

## Document Status: Draft Update

### 7:340 Student Records

School student records are confidential. Information from them shall not be released other than as provided by law. A school student record is any writing or other recorded information concerning a student and by which a student may be identified individually that is maintained by a school or at its direction by a school employee, regardless of how or where the information is stored, except as provided in State or federal law as summarized below:

1. Records kept in a staff member's sole possession.
2. Records maintained by law enforcement officers working in the school.
3. Video and other electronic recordings (including without limitation, electronic recordings made on school buses) that are created in part for law enforcement, security, or safety reasons or purposes. The content of these recordings may become part of a school student record to the extent school officials create, use, and maintain this content, or it becomes available to them by law enforcement officials, for disciplinary or special education purposes regarding a particular student.
4. Any information, either written or oral, received from law enforcement officials concerning a student less than the age of 18 <sup>PRESSPlus1</sup> years who has been arrested or taken into custody.

State and federal law grants students and parents/guardians certain rights, including the right to inspect, copy, and challenge school student records. The information contained in school student records shall be kept current, accurate, clear, and relevant. All information maintained concerning a student receiving special education services shall be directly related to the provision of services to that child. The District may release directory information as permitted by law, but a parent/guardian shall have the right to opt-out of the release of directory information regarding his or her child. ~~However, the District will comply with State or federal law with regard to release of an ex parte court order requiring it to permit the U.S. Attorney General or designee to have access to a student's school records, including where applicable, without notice to, or the consent of, the student's parent/guardian or eligible student.~~ <sup>PRESSPlus2</sup> Upon request, the District discloses school student records without parent consent to the official records custodian of another school in which a student has enrolled or intends to enroll, as well as to any other person as specifically required or permitted by State or federal law.

The Superintendent shall fully implement this policy and designate an *official records custodian* for each school who shall maintain and protect the confidentiality of school student records, inform staff members of this policy, and inform students and their parents/guardians of their rights regarding school student records.

#### LEGAL REF.:

[20 U.S.C. §1232g](#), Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, implemented by [34 C.F.R. Part 99](#).

50 ILCS 205/7, [Local Records Act](#).

105 ILCS 5/10-20.12 ~~24b~~, ~~5/20-37~~, 5/10-20.40, and 5/14-1.01 et seq. [105 ILCS 10](#), Ill. School Student Records Act.

[105 ILCS 85](#), Student Online Personal Protection Act.

[325 ILCS 17](#), Children's Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act.

[750 ILCS 5/602.11](#), Ill. Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.

[23 Ill Admin Code Parts 226](#) and [375](#).

[Owasso I.S.D. No. I-011 v. Falvo](#), 534 U.S. 426 (2002).

*Chicago Tribune Co. v. Chicago Bd. of Ed.*, 332 Ill.App.3d 60 (1st Dist. 2002).

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:130 (Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:345 (Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security)

#### PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. 705 ILCS 405/5-905, amended by P.A. 98-61, applies to law enforcement records of minors arrested or taken into custody before their 18th (formerly 17<sup>th</sup>) birthday. **Issue 108, November 2021**

PRESSPlus 2. Updated in response to feedback from PRESS Advisory Board (PAB) members. **Issue 108, November 2021**