

HOW TO OPT OUT FROM INFORMATION SHARING UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

The Federal “No Child Left Behind” Act Requires Your Public School To Give Your Child’s Contact Information to Military Recruiters

Background	<p>Section 9528 of the <i>No Child Left Behind Act</i> relates to the ability of the United States military to request and obtain from public schools*, for the purposes of military recruitment, high school students complete contact information.</p> <p>* Private schools that do not take federal money and private schools which have a stand against war in their charters are exempt from this requirement.</p>
Access to Students	<p>Schools receiving assistance under the <i>General Education Provisions Act</i> must 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.</p> <p>For the full text of the Act, with analysis, go to http://afsc.org/youthmil/news/nochild.htm</p>
Schools Must Release Full Information to Military Recruiters	<p>Upon a request made by military recruiters, each local educational agency receiving assistance under the <i>General Education Provisions Act</i> shall provide access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• secondary school students names• full addresses• telephone listings
Schools Must Notify Parents of Their Right to Opt Out	<p>The local educational agency or private school shall notify parents of the option to make a request to withhold their child’s information.</p> <p>A secondary school student or the parent of the student may request that the student's name, address, and telephone listing will not be released without prior written parental consent.</p>
You Can Withdraw Your Consent	<p>The educational agency must comply with any parent’s request to withhold information.</p> <p>A sample letter is available as part of AFSC’s Opt Out Tool Kit (link below) or click here.</p>
How to Opt Out	<p>Contact your school administrator in writing. You can use the parent letter provided here. Your child can also write a letter. Parents or guardians of Chicago high school students can opt out by sending a letter to the following address:</p> <p>Mr. Wilfredo Ortiz Office of High School Development Chicago Public Schools 125 South Clark Street 9th Floor Chicago, Illinois 60603</p> <p>The Opt Out Tool Kit (see link below) includes a bilingual opt out form letter that’s easy to use.</p>
For More Information	<p>Opt Out Tool Kit http://afsc.org/youthmil/optouttoolkit.pdf</p> <p>American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) National Youth & Militarism Program: http://afsc.org/youthmil/default.htm</p> <p>Center on Conscience & War http://www.nisbco.org/</p> <p>Veterans for Common Sense http://www.veteransforcommonsense.org/</p>

OPT OUT NOTICE

Withhold my Child's Information from Military Recruiters

Date :
Regarding : Opting Out from Section 9528 of *No Child Left Behind*
To :
School Name :
School Address :

Dear Administrator of _____ High School:

As is provided for under Paragraph 2, Subsection (a) of Section 9528 of Public Law 107-110 I, _____, am writing on behalf of my child _____ to request that you **do not** make my child's name, address or telephone listing available for military recruitment purposes.

As you might be aware, Section 9528(a) of Public Law 107-110 states that once I have given this request to you, **it is a serious violation of federal law to disregard my request and/or release my child's name, address, and phone number of to any military recruiter without my prior written consent.**

Should you have questions, please contact me personally and without delay.

I am anticipating your prompt response to this letter.

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