



FERPA: FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT



WHAT IS FERPA? READ ON!

FAQ # 1: What is the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (“FERPA”)?



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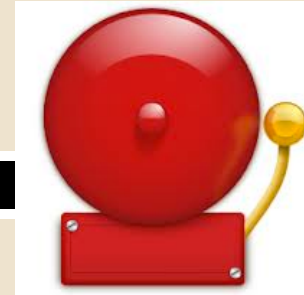
- FERPA is a federal law that gives parents the right to access their children's education records.
- FERPA also protects students and parents from the unauthorized release of student records to third parties.
- Parents have the right to seek to have the records amended, and the right to have some control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the education records.
- With certain exceptions, when a student turns 18 years old, or enters a postsecondary institution at any age, the rights under FERPA transfer from the parents to the student.

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FAQ #2: How am I informed about my rights under FERPA?



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- Innovation is required to notify parents and eligible students about their rights under FERPA.
- Schools do not have to individually notify parents and eligible students but do have to notify them by any means that are reasonably likely to inform the parents or eligible students of their rights.
- Innovation's FERPA policy is posted on our website.

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FAQ # 3: May student records be disclosed without first obtaining parental consent?

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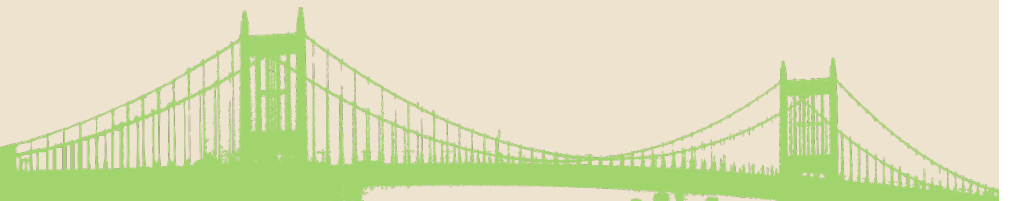
Consent

- Yes. There are several important exceptions to FERPA's general prior consent rule that are set forth in the statute and the regulations.
- Please see the FERPA Notice and the Directory Information Notice on the parent page of Innovation's website to learn about the exceptions.

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FAQ # 4: What is "Directory Information"?



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- "Directory information" is information contained in the education records of a student that usually is not considered harmful if disclosed.
- Directory information includes information such as name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and dates of attendance.
- Innovation may disclose directory information without consent if it has given public notice of the types of information that it has designated as directory information, the parent's or student's right to restrict disclosure, and the period of time within which a parent or student must notify the school that it must restrict the release of the information.

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FAQ # 5: What are my rights if my child is taking college classes?

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- If a student is taking college classes the rights under FERPA to examine and disclose records transfer to the student.
- However, when a student is enrolled in both a high school and a postsecondary institution, the two schools may exchange information on that student.
- If the student is under 18, the parents retain their FERPA rights at the high school and may inspect and review any records sent by the postsecondary institution to the high school.

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Do you still have questions about FERPA and how it applies to you and your child?

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- Check out the FERPA Policy and Directory Information Notice posted on the parent page of our website.
- Contact us at info@innovationhs.org, or call Innovation at 212-722-5871 and ask for the Registrar or the Executive Director.



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