

### **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Definitions**

Although this listing is not intended to take the place of the complete FERPA law and regulations, the following definitions shall apply when implementing Policy 09.14 and the procedures that follow.

**EDUCATION RECORDS** – Refers to records directly related to a student that are maintained by the School or by a party acting for the School.

A “record” shall include any information recorded in any way, including, but not limited to, handwriting, print, computer media, video or audiotape, film, microfilm, and microfiche. Student records shall include disciplinary records with regard to suspension and expulsion.

Staff should refer to federal regulations for examples of documents that are not considered education records.

**PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION** – Includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Student’s name;
2. Name of the student’s parent or other family member;
3. Address of the student or student’s family;
4. Any personal identifier, such as the student’s social security or student number;
5. Personal characteristics that would make the student’s identity easily traceable, including biometric records (measurable biological or behavioral characteristics that can be used for automated recognition of an individual, such as fingerprints, retina and iris patterns, voiceprints, DNA sequence, facial characteristics, and handwriting); or
6. Other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty.

**NOTE:** Unless the parent/guardian or student who has reached age 18, requests in writing that the School not release information, the student’s name, address, and telephone number (if listed) shall be released to Armed Forces recruiters and institutions of higher education upon their request.

**STUDENT** - Except as otherwise specifically designated by law, “student” shall mean any individual who is or has been in attendance in the School and for whom the School maintains education records.

**ATTENDANCE** – School “attendance” includes, but is not limited to, attendance in person or by paper correspondence, videoconference, satellite, Internet, or other electronic information and telecommunication technologies for students who are not physically present in the classroom; and the period during which a person is working under a work-study program.

**DISCLOSURE** - Refers to permitting access to, or release or transfer of, personally identifiable information contained in a student’s education record to any party, except the party identified as the provider or creator of the record, by any means, including oral, written, or electronic.

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**EDUCATION PROGRAM** - Programs principally engaged in the provision of education, including, but not limited to, early childhood education, elementary and secondary education, postsecondary education, special education, job training, career and technical education and adult education, and any program that is administered by an educational agency or institution.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM** - A Head Start program, a state licensed or regulated child care program, or a program that serves children from birth through age six (6) that addresses the children's cognitive, social, emotional and physical development and is a (a) state prekindergarten program; (b) a program authorized under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; or (c) a program operated by a local education agency.

**REFERENCES:**

34 C.F.R. Part 99, 20 U.S.C. 1232g  
P. L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015)

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The following rules and procedures shall be complied with relative to disclosure of student records:

1. The School shall annually notify parents of students currently in attendance, or eligible students currently in attendance, of their rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The notification also shall be furnished to parents of all new students and to all new eligible students by the Principal at the time of enrollment.

2. Unless the parent or student who has reached age 18 requests in writing that the School not release information, the student's name, address, and telephone number (if listed) shall be released to Armed Forces recruiters and institutions of higher education upon their request.

Subject to federal opt-out rights, directory information shall be made available to Armed Forces recruiters and institutions of higher education on the same basis as it is provided to the public.

3. Parents or eligible students who wish to review educational records may make a request on the appropriate form. Forms are available at the school and in the Central Office. Access shall be provided within a reasonable time frame, not to exceed forty-five (45) calendar days of School receipt of the request. Because, a shorter timeline is required in certain situations involving IDEA students, staff shall adhere to the School's special education procedures for responding to such requests.

If circumstances effectively prevent a parent or eligible student from exercising inspection rights, copies of the requested records shall be provided within the above stated time frame.

Until any questions are resolved, no student record held by the School shall be discarded when the record is under an outstanding request to inspect or review.

4. School authorities shall make a documented effort to notify the parent or eligible student prior to complying with a court order or subpoena that directs the disclosure of information concerning the student. In compliance with FERPA, notice to the parent is not required when a court order directs that the parent/eligible student is not to be notified, or when the order is issued in the context of a dependency, neglect, or abuse proceeding in which the parent is a party.

As noted in the School's annual FERPA notice, parent consent/notification is not required to release student records to another school district or post-secondary institution in which a student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled.

5. The School shall disclose personally identifiable student information to an organization designated to conduct a study for or on behalf of the School only when a written agreement has been established with the organization. Such disclosure does not require parent/eligible student consent.
6. The parent or eligible student must sign a request and consent form before a student's records are to be transferred to an agency or individual not authorized under law to receive them.

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7. A log shall be maintained of student records requests and disclosures, including emergency disclosures in response to an actual, impending, or imminent articulable and significant health/safety threat. The log requirement does not apply to the following:
  - a. Disclosures made to parents or eligible students,
  - b. Records released pursuant to written consent,
  - c. Access by school officials and others having a legitimate educational interest under FERPA,
  - d. Disclosure to a party with written consent from a parent or eligible student,
  - e. Disclosures of directory information, or
  - f. Disclosures of records made pursuant to a subpoena or court order where a court order or other law provides that the parent or student are not to be notified.
8. A challenge to the records may take the form of an informal discussion among the parents, student, and school officials. Any agreement between these parties shall be reduced in writing, signed by all parties, and placed in the student's records.
9. Upon request, the Principal/designee shall, arrange for a record amendment hearing in compliance with 702 KAR 1:140.

**RELATED PROCEDURES:**

All 09.14 procedures

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## Notification of FERPA Rights

Distribute this notice annually to parents and students.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and “eligible students” (students 18 years of age or older or students who are attending a postsecondary institution) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. They are:

1. ***The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within forty-five (45) days of the day the School receives a request for access.***

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school Principal/designee a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the record(s) may be inspected.

2. ***The right to inspect and review logs documenting disclosures of the student’s education records.***

Except for disclosure to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosure to the parent or eligible student, FERPA regulations require the School to record the disclosure.

3. ***The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student’s privacy or other rights.***

Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of privacy or other rights. They should write the school Principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of their privacy or other rights.

If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise him/her of the right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

4. ***The right to provide written consent prior to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.***

Exceptions that permit disclosure without consent include:

- a. Disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A “school official” is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school Board; a volunteer, or an outside person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his/her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility to the School.

This may include contractors, consultants, volunteers, and other parties to whom the School has outsourced services or functions.

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- b. Upon request, disclosure of education records without parent/eligible student notice or consent to officials of another school district or post-secondary institution in which a student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled or to other entities authorized by law so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer.
- c. Disclosure of information to those whose knowledge of such information is necessary to respond to an actual, impending, or imminent articulable and significant health/safety threat.
- d. Disclosure to state and local educational authorities and accrediting organizations, subject to requirements of FERPA regulations.

Designated Kentucky State agencies may be permitted access to student record information, which will depend on the authority granted to their particular agency.

5. ***The right to notify the School in writing to withhold information the Board has designated as directory information as listed in the annual directory information notice the School provides to parents/eligible students.***

To exercise this right, parents/eligible students shall notify the School by the deadline designated by the School.

6. ***The right to prohibit the disclosure of personally identifiable information concerning the student to recruiting representatives of the U. S. Armed Forces and its service academies, the Kentucky Air National Guard, the Kentucky Army National Guard and institutions of higher education.***

Unless the parent or student who has reached age 18 requests in writing that the School not release information, the student's name, address, and telephone number (if listed) shall be released to Armed Forces recruiters and institutions of higher education upon their request.

7. ***The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA.*** The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-4605

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