

Notification of Electronic Photograph Repository

The 2019 Montana Legislature passed Senate Bill 40 (MCA § 20-7-1317) requiring the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) to create and maintain an electronic directory photograph repository of all Montana students for the exclusive purpose of locating missing school-age children. It uses students' current school photos that most schools take annually for school directories, ID cards, year books, etc.

Parents have the right to have their child's photograph included in this repository by "opting-in." If a parent chooses to have his/her child's photograph included in the repository, the District will notify OPI.

Your child's photograph will only be used by law enforcement for the express purpose of locating your child should he/she be reported to law enforcement as missing. No other use by OPI or law enforcement is permitted. Access by OPI staff will be strictly limited and controlled to staff or contractors creating and maintaining the repository.

Photos will be updated annually; you will be given an opportunity each year to opt-in to the repository. If you fail to opt-in in any year after previously permitting your child's photograph to be included in the repository, the photo will be purged after two years.

Even if you have opted-in to the inclusion of your child's photograph in the repository, you may opt-out at any time and your child's photograph will be removed from the repository.

If you would like your child's photograph included in the electronic photograph repository please check the box below, sign and date it and return it to the District.

Please check:

I wish for my child's photograph to be included in the OPI electronic photograph repository.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____