

FERPA Rights

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FERPA (FERPA) is the federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records that may change when a child reaches the age of majority or attends school away from home. Parents of a student who is no longer a dependent for tax purposes are not entitled to FERPA rights. FERPA rights are held by the student.

Key points to keep in mind when working with students or student records are:

- FERPA rights are held by the student;
- FERPA rights are not the same as privacy rights;
- FERPA rights are not the same as First Amendment rights.