



SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29

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Cultivating a learning community that engages the hearts and minds of students, one child at a time

DENIAL OF CONSENT

TO PUBLISH PHOTOGRAPHS AND/OR VIDEOS OF A STUDENT OR SAMPLE OF STUDENTS' SCHOOL WORK

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Dear District 29 Parents,

We are very proud of our students and their accomplishments, and we enjoy highlighting their work and activities. The purpose of this letter and form is to inform you of this practice and to give you an opportunity to deny permission to have your child's image or his or her work made public. At the end of this letter you will find our **DENIAL OF CONSENT** form. In the past, we asked all parents to complete and sign a similar Consent and Release form indicating whether or not they gave consent. **We are changing this practice and are now asking only those parents who DO NOT want this information posted or made available to the media to complete and sign this DENIAL OF CONSENT form.**

We hope you will consider allowing us to promote your child and his or her accomplishments, but we understand that you may not be comfortable doing so. If you wish to deny consent for some or all of the permissions described in this letter, please complete the remainder of this DENIAL OF CONSENT form and return it to the school office.

There are various ways in which photographs and videos of students and/or their work may be made public: on District hosted websites (such as but not limited to <www.sunsetridge29.net>, Pod29, Sunset Ridge Google Docs, etc.); in District publications (such as parent newsletters, the Board Newsletter, etc.); in the media (including print, electronic, and broadcast media); and in classroom multimedia presentations, DVDs, or videos which may be distributed to District parents (such as the Middlefork School video, and the Eighth Grade Graduation Video). Examples might include photographs and/or videos of school activities showing students engaged in a science project, student newscast, sporting event, musical or theatrical performance, or other activity. Student work, such as artwork, poetry, writing, or podcasts might also be displayed.

It should be noted that at various times all students may be asked to post work, videos, or photos on sections of the District's website which have restricted access. This DENIAL OF CONSENT **only** applies to the posting of work, videos, or photos to which the public may have access.

If a student's photographs, videos or work are used:

- He/she is only identified by first name or by first name and last initial
- Personal information such as phone number, address, etc. will not be published directly in connection with the photographs, videos or work (though such information may be available by other means such as directory listings).
- Documents will not include information that indicates the precise physical location of a student at a given time other than attendance at a particular school, presence in a particular classroom, or participation in a school activity
- Please note that students' full names may be used in the password protected sections of the website. Only District 29 parents who have registered for our website have access to these sections.

Because the majority of Middlefork and Sunset Ridge parents routinely give consent, we have decided to reverse the process and ask only those who **do not grant permission** to complete and return the DENIAL OF CONSENT form. **If the school does not receive a DENIAL OF CONSENT form, you will be deemed to have granted permission.**

Those who submit forms will receive an acknowledgement of receipt. There is no deadline to submit a form, but please understand that you will be deemed to have granted permission until your form has been acknowledged. Parents may change their mind and elect to submit a new DENIAL OF CONSENT form at any time. They may also withdraw a previously submitted denial by notifying the district of their decision in writing. A new DENIAL OF CONSENT form will be required each school year.

By not submitting a DENIAL OF CONSENT form, you grant the District permission to post photographs and/or videos of your children or samples of their work on the District hosted websites. Parents acknowledge that these pictures may distinctly identify their children. They further acknowledge that photos and students' first names may appear on District videos and publications as well as print, electronic, and broadcast media. Those who do not submit a DENIAL OF CONSENT form agree to release Sunset Ridge District 29 and its employees, officials, and agents from liability of any claims, including without limitation, claims for libel, defamation, invasion of privacy, misappropriation of right of privacy, and any other infringement or misappropriation of any other proprietary rights arising out of or relating to the exercise of rights granted.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Vieth, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Please check the blanks below to indicate which permissions you deny and then sign and date as indicated.

Work Samples on District's Publicly Accessed Website/s

_____ Sunset Ridge District 29 **does not have** my permission to post samples of my son/daughter's schoolwork on its websites which may be accessed by the public.

Photographs and/or Videos on District's Publicly Accessed Website/s

_____ Sunset Ridge District 29 **does not have** my permission to post photographs and/or videos of my son/daughter involved in a school activity on its publicly accessed website/s. This includes images printed in parent letters and District publications which are posted on the website/s.

Distribution of Videos (such as the Middlefork School video) and/or Other Multimedia Presentations to District Families

_____ Sunset Ridge District 29 **does not have** my permission to distribute copies of videos and/or other multimedia presentations to District families, which may contain images of my son/daughter.

Photographs, Videos and/or Student Work in Print, Electronic or Broadcast Media

_____ Sunset Ridge District 29 **does not have** permission to allow photographs and videos to be taken of my son/daughter and to allow those photographs, videos and/or my child's work samples to be published by media sources where school business and activities are published.

Print Name of Student

Print Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Date

Student's Grade Level