

OFFICE OF P-12 MANAGEMENT
Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Opt-Out Program
Common Questions/Issues

Caller: "I received this Opt-Out letter. What is this about?"

Response:

- By law, if military recruiters or colleges and universities request contact information (name, address, phone number) for our 11th or 12th grade students, the Chicago Public Schools is required to provide that information *unless you choose to block it*.
- Using the Board's Opt-Out form, you may block the release of your contact information to military recruiters, or to colleges and universities, or to both.
- The Opt-Out form *must* include the student's identification number, which you can find on the student's progress report, grade report, transcript, or the student's school identification badge.
 - ✓ ***Please make sure you record the 8-digit ID number on the form accurately.***
 - ✓ ***Please make sure the student or parent/guardian, as applicable, signs the form.***
- Opt-Out forms must be submitted to the Office of P-12 Management by December 1, 2010, for juniors and seniors. (The address and fax number are on the form.) No contact information will be sent to military recruiters or to institutions of higher education until after December 1, 2010.
- Opt-Out forms are not needed for freshmen or sophomores because their contact information is never sent out.

Caller: "I sent in an Opt-Out form last year. Do I need to send in another form this year?"

Response: "No. You only need to send in the form once. It remains in effect until you specifically request that your contact information be released."

Caller: "I sent in an Opt-Out form, but I am still receiving calls from recruiters. Why?"

Response: Your contact information may have been furnished by your child at a public event or festival where recruiter activities are occurring (e.g., Navy Pier event or car show, etc). If you wish to confirm that CPS is blocking your child's contact information, please contact Tony Howard, Program Manager in the Office of P-12 Management at 773-553-2150.

For issues regarding CPS policy about the release of contact information to military recruiters and to colleges and universities:

If you have questions about the release of contact information to military, education, or job recruiters, you can contact your school or view the Recruiter Access policy at the following site: <http://policy.cps.k12.il.us/documents/708.1.pdf>