

FERPA Directory Information at Odessa College

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (**FERPA**) permits educational institutions to specifically define some education record information as "**Directory Information**", which is not confidential under FERPA. This is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed.

Odessa College classifies the following student data as Directory Information:

- Name
- Address
- Telephone number
- E-mail address
- Field of study
- Enrollment status
- Degrees, certificates and other awards received
- Types of awards received
- Dates of attendance
- Student classification
- Name of most recent previous educational institution attended.

Other information cannot be released without a signed written authorization from the student. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) collects directory information and non-directory information. A student may elect to restrict the disclosure of directory information by completing the appropriate form in the **Odessa College Records Office**. Contact the Records Office for additional information regarding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)