

MISSING CHILD PHOTO REPOSITORY OPT-IN FORM

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) maintains an electronic directory photograph repository of all Montana students for the exclusive purpose of locating missing school-age children. The repository provides immediate and 24/7 year-round access to a child's school directory photograph to law enforcement should a child be reported missing. It uses students' current school photos that most schools take annually for school directories, ID cards, year books, etc.

Complete and sign this form and return it to your school if you want your student's photograph included in the repository

Student Name: _____

Student Grade and School: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Important Information for Parents & Guardians:

- **Information about the electronic photograph repository:**

The repository is authorized by Montana Code Annotated (20-7-1317, MCA) and requires the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) to create and maintain an electronic directory photograph repository of all Montana students for the exclusive purpose of locating missing school-age children. The repository provides immediate and 24/7 year-round access to a child's school directory photograph to law enforcement should a child be reported missing. Annually, districts must provide parents and guardians notice of the repository and a form to opt-in their student(s).

- **Who will have access to my child's photograph in the photo repository?**

Your child's photograph will only be used by law enforcement for the express purpose of locating your child should he/she be reported to law enforcement as missing. No other use by OPI or law enforcement is permitted. Access by OPI staff will be strictly limited and controlled to staff or contractors creating and maintaining the repository.

- **How do I remove my child's photograph from the photograph repository?**

A parent can opt-out at any time. Contact your school/district to request your child's photograph be removed.

- **How long will my child's photograph be in the repository?**

Photos will be updated annually; if the photo is not updated and the parent doesn't opt-out, the photos will be purged from the repository after two years.

Please visit <https://dojmt.gov/missing-persons/> to find more information about missing school-age children.