

June 10, 2025

RE: FERPA Notification for the 2025-26 School Year

Dear VIP (Very Important Parent/Guardian):

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) allows schools to release "directory information" i.e, scholar's name, address, photograph, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, diploma or certificate, awards received, and other similar information. LSC considers photographs to include digital images, including digital photographs and recordings related to school or school-sponsored events, activities, and special recognition, as "directory information." In additional, federal laws require schools to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories—names, addresses, and telephone listings—unless parents have advised the school that they do not want their scholar's information to be disclosed.

During the course of your child's educational career at LSC, he or she will participate in a variety of academic, fine arts, and other events and activities in which he or she may be photographed or interviewed by school staff or news media. We proudly share the LSC story in a variety of ways. Information about your child may appear in newspaper articles, on television, in radio broadcasts, on displays, on the website, on social media, or in school promotional pieces (yearbooks, awards programs, newsletters, etc.). The release of "directory information" allows us to publicize your scholar's accomplishments.

Please note that individual scholar records, including scholastic information, standardized test data, health records, and other similar information <u>are not</u> available public inspection. This information is only available to scholar's parents/guardians or to the student of legal age.

If you object to the release of this information, please notify me in writing at 117 North Main Street, Sumter, SC 29150, no later than August 13, 2025. If you do not submit a written objection, the school will be able to release this information as appropriate.

The use of any "directory information" by Liberty STEAM Charter is for the promotion of our scholars and the school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via phone (803-316-7849) or email (tivey@libertysteamcharter.org). Thank you for the opportunity to serve your family!

In it together,

Dr. Trevor Ivey, NBCT; School Co-Founder & Executive Director

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