

About FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies.

Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.

Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):

- School officials with legitimate educational interest
- Other schools to which a student is transferring
- Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school
- Accrediting organizations
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena
- Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies
- State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law

Student Directory Information

Public Disclosure of Student Directory Information for all students (K – 8)

In accordance with federal and state laws, the Grapeview School District may release student directory information for various purposes. Student directory information is defined by the District's Board of Directors, and may include:

- Student name, address, and telephone number
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Dates of attendance
- Honors, awards & degrees received
- School & grade level
- Previous educational agencies or institutions attended by the student
- Photographs, videos and other similar information

Public disclosure of student directory information may occur in many ways, such as:

- School yearbooks (including photos)
- Team rosters and class lists
- Graduation, theater, athletic, and music programs
- Video performances, school activities, and athletic events
- Articles about school activities and athletic events
- School honor roll, scholarships and other awards
- Releases to media

Publishing of Pictures, Videos and Student Art/Work in Schools:

Grapeview School District likes to celebrate achievements of our students and staff. We routinely include pictures of students in publications, broadcasts and on the web page. Local news media (i.e. Shelton Mason County Journal and Kitsap Sun) often feature articles and photos of our school and students.

This form should be completed and submitted to your child's school if you DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILDS IMAGES USED.