



POLICY ON CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students (and in some instances parents of dependent students) certain rights with respect to their educational records. They are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's educational records within 45 days of the day Glenville State College receives a request for access.

Students should submit to the registrar, academic dean, or other appropriate College official, written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The College official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the record(s) may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the College official to whom the request is submitted, that official shall advise the student of the college official to whom the request should be addressed.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's educational records that the student believes is inaccurate or misleading.

Students may ask the College to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the College official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading.

If the College decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the College will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to further review regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the review process will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a review.

(3) The right to consent of disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorized disclosure without consent.

One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the College in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including campus security and health staff); a person or company with whom the College has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an educational record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Glenville State College to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-5920
1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)

Glenville State College has designated, in accordance with FERPA, the following categories of releasable information about students as "directory information". Directory information can be released by the College without the consent of the student. If a student does not wish for the release of "directory information", the student must submit a signed "Request to Prevent Disclosure of Information" form to the Registrar's Office.

The Directory information categories are:

1) Name; 2) address; 3) telephone number; 4) date of birth; 5) GSC email; 6) grade level; 7) field of study; 8) photograph; 9) enrollment status; 10) degrees and awards received; 11) participation in officially registered activities and sports; 12) weight and height of members of athletic teams; 13) dates of attendance; 14) schools attended.