

## FERPA

### (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's education records. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. 1) Parents have the right to inspect and view all of their student's education records maintained by the school within 45 days of request for access. 2) Parents have the right to request that the school correct records believed to be inaccurate or misleading. 3) Generally, the school must have written permission from the parent before releasing any information from a student's record. However, the law allows schools to disclose records, without consent, to some parties (e.g. school employees and volunteers with a need to know; other schools that have requested the records and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll; individuals who have obtained court orders or subpoenas; persons who need to know; in cases of health and safety emergencies; juvenile systems, etc.)