

To protect your privacy you can use the form below or just write your instructions on a piece of paper and give it to your school.

I,

_____ (Print Your Name)

instruct

_____ (Name of School or School District)

and the Department of Education NOT to release any information about me to military recruiters.

The school (check one)

May _____

May not _____

release my information to colleges and employers.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

* Note to school administrators: Section 9528(a) of Public law 107-110 states that once this request is given to you, it is a serious violation of federal law to disregard it and release the name, address or phone number of this student to any military recruiter without prior written consent.

It's your life...

It's your privacy...

Shouldn't you be in the loop?



Q. Can you answer this question correctly?

By law, schools are required to release information about you to:

- a) Colleges and universities*
- b) U.S. military recruiters*
- c) Telemarketers*

A. *The correct answer is b. By 11th grade, your name, phone number and address are given to the military. It's part of the 'No Child Left Behind' law. Not obeying this law can result in your school losing its funding. In other words, the schools have no choice.*

For more answers to your questions about military recruiting in your school, look inside...

Q. What about my privacy? Shouldn't I have a say in the matter?

A. You should have a say, and you do.

Q. How?

A. You have the right to "opt out" of this military recruitment program. But you have to tell your school district that you do NOT want your personal information given to any branch of the military. According to the No Child Left Behind law, not just parents, but also you have the right to refuse to have your name and personal information turned over to the military.

Q. What will happen if I don't tell my school that I do not want my personal information given to the military?

A. Military recruiters will use this information to contact you again and again about joining the military. Many students have reported being pestered by recruiters who do not give up even when they say clearly that they are not interested in signing up.

Recruiters often tell students whatever it takes to get them to join even if what the recruiter says is inaccurate or misleading. But, you can "opt out" and still decide to talk with military recruiters when you choose.

Q. What do I need to do to "opt out" - to prevent my school from turning over my personal information to the military?

A. You or your parent/guardian can write a letter to your school district stating that your personal information should not be given to the military. Or you can copy the form on the back of this leaflet and turn it into your school or school district's office.

Ask your school guidance office about who is responsible for this in your school district so that you can be sure that your request goes to the right place.

Q. Why am I just now finding out about this?

A. Unfortunately, some school districts do not always fully inform students of their rights. Most districts let parents know about the policy, but they may not give parents enough time or information about how to "opt out." Few parents follow up to get all the facts. You can help get school policy changed in your school to make it easier for parents and students to opt out.

Q. I'm tired of seeing military recruiters in my school cafeteria. What's up with that?

A. Many students around the country have noticed more and more recruiters inside their schools since the Iraq war started.

But, military recruiters are not supposed to have more access to your school than college and job recruiters. If you see them in your school more often, then you may be able to say something about it.

Q. Suppose I want to do more in my school to inform my friends of their rights and reduce the presence of military recruiters? How can I reach you?

A. We are the counter recruitment committee of the Central Jersey Coalition Against Endless War. You can find educational materials on military recruitment available on our Web site at www.AgainstEndlessWar.org

You can e-mail us at NoToWar@optonline.net. We have speakers, films, and leaflets and lots of information to help you out.