

Students

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 professionals 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 professionals, 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 years who has been arrested or taken into custody.

State and federal law grants students, parents/guardians, and when applicable, the Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services' Office of Education and Transition Services, certain rights, including the right to inspect, copy, and/or 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. The District will comply with State or federal law with regard to release of a student's school records, including, where applicable, without notice to, or the consent of, the student's parent/guardian or eligible student. 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.

Eligible Students-Transfer of Rights at Age 18

When a student reaches 18 year of age, or enrolls in a postsecondary institution, all rights accorded to parents/guardians under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Illinois School Student Records Act transfer to the student ("eligible student"). The District shall recognize the student as the rightsholder upon reaching age 18.

An eligible student may submit a written request to revoke parent/guardian access to education records maintained by the District. Prior to processing such request the District may require:

- Verification of the student's identity and age;
- Completion of a District-approved revocation form;

- Participation in a meeting with a building administrator or designee to review the academic, legal, and financial implication of revocation.

Notwithstanding the transfer of rights, FERPA permits the District to disclose education to a parent who claims the student as a dependent for federal income tax purposes. If a parent seeks continued access under the dependency exceptions, the District may require documentation of dependency status, which may be reviewed annually. The Superintendent or designee retains discretion, consistent with law, to determine whether disclosure will occur.

When a student is claimed as a dependent for federal income tax purposes, the District may continue to disclose education records to the parents or guardian as permitted under FERPA. The District may rely on documentation provided by the parents to verify dependency status. Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted to require the District to deny parent access when disclosure is permitted under federal law.

Revocation of parental access to education records does not relieve a student of responsibility for school-related obligations, including but not limited to fees, fines, lunch balances, technology charges, athletic or activity fees or other assess costs.

Student Biometric Information Collection

The Superintendent or designee may recommend a student biometric information collection system solely for the purposes of identification and fraud prevention. Such recommendation shall be consistent with budget requirements and in compliance with State law. Biometric information means any information that is collected through an identification process for individuals based on their unique behavioral or physiological characteristics, including fingerprint, hand geometry, voice, or facial recognition or iris or retinal scans.

Before collecting student biometric information, the District shall obtain written permission from the person having legal custody/parental responsibility or the student (if over the age of 18). Upon a student's 18th birthday, the District shall obtain written permission from the student to collect student biometric information. Failure to provide written consent to collect biometric information shall not be the basis for refusal of any services otherwise available to a student.

All collected biometric information shall be stored and transmitted in a manner that protects it from disclosure. Sale, lease, or other disclosure of biometric information to another person or entity is strictly prohibited.

The District will discontinue use of a student's biometric information and destroy all collected biometric information within 30 days after: (1) the student graduates or withdraws from the School District, or (2) the District receives a written request to discontinue use of biometric information from the person having legal custody/parental responsibility of the student or the student (if over the age of 18). Requests to discontinue using a student's biometric information shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy consistent with State and federal law.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1232g, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; 34 C.F.R. Part 99.
 50 ILCS 205/7, Local Records Act.
 105 ILCS 5/10-20.12b, 5/10-20.40, 5/14-1.01 et seq., and 5/26A-30.
 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), 7:255 (*Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*), 7:345 (Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security)

ADMIN. PROC.: 7:15-E (Notification to Parents of Family Privacy Rights), 7:255-AP1 (*Supporting Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*), 7:340-AP1 (School Student Records), 7:340-AP1, E1 (Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records), 7:340-AP1, E3 (Letter to Parents and Eligible Students Concerning Military Recruiters and Postsecondary Institutions Receiving Student Directory Information), 7:340-AP1, E4 (Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Military Recruiter Access to Students and Student Information, 7:340-AP1, E5 (Biometric Information Collection Authorization), 7:340-AP2 (Storage and Destruction of School Student Records), 7:340-AP2, E1 (Letter Containing Schedule for Destruction of School Student Records)

APPROVED: