

Students

Student Records

School student records are confidential. Information from them shall not be released other than as provided by law. A school student record is any writing or other recorded information concerning a student and by which a student may be identified individually that is maintained by a school or at its direction by a school employee, regardless of how or where the information is stored, except as provided in State or federal law as summarized below:

1. Records kept in a staff member's sole possession.
2. Records maintained by law enforcement officers working in the school.
3. Video and other electronic recordings (including without limitation, electronic recordings made on school buses) that are created in part for law enforcement, security, or safety reasons or purposes. The content of these recordings may become part of a school student record to the extent school officials create, use, and maintain this content, or it becomes available to them by law enforcement officials, for disciplinary or special education purposes regarding a particular student.
4. Any information, either written or oral, received from law enforcement officials concerning a student less than the age of 18 years who has been arrested or taken into custody.

State and federal law grant students, parent(s)/guardian(s) and when applicable, the Ill. Dept of Children and Family Services' Office of Education and Transition Services, certain rights, including the right to inspect, copy, and/or challenge school records. The information contained in school student records shall be kept current, accurate, clear and relevant. All information maintained concerning a student receiving special education services shall be directly related to the provision of services to that child. The District may release directory information as permitted by law, but a parent/guardian shall have the right to opt out of the release of directory information regarding his or her child. The District will comply with State or federal law with regard to release of a student's school records, including where applicable, without notice to, or the consent of, the students' parent/guardian or eligible student. Upon request, the District discloses school student records without parent consent to the official records custodian of another school in which a student has enrolled or intends to enroll, as well as to any other person as specifically required or permitted by State or federal law.

The Superintendent shall implement this policy and designate an *official records custodian* for each school who shall maintain and protect the confidentiality of school student records, inform staff members of this policy, and shall inform students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) their rights regarding student school records.

Student Biometric Information Collection

The Superintendent or designee may recommend a student biometric information collection system solely for the purposes of identification and fraud prevention. Such recommendation shall be consistent with budget requirements and in compliance with State law. Biometric information means any information that is collected through an identification process for individuals based on their unique behavioral or physiological characteristics, including fingerprint, hand geometry, voice, or facial recognition or iris or retinal scans.

Before collecting student biometric information, the District shall obtain written permission from the person having legal custody/parental responsibility or the student (if over the age of 18). Upon a student's 18th birthday, the District shall obtain written permission from the student to collect student biometric information. Failure to provide written consent to collect biometric information shall not be the basis for refusal of any services otherwise available to a student.

All collected biometric information shall be stored and transmitted in a manner that protects it from disclosure. Sale, lease, or other disclosure of biometric information to another person or entity is strictly prohibited.

The District will discontinue use of a student's biometric information and destroy all collected biometric information within 30 days after: (1) the student graduates or withdraws from the School District, or (2) the District receives a written request to discontinue use of biometric information from the person having legal custody/parental responsibility of the student or the student (if over the age of 18). Requests to discontinue using a student's biometric information shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy consistent with State and federal law.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 34 C.F.R. Part 99. 50 ILCS 205/7. Local Records Act.105 ILCS 5/10-20. b, and 5/10-20.40, 5/14-1.01 et seq105 ILCS10/, Ill. School Student Records Act. 105 ILCS 85/, Student Online Personal Protection Act. 325 ILCS 17/, Children’s Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act, and 10/1. 23 Ill.Admin.Code Parts 226 and 375. Owasso I.S.D. No. I-011 v. Falvo, 534 U.S. 426 (2002). Chicago Tribune Co. v. Chicago Bd. of Ed., 332 Ill.App.3d60 (1st Dist. 2002).

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:130 (Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:345 (Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security)

ADMIN PROC.: 7:15-E (Exhibit - Notification to Parents of Family Privacy Rights), 7:340-AP1, (School Student Records), 7:340-AP, E1, (Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student’s School Records), 7:340-AP1, E3 (Letter to Parents Concerning Military Recruiters and Postsecondary Institutions Receiving Student Directory Information), 7:340-AP2 (Storage and Destruction of School Student Records), 7:340-AP2, E1 (Letter Containing Schedule for Destruction of School Student Records)

ADOPTED: March 18, 2008

REVISED: February 26, 2013
June 24, 2014
March 22, 2016
November 24, 2020
May 24, 2022
January 24, 2023