

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS About OPT OUT

- 1. Is the School District required to send students letters and Opt Out forms regarding the choice NOT to release private contact information (name, address, phone number) to the military?**

The School District is required to inform students of the Opt Out option, but Section 9528, does not specify letters or Opt Out forms. In other words, some school districts are ONLY putting the information in the Parent Handbook where it is not easily understood and responded to.

CAMS is requesting legal advice in regards to “good faith” compliance with the law, and school districts insuring that parents and students receive the information.

- 2. If I signed an Opt Out form last year, do I need to do it again?**

Most school districts (including LAUSD) require students to Opt Out every year. This is being challenged by the Lawyer’s Guild, but until it gets changed juniors and seniors must Opt Out each year.

- 3. What happens if I miss the school deadline?**

School Districts have set their own deadline for their own purposes. There is nothing in NCLB that mandates a deadline, and this is also being challenged. However, until changes are made it is recommended that families comply with the school deadline given.

- 4. What does releasing students personal information have to do with *No Child Left Behind* ?**

You’re right, it has absolutely nothing to do with increasing student achievement, and was slipped in to give the military access to recruit **YOU** into the military. This rightfully outrages parents and students as we see all the ways the military is encroaching on our youth while budget cuts are slashing educational opportunities.

- 5. What can students, parents and teachers do about NCLB and the Opt Out provision?**

We all need to speak out against this unfair law, and its implementation. Tell the principal at your school, the School Board and District officials, and Congress (since NCLB is federal) how you feel about the military having access to student private information. In many instances, students have been harassed and contacted frequently because of the military/school collaboration.

Also work together with others to repeal Section 9528 (Opt Out), and join the Coalition Against Militarism in our Schools (CAMS). Students, parents, school staff and organizations are standing together in opposing the insidious ways that militarism is forced upon the youth.

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