

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy ACT (FERPA) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. Parents or eligible students under the age of 18 have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless certain circumstances stand. Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties under the following conditions: school officials with legitimate educational interest; employees of the BOCES or other school district who are providing educational services to students or providing technology support or other shared services to the District; other schools to which a student is transferring; specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes; appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student; organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school; accrediting organizations; legal agencies to comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena; appropriate officials cases of health and safety emergencies; and State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.