

TWO IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR FAMILIES WITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

“Opt-Out” and ASVAB Testing

Protect your family’s personal information

Military recruiters may contact your son or daughter because the school administration has given them your child’s name, address, and phone number.

YOU CAN AVOID THIS BY FILLING OUT AN “OPT-OUT” FORM THAT TELLS THE SCHOOL IT MAY NOT RELEASE YOUR CHILD’S PERSONAL INFORMATION TO RECRUITERS.

“OPTING OUT” IS YOUR LEGAL RIGHT. THERE IS NO PENALTY FOR OPTING OUT. SCHOOL OFFICIALS MUST COMPLY WITH YOUR REQUEST.

Most districts have their own form. If you do not receive one, immediately contact your student’s school or use the form provided with this flier. One form is needed for each student. Forms should be signed by parents or a legal guardian.

BUT Opting Out Is Not Enough!

Your child’s personal information could be released to military recruiters if he or she takes the military’s ASVAB test at school.

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a test given in most high schools. If your child is given this test, his or her personal information will usually be given to military recruiters **EVEN IF YOU OPTED OUT.**

The ASVAB test was developed by the Department of Defense to measure skills for military jobs. It is now used in approximately 14,000 schools around the country. Department of Defense civilian employees and military recruiters convince schools to give the test so that they can get personal information about students. The ASVAB is also being used by the Pentagon to create a national database on all teenagers.

STUDENTS CANNOT BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE ASVAB IF THEIR INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE MILITARY. THEY CAN NOT BE PUNISHED FOR REFUSING TO DO SO.

If you have opted out, or if you do not want the military to have this personal information on your children, contact your local school and tell them that if the ASVAB test is given, you do not want your child to take it if the information will go to recruiters. Urge your school to offer other aptitude tests that are not administered and controlled by the military.

KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE BY REFUSING TO TAKE THE ASVAB

For additional information on “opt-out” and the ASVAB, contact:

* Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (Project YANO), (760) 634-3604; ProjYANO@aol.com; www.projectyano.org

LOCAL CONTACT:

Act to Protect Your Privacy from Military Recruiters

You may be harassed at home by military recruiters because your name, address and phone number will be given to them by your school — unless you tell your school to not give out the information. To exercise your legal right to have this information kept private, you should notify your school office as soon as possible. Some school districts may provide their own forms for this, but they must obey your request no matter how you submit it. You can write your own letter or use the one below. Use a letter or form for each individual student and keep a copy. It is not required by law, but we recommend having a parent or guardian also sign:

Date: _____

Dear administrator of _____ :
(Name of high school)

I am exercising my right under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001** and hereby request that the name, address, and telephone listing of:

_____,
(Print name of student)

who is a current student at your school, **not** be released to military recruiters without prior written parental consent. I do, however, consent to the disclosure of such information to colleges and universities other than military schools.

Signature of student

Print name of parent or legal guardian above (optional)

Signature of parent or guardian (optional)

***Note to school administrators:** Once this request is given to you, it is a serious violation of federal law to disregard it and release the name, address and phone number of this student to any military recruiter without prior written consent. The law also grants students the right to opt out themselves, regardless of age. Section 9528(a) of Public Law 107-110 states:

(2) CONSENT- A secondary school student or the parent of the student may request that the student's name, address, and telephone listing described in paragraph (1) not be released without prior written parental consent, and the local educational agency or private school shall notify parents of the option to make a request and shall comply with any request.

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Protege tus datos personales de los reclutadores militares

Los reclutadores militares pueden molestarte porque la administración de tu escuela les ha dado tu nombre, dirección y número de teléfono. Para evitar que los reclutadores tengan tu información personal, hay que asegurarse lo más pronto posible que la escuela no se las entregue y debes hacérselo saber a la escuela de inmediato. ES TU DERECHO LEGAL Y EL DISTRITO TIENE LA OBLIGACIÓN DE RESPETARLO. Aunque algunos distritos tienen sus propias formas, lo importante es que deben respetar tu petición sin importar la forma en que lo hagas. Se puede hacer por medio de una carta o usar esta forma.

Fecha/ Date: _____

Dear administrator of _____ :
(Nombre de la escuela/Name of high school)

I am exercising my right under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001** and hereby request that the name, address, and telephone listing of:

_____,
(Nombre del estudiante/Print name of student)

who is a current student at your school, **not** be released to military recruiters without prior written parental consent. I do, however, consent to the disclosure of such information to colleges and universities other than military schools.

Firma del estudiante/Signature of student

Nombre del padre, madre o guardian (opcional)/Print name of parent or legal guardian above (optional)

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