

For Parents and Educators

Many parents and teachers are concerned about the aggressive recruitment tactics used by military recruiters in their local schools. Parents and teachers around the country have organized themselves and won victories that keep students information safe and private. Opt-Out Campaigns involve creating a form to circulate among students and parents, and delivering forms to school administrators. A simple signature can keep students information private, thus giving students the space and privacy to make decisions about how to spend their time after high school without the overwhelming influence of the military.

If you are concerned about your child's right to privacy, visit this webpage, created by a group of parents. LeaveMyChildAlone.org.

Legally, schools must comply with a request by a military recruiter or an institution of higher education for secondary students' names, addresses, and telephone numbers, unless a parent has "opted out" of providing such information.* Parents can prevent the release of this personal information by signing a simple form and delivering it to the school administration. No federal form exists, but forms are easy to create. See here for example forms:

[Opt Out Form - English](#)

[Opt-Out Form- Spanish](#)

By federal law, the school administration must comply with the parent's or student's request. Does your school district mail a similar form to all students families, district-wide? If not, you can work with your school administration to introduce this form into the orientation packet that is sent to parents before the school year. By organizing a school or district-wide campaign, you can be sure that your child's classmates and their families know about their right to opt-out, as well. Email: kbergin@afsc.org for more information, and to learn more about successful campaigns around the country.

*Policy Guidance - Access to High School Students and Information on Students by Military Recruiters
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