

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO OPT-OUT PROCEDURE

Complete and return this form IF YOU DO NOT GIVE PERMISSION for your student to appear in possible school publicity images or videos, including postings on the South Orangetown Central School District website or to official South Orangetown Central School District social media accounts.

There are many activities and accomplishments that take place in our schools which the South Orangetown Central School District (SOCSD) feels are positive, newsworthy and of interest to the community. District staff and program partners will, from time to time, use still photography or videography for the purpose of highlighting student achievements or chronicling classroom/school activities. Those images may be used in informational newsletters, calendars and other printed material published by SOCSD, as well as on the SOCSD website and official social media accounts. They may also be submitted to the news media for possible publication.

Images are often used without identifying individual students. When students are identified, it is standard SOCSD practice to use each student's first name and last initial. Exceptions to this practice include occasions of public recognition, such as sports achievements and local, regional, state or national awards, when students' full names are used.

If, for any reason, you do not want your child's likeness to be used by SOCSD or by the news media for the purpose of positive publicity about school activities or student achievement, please complete this form and return it to the Registrar via email (registration@socsd.org) or mail (AJ Walker, Registrar, South Orangetown Central School District, 160 Van Wyck Road, Blauvelt, NY 10913) by September 15 to take effect for the new school year.

Families will be notified of the School District's photography/videography opt-out policy and have the opportunity to complete this form during initial student registration and be reminded again as students transition to a new school (entering grades 3, 6 and 9). However, families may opt-out or remove an opt-out from their child's record at any time by contacting the Registrar.

This form only applies to classroom activities or school events that are not already open to the public. Public events such as commencement ceremonies, school concerts, sports events, theater productions, etc. are considered open to the public. Outside photographers and videographers are not governed by School District policy.

I DO NOT wish to have my child photographed, videotaped or interviewed for SOCSD purposes or by news media.

Student's full name (PRINT): _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Parent or guardian name (PRINT): _____

Parent or guardian signature: _____

Date: _____