

**** LEGAL UPDATE ****

FERPA AND CAMPUS SAFETY

INTRODUCTION:

FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. It applies to all schools that receive federal financial assistance. FERPA gives students the right to inspect and review their education records held by the school. It also gives students the right to request the correction of inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise unfair information in their education records. Schools are required to provide a procedure for students to request the correction of their records. If a school refuses to correct the records, it must provide the student with a copy of the records and a statement of the school's reasons for not correcting the records. FERPA also gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. However, these rights end when the student reaches the age of 18 or attends a postsecondary institution. FERPA does not apply to records that are not in the possession, custody, or control of the school. For example, FERPA does not apply to records maintained by a parent or a former employer. FERPA also does not apply to records that are used for law enforcement purposes or for the most serious crimes.

DISCUSSION:

Question: What does FERPA restrict?

Answer: FERPA restricts the disclosure of personally identifiable information from education records to unauthorized persons. It also restricts the use of education records for purposes other than those for which they were collected. FERPA does not restrict the disclosure of information that is not personally identifiable or that is not in the possession, custody, or control of the school. FERPA also does not restrict the disclosure of information that is used for law enforcement purposes or for the most serious crimes. FERPA does not restrict the disclosure of information that is used for the most serious crimes or for law enforcement purposes. FERPA does not restrict the disclosure of information that is used for the most serious crimes or for law enforcement purposes. FERPA does not restrict the disclosure of information that is used for the most serious crimes or for law enforcement purposes.

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May information from a student's education records be disclosed to protect health or safety?

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Question: May an FAU employee disclose personal knowledge and impressions about a student, based on the employee's personal interactions with the student?

Answer:



CONCLUSION:



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