



ATA College Notification of Rights Under FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the Institution receives a request for access. A student should submit to the registrar or compliance office a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the School official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

A student who wishes to ask the Institution to amend a record should write the School official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed.

If the Institution decides not to amend the record as requested, the Institution will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to provide written consent before the Institution discloses personally identifiable information from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

ATA discloses education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position; a person or company with whom the Institution has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using School employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent). A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the Institution.

Upon request, the Institution also discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers

FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5901

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, a Federal law, requires that ATA, with certain exceptions, obtain a student's written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from their education records. However, ATA may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the Institution to the contrary in accordance with ATA procedures. FERPA defines "directory information" as information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. ATA defines directory information in accordance with the

provisions of the Act to include: student name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, most recent educational agency or institution attended, and/or participation in recognized activities. Upon enrollment, students sign a form regarding disclosure of directory information. Students wishing to amend their request for disclosure of directory information may do so in person with the Registrar's Office.

Health or Safety Emergency

In the event of a health or safety emergency, FERPA allows school officials to disclose - without student consent - personally identifiable information to protect the health or safety of students or other individuals. FERPA also allows a postsecondary institution to disclose to an alleged victim of any crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense the final results of a disciplinary proceeding conducted by the institution against the alleged perpetrator of that crime, regardless of whether the institution concluded a violation was committed. An institution may also disclose to anyone the final results of a disciplinary proceeding if it determines that the student is an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense, and with respect to the allegation made against him or her, the student has committed a violation of the institution's rules or policies.

Transfer of Education Records

FERPA permits school officials to disclose education records to another institution at which the student seeks or intends to enroll.