



Board of Director's Policy Students 500 Series

Policy # 500.17

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 17 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 School may release directory information as permitted by law, but a parent/guardian shall have the right to object to the release of information regarding his or her child. However, the School will comply with 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 without notice to, or the consent of, the student's parent/guardian.

The Executive Director shall fully implement this policy and designate an official records custodian who shall maintain and protect the confidentiality of school student records, inform staff members of this policy, inform students and their parents/guardians of their rights regarding school student records, and retain school records as required by law.

LEGAL REF.:

Chicago Tribune Co. v. Chicago Bd. of Ed., 773 N.E.2d 674 (Ill.App.1, 2002).
Owasso I.S.D. No. I-011 v. Falvo, 122 S.Ct. 934 (2002).
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g; 34 C.F.R. Part 99.
Children's Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act, 325 ILCS 17/.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.21b, 20.37, 20.40, 5/14-1.01 et seq. and 10/.
50 ILCS 205/7.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §§226 and 375.

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