

1 Student Records

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3 Notification to Parents and Students of Rights Concerning a Student's School Records

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5 *This notification may be distributed by any means likely to reach the parent(s)/guardian(s).*

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7 The District will maintain two (2) sets of school records for each student: a permanent record
8 and a cumulative record. The permanent record will include:

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10 Basic identifying information
11 Academic work completed (transcripts)
12 Level of achievement (grades, standardized achievement tests)
13 Immunization records (per § 20-5-506, MCA)
14 Attendance record
15 Statewide student identifier assigned by the Office of Public Instruction
16 Record of any disciplinary action taken against the student, which is educationally related

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18 The cumulative record may include:

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20 Intelligence and aptitude scores
21 Psychological reports
22 Participation in extracurricular activities
23 Honors and awards
24 Teacher anecdotal records
25 Verified reports or information from non-educational persons
26 Verified information of clear relevance to the student's education
27 Information pertaining to release of this record
28 Disciplinary information

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30 The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents/guardians and students
31 over eighteen (18) years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's
32 education records. They are:

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34 1. **The right to inspect and copy the student's education records, within a reasonable**
35 **time from the day the District receives a request for access.**

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37 Students less than eighteen (18) years of age have the right to inspect and copy their
38 permanent record. Parents/guardians or students should submit to the school principal (or
39 appropriate school official) a written request identifying the record(s) they wish to
40 inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent(s)/
41 guardian(s) or eligible student of the time and place the records may be inspected. The
42 District charges a nominal fee for copying, but no one will be denied their right to copies
43 of their records for inability to pay this cost.

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2 The rights contained in this section are denied to any person against whom an order of
3 protection has been entered concerning a student.
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5 **2. The right to request amendment of the student’s education records which the**
6 **parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading,**
7 **irrelevant, or improper.**
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9 Parents/guardians or eligible students may ask the District to amend a record they believe
10 is inaccurate, misleading, irrelevant, or improper. They should write the school principal
11 or records custodian, clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed, and
12 specify the reason.
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14 If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent(s)/guardian(s) or
15 eligible student, the District will notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student of the
16 decision and advise him or her of their right to a hearing regarding the request for
17 amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to
18 the parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
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20 **3. The right to permit disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in**
21 **the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA or state law**
22 **authorizes disclosure without consent.**
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24 Disclosure is permitted without consent to school officials with legitimate educational or
25 administrative interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an
26 administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or
27 medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the Board; a
28 person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such
29 as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent(s)/guardian(s) or
30 student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee,
31 or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.
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33 A school official has a legitimate educational interest, if the official needs to review an
34 education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.
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36 Upon request, the District discloses education records, without consent, to officials of
37 another school district in which a student has enrolled or intends to enroll, as well as to
38 any person as specifically required by state or federal law. Before information is
39 released to individuals described in this paragraph, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will receive
40 written notice of the nature and substance of the information and an opportunity to
41 inspect, copy, and challenge such records. The right to challenge school student records
42 does not apply to: (1) academic grades of their child, and (2) references to expulsions or
43 out-of-school suspensions, if the challenge is made at the time the student’s school
44 student records are forwarded to another school to which the student is transferring.
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2 Disclosure is also permitted without consent to: any person for research, statistical
3 reporting, or planning, provided that no student or parent(s)/guardian(s) can be identified;
4 any person named in a court order; and appropriate persons if the knowledge of such
5 information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons.

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7 4. **The right to a copy of any school student record proposed to be destroyed or**
8 **deleted.**

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10 5. **The right to prohibit the release of directory information concerning the parent's/**
11 **guardian's child.**

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13 Throughout the school year, the District may release directory information regarding
14 students, limited to:

- 15 Student's name
- 16 Address
- 17 Telephone listing
- 18 Photograph (including electronic version)
- 19 Date and place of birth
- 20 Major field of study
- 21 Dates of attendance
- 22 Grade level
- 23 Enrollment status (e.g., undergraduate or graduate; full-time or part-time)
- 24 Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- 25 Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- 26 Degrees
- 27 Honors and awards received
- 28 Most recent educational agency or institution attended

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31 *Any parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student may prohibit the release of any or all of the*
32 *above information by delivering written objection to the building principal within ten*
33 *(10) days of the date of this notice. No directory information will be released within this*
34 *time period, unless the parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student are specifically informed*
35 *otherwise. When a student transfers, leaves the District, or graduates, the school must*
36 *continue to honor a decision to opt-out, unless the parent or student rescinds the decision.*
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39 A parent or student 18 years of age or an emancipated student, may not opt out of directory
40 information to prevent the district from disclosing or requiring a student to disclose their
41 name [identifier, institutional email address in a class in which the student is enrolled] or
42 from requiring a student to disclose a student ID card or badge that exhibits information that
43 has been properly designated directory information by the district in this policy.

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45 6. **The right to request that information not be released to military recruiters and/or**
46 **institutions of higher education.**

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Pursuant to federal law, the District is required to release the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all high school students to military recruiters and institutions of higher education upon request.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible students may request that the District not release this information, and the District will comply with the request.

7. **The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education, concerning alleged failures by the District 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