

PUPIL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

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Policy Title: Student Records (Family Education Rights & Privacy Act – FERPA Code No. 519

Under the direction from the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Fruitland School District will allow parents to inspect, review and copy their student's education records and, if they believe the records to be inaccurate, they may seek to amend them. Parents also have the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information in the record, except under authorized circumstances.

Education records include a range of information about a student that is maintained in any recorded way, handwriting, print, computerized, video, or audio tape. Schools may release information from students' education records with the prior written consent of parents. Fruitland School District reserves the right for teachers and school officials who work with the students and schools to which students apply for entrance to have access to education records without prior consent of the parent. In addition, information from students' records may be released to state and local education officials to conduct audits, or to review records in compliance with Federal laws. The school may also disclose information from education records without the consent of parents in response to subpoenas or court orders.

FERPA gives both parents, custodial and non-custodial, equal access to student information unless the school has evidence of a court order to state law revoking these rights. When students reach the age of 18, or when they become students at postsecondary education institutions, they become "eligible students" and rights under FERPA transfer to them. However, parents retain access to student records of children who are their dependents for tax purposes.

Directory Information

Part of the education record known as directory information, includes personal information about a student that can be made public according to Fruitland School District records policy. Directory information may include a student's name, address and telephone number, and other information typically found in school yearbooks or athletic programs such as pictures of students, participation in extra-curricular activities or recipients of awards, and height and weight of athletes.

The school/district may release directory information as permitted by law, but parents shall have the right to object to the release of information regarding their child. Military recruiters and institutions of higher education may request and receive the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all high school students, unless the parent(s)/guardian(s) notify the school not to release this information.

Adopted:

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Legal Reference:

20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. 99 Family Education
Rights and Privacy Act

I.C. § 33-209 Transfer of Student Records – Duties

I.C. § 32-717A Parents Access to Records and
Information

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-334

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