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FERPA for Parents

CNU Office of the Registrar

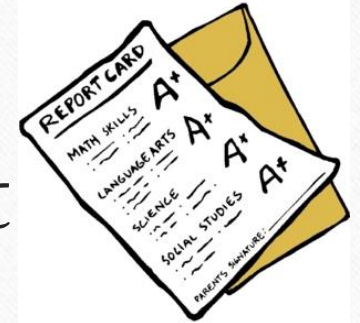
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What is FERPA?



- The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a Federal law that gives custodial and noncustodial parents of K-12 students certain rights with respect to their children's education records.
- Provides the right to:
 1. Inspect and review their child's record;
 2. Seek to have the record amended;
 3. Written consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information from the records (some situation allow for non-consensual release: to comply with a subpoena, in connection to emergency situations, etc.)
 4. File complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office (US Dept. of Education) for failure to comply

FERPA and Your College Student



- When your child turns 18 or starts a post-secondary school (i.e. college), those rights are transferred to your student!
- What does this mean for you?
 - If you call the school to ask how your student is doing in class...I'm sorry, we cannot tell you.
 - If you inquire about tuition payments or money owed by your student....I'm sorry, we cannot tell you.
 - If you want to know what classes your student is taking...I'm sorry, we cannot tell you.

Accessing your Student's Information

- Communicate! Ask your student to provide information directly to you!
 - Students can tell you how much they owe, how they are doing in class, what classes they are taking, etc.
- Student provides signed, written consent
 - Must indicate 1) what specific information is to be released, 2) who it is to be released to (be prepared to provide valid identification), and 3) the reason for release.
- CNU Authorization to Release Records
 - Your student may indicate you as someone who can access their records. A student can revoke this permission at any time.
- Evidence of student dependency: Most recent federal tax forms
 - School/department may non-consensually disclose information, but is not required to.

CNU Directory Information

- Student's name
- E-mail address
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Photo
- Major field of study
- Classification (Class of/Graduate)
- Enrollment status
- Dates of attendance
- Club and/or Organization memberships
- Degrees, honors and awards received
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended

Resources



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- US Dept. of Education FERPA General Guidance for Parents:
<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/parents.html>
 - CNU Office of the Registrar>Student Privacy:
<http://www.cnsu.edu/about/registrar/registrar-services>
 - CNU Office of the Registrar
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