



CODE: C1

EDUCATION RECORDS

The Mountain Views School District recognizes the importance of keeping accurate and appropriate education records¹ for students as part of a sound educational program and is committed to act as trustee of this information, maintaining these records for educational purposes to serve the best interests of its students.

The principles of accuracy and confidentiality underlie all policies and procedures for the collection, maintenance, disclosure, and destruction of education records. It is the policy of the district to protect the confidentiality of education records and release information only as permitted by law. Annually or when the student enrolls, the district will inform only parents, guardians, and students eighteen years and older of their right to inspect, review, and seek amendment of the student's education records. The district will inform only parents, guardians, and students eighteen years and older of items considered directory information through notices distributed at the beginning of each school year or when a student enrolls.

Directory information is defined as:

- Student's name
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Email address
- Photograph
- Date and place of birth
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended
- Student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used to communicate in electronic systems that cannot be used to access education records without a PIN, password, etc. (A student's SSN, in whole or in part, cannot be used for this purpose.)

The building principal will be the custodian of all education records in a given school. The superintendent has overall responsibility for education records throughout the district and for assuring that adequate systems are in place to maintain such records and to provide parents with access to them in accordance with state and federal law. The Superintendent is responsible for developing procedures to assure the consistent implementation of this policy. The procedures shall comply with all federal and state laws and regulations governing access to and the collection, maintenance, disclosure, and destruction of education records.

Definitions

All terms used in this policy, and the procedures developed for the implementation of this policy, shall be defined, where applicable, as those terms are defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)² and in the federal regulations promulgated pursuant to that Act.³

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¹ *A “record” means any information recorded in any way, including but not limited to, handwriting, print, computer media, video or audio tape, film, microfilm and microfiche. The term “education records” means those records that are (1) directly related to a student; and (2) maintained by the school district, a school within the district, or a party acting for the school district or a school within the school district. It does not include a teacher’s notes that are in the teacher’s sole possession and shared only with a substitute teacher or records that are exempted from the definition under 34 C.F.R. § 99.3(b). 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. § 99.3.*

² *The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act allows schools to disclose student personally identifiable information to school officials with legitimate educational interests. The criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest must be set forth in the district’s annual notification for FERPA rights. A school official typically includes a person employed by the school or school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer, contractor, consultant, or other party who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official typically has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. 12 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. § 99.3; 34 CFR § 99.31(a).*

³ *12 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. § 99.3.*