

**JOHN STARK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STUDENTS' RIGHTS TO PRIVACY POLICY**

A student's right to privacy while attending school is protected under FERPA, the Family Education Right to Privacy Act. Access to students by members of the public or press during regular school hours requires the permission of the principal. The principal must consider individual students' legal right to privacy against the need of the person making the request.

While participating in school-sponsored events which are meant to be attended by the public, such as athletic competitions or student evening performances, a student's expectation of privacy is lessened by the nature of the event. Students who feel threatened by a member of the public or press at a public event should seek out the assistance of a teacher, coach or administrator who will take whatever action needed to keep the student safe and free of harassment.

The District publishes student and parents rights under FERPA each fall at the beginning of the school year in local newspapers. That publication includes the basic directory information about students that may be disclosed without permission. Parents may restrict the disclosure of directory information by submitting a written request. Restriction of high school student information to military recruiters is also an option for which parents may make a written request. John Stark proactively communicates this option to parents in their summer mailing to students' homes and provides a form that parents may easily use.

If a member of the public or press does not abide by this policy, the John Stark Regional School District may execute a no trespassing order for the individual which bars them from coming onto school grounds.