

Fresno Unified Board Policy (BP) 5125

Student Records

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of keeping accurate, comprehensive student records as required by law. Procedures for maintaining the confidentiality of student records shall be consistent with state and federal law.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations governing the identification, collection, retention, disclosure, and security of student records. These regulations shall ensure the rights of authorized persons to have timely access to student records while maintaining the confidentiality of student records consistent in accordance with state and federal law.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)
(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)
(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)
(cf. 5125.3 - Challenging Student Records)

Custodian of Records

The Superintendent or designee shall designate a certificated employee to serve as custodian of records, with responsibility for student records at the district level. At each school, the principal or a certificated designee shall act as custodian of records for students enrolled at that school. The custodian of records shall be responsible for implementing the Board policy and administrative regulation regarding student records. (Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 431)

If student records containing covered information which is not subject to the California Consumer Privacy Act are under the control of the operator of a website, online service or application, or mobile application, and the student's parent/guardian or the student, if 18 years of age or older, requests deletion of such records, the Superintendent or designee shall provide documentation to the operator that the student has not been enrolled in the district for at least 60 days. (Business and Professions Code 22584)

All appropriate personnel shall receive training regarding district policies and procedures for gathering and handling sensitive student information, including which information should not be solicited.

The district shall not collect or solicit social security numbers or the last four digits of social security numbers of students or their parents/guardians, unless otherwise required to do so by state or federal law. (Education Code 49076.7)

The immigration or citizenship status of a student or a student's family member may only be collected and disclosed in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 1445 - Response to Immigration Enforcement.

The Superintendent or designee shall not compile a list, registry, or database based on race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, students' national origin, or religious belief, practice, or affiliation, nor shall they disclose student information to federal government authorities for the purpose of compiling such a list, registry, or database for purposes of immigration enforcement. This prohibition does not apply to information that is aggregated and is not personally identifiable. (Government Code 8310.3)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop protocols to comply with a court's restraining order that prohibits a party from accessing specified records and information pertaining to a student. (Family Code 6323.5)

Retention, Disclosure, and Security of Student Records

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the confidentiality of student records as required by law and shall establish processes and procedures to safeguard data against damage, loss, or theft, including damage, loss, or theft which may be caused by the use of technology, including artificial intelligence and breaches to the district's digital infrastructure, in the retention or disclosure of student records.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees receive information and training about cybersecurity, including ways to protect student records from breaches to the district's digital infrastructure.

If the district experiences a cyberattack that impacts more than 500 students or personnel, the Superintendent or designee shall report the cyberattack to the California Cybersecurity Integration Center. (Education Code 35266)

The Superintendent or designee may enter into a contract with a third party for the digital storage, management, and retrieval of student records and/or to authorize a third-party provider of digital software to access, store, and use student records, provided that the contract meets the requirements of Education Code 49073.1 and other applicable state and federal laws.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

220.3 Prohibition of requiring employee or contractor to disclose information related to student's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression

234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status

17604 Contracts

33328.5 Statewide AI Task Force

35266 Reporting of cyberattacks

48201 Transfer student's record for acts that resulted in suspension/expulsion

48853.5 Foster youth; placement, immunizations

48902 Notification of law enforcement of specified violations

48904-48904.3 Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts

48918 Rules governing expulsion procedures

48980 Parental notifications

48985 Notices in parent/guardian's primary language

49060-49079 Student records

49091.14 Parent/Guardian review of curriculum

51745 Independent study

56041.5 Rights of students with disabilities

56050 Surrogate parents

56055 Foster parents

60900-60901 California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System

69432.9 Cal Grant program; notification of grade point average

69475 Conditional repeal of Cal Grant Program

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

22580-22582 Privacy rights for California minors in the digital world

22584-22585 Student Online Personal Information Protection Act

22586-22587 Early Learning Personal Information Protection Act

CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

1985.3 Subpoena duces tecum

FAMILY CODE

3025 Access to records by noncustodial parents

6323.5 Ex parte orders

6552 Caregiver's authorization affidavit

GOVERNMENT CODE

7920.000-7930.215 California Public Records Act

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120440 Immunizations; disclosure of information

PENAL CODE

245 Assault with deadly weapon

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

681 Truancy petitions

701 Juvenile court law

16010 Health and education records of a minor

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974

1232h Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26

152 Definition of dependent child

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11434a McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; definitions

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 16

Part 312 Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.8 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

300.501 Opportunity to examine records for parents/guardians of student with disability

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