

FERPA BASICS

- The purpose of FERPA is to protect students' educational records.
- Educational records become the right of students at age 18 or enrollment in a post-secondary institution.

CAN SHARE

- Directory info (e.g. Name, major, enrollment status)
- General policies & procedures
- Personal observations (not from records)

BEST PRACTICE

- Verify identity
- Check for FERPA release
- Encourage parent-student communication
- When in doubt, consult Registrar

CANNOT SHARE

- Grades, GPA, academic standing
- Class schedules
- Financial aid details
- Disciplinary records

EXCEPTIONS

- Health/safety emergency
- Court order or subpoena
- Parent of dependent student (IRS definition)