allow schools to release student "directory information" without obtaining the prior consent of the parent/student. If you do not want the release of certain types of directory information without your prior consent, you may choose to "opt-out" of this FERPA exception by signing the form below.

Listed below are items which will normally be given to the press and other publicly supported institutions including alumni groups, colleges, military recruiters, and school-related activity sponsors.

If for any reason you do not wish for one or more items to be released, please check the appropriate box below. Please understand that if you check an item, that information by policy and law cannot be released to any group. This list may be modified at any time by notifying the principal's office in writing. This form is valid for the 2017-2018 school year.

Only those parents who want to exclude items should return this form. Please complete this form, mark the items below to be excluded, and return to the building principal's office by September 15, 2017.

School Building: ☐ MACC ☐ RD ☐ NB ☐ MHS

Student's Name:_____Student's Grade:_____

Parent's Signature:_____ Date:_____

By signing this form, I indicate that I do not want the following information released for my child:

☐ Student's name ☐ Grade placement ☐ Major field of study

☐ Extracurricular participation ☐ Achievement awards ☐ Information to the military

☐ Student's picture (used in yearbook, media releases, etc.) ☐ Student's picture on the district website

☐ Student's picture on social media (Facebook) ☐ Student's weight & height for athletic rosters