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The **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act** (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

- Educational agencies and institutions must annually notify parents and eligible students of their rights under FERPA.
- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school.
- Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, the following parties or under the following conditions: FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to
 - Other schools to which a student is transferring;
 - Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes
 - Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
 - Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
 - Accrediting organizations;
 - To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
 - Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
 - State/local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.



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- Schools may disclose, without consent, "**directory**" **information** such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them.
- The district has a **policy** regarding FERPA (JRA-R Student Records)
 - The district will not release directory information to any person or agency for **commercial use**.
 - The district expects its employees to use **good judgement** in release directory information so it serves the best interests of the student.
- The district Administration has adopted specific **practices** to protect the best interests of students.
 - Organizations requesting directory information are vetted on a case by case basis. (Nonprofits and not-for-profit organizations can receive information.)
 - The district provides limited information on students. Most organizations requesting information are provided with name, address, school and grade of the student.

