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Educational Rights For 18 Year Old Students

The term “education records” is defined as those records that contain information directly related to a student and which are maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution. The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA) is a federal law that affords parents the right to have access to their children’s education records, the right to seek to have the records amended, and the right to have some control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the education records.

When a student turns 18 years old, or enters a postsecondary institution at any age, the rights formerly given to parents under FERPA statute is found at 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and the FERPA regulations are found at 34 CFR Part 99. The eligible student has the right to have access to his or her education records, the right to seek to have the records amended, the right to have control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the records, and the right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education.

Although the rights under FERPA have now transferred to the student, a school may disclose information from an “eligible student’s” education records to the parents of the student, without the student’s consent, if the student is a dependent for tax purposes. Neither the age of the student nor the parent’s status as the custodial parent is relevant. If a student is claimed as a dependent by either parent for tax purposes, then either parent may have access under this provision. (34 CFR § 99.31 (a)(8))

In an effort to keep parents fully included in their student’s education, below please find the attached *Authorization for Exchange of Health and Educational Information*. Parents should review this Authorization with 18 year old students and obtain their consent on or after their 18th birthday. All signed Authorizations may be returned to the school site Counseling Office and records will be updated to reflect your 18 year old student’s consent to allow his/her parents or guardians to have access to all education-related matters.

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Character is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching!