

<p>Subject: <i>Providing directory information to military recruiters</i></p> <p>Date issued: <i>September 21, 2022</i></p>	<p>Legal Reference—<i>The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001</i> RSA 186:68</p>
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The New Hampshire Department of Education has been informed that, since the release of a [technical advisory](#) regarding student privacy and school transparency laws on August 31, 2022, some school districts are expressing confusion over the duty of the district to provide directory information to military recruiters. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and RSA 186:68 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes *requires* public school districts to release student directory information, including student names, addresses and phone numbers, to military recruiters and institutions of higher education upon their request. Information received by official recruiting representatives shall be used only for the purpose of providing information to students about available career and educational opportunities.

Parents/guardians *may direct* the school district not to release their child’s directory information. Parents and/or students who do not want this information released to military recruiters and institutions of higher education may notify the district not to release directory information to military recruiters or recruiters from institutions of higher education without a signed, written consent from a parent/guardian. Unless a parent and/or student requests that the student’s name, address, and telephone number not be released, the district shall provide military recruiters the same access to secondary school students as is provided generally to post-secondary educational institutions, or to prospective employers of those students.

Pursuant to RSA 186:68(II), the school should provide notice to each student and to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled at the school that, in accordance with federal law, the student or the parent or guardian of the student may request that the student's name, address, and telephone number not be released to military recruiters. The notice described under subparagraph (a) shall:

- Be included in a clear and conspicuous manner and in the same size type as the other statements on the card requesting emergency contact information that is distributed by the school to each student or parent or guardian of the student; and
- Request that the student or the parent or guardian of the student indicate if the student's name, address, and telephone number is not to be released to military recruiters by checking the box “Do not release contact information.”

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