

Students

Student Records

Cooperative student records are confidential. Information from them shall not be released other than as provided by law. A Cooperative student record is any writing or other recorded information concerning a student and by which a student may be identified individually that is maintained by a Cooperative or at its direction by a Cooperative employee, regardless of how or where the information is stored, except as provided in State or federal law as summarized below:

1. Records kept in a staff member's sole possession.
2. Records maintained by law enforcement officers working in the Cooperative.
3. Video and other electronic recordings (including without limitation, electronic recordings made on school buses) that are created in part for law enforcement, security or safety reasons or purposes. The content of these recordings may become part of a Cooperative student record to the extent Cooperative officials create, use, and maintain this content, or it becomes available to them by law enforcement officials, for disciplinary or special education purposes regarding a particular student.
1. Any information, either written or oral, received from law enforcement officials concerning a student less than the age of 18 years who has been arrested or taken into custody.

State and federal law grants students and parents/guardians certain rights, including the right to inspect, copy, and challenge Cooperative student records. The information contained in school student records shall be kept current, accurate, clear, and relevant. All information maintained concerning a student receiving special education services shall be directly related to the provision of services to that child. The Cooperative may release directory information as permitted by law, but a parent/guardian shall have the right to opt-out of the release of directory information regarding his or her child. The Cooperative will comply with State or federal law with regard to release of a student's Cooperative records, including, where applicable, without notice to, or the consent of, the student's parent/guardian or eligible student. Upon request, the Cooperative discloses Cooperative student records without parent consent to the official records custodian of another school in which a student has enrolled or intends to enroll, as well as to any other person as specifically required or permitted by State or federal law.

The Director shall fully implement this policy and designate an *official records custodian* for the Cooperative who shall maintain and protect the confidentiality of Cooperative student records, inform staff members of this policy, and inform students and their parents/guardians of their rights regarding Cooperative student records.

The Director or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy consistent with State and federal law.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1232g, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, implemented by 34 C.F.R. Part 99.
50 ILCS 205/7, Local Records Act.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.12b, 5/10-20.40, and 5/14-1.01 et seq.
105 ILCS 10/, Ill. School Student Records Act.
105 ILCS 85/, Student Online Personal Protection Act.
325 ILCS 17/, Children's Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act.
750 ILCS 5/602.11, Ill. Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.
23 Ill.Admin.Code Parts 226 and 375.
Owasso I.S.D. No. I-011 v. Falvo, 534 U.S. 426 (2002).
Chicago Tribune Co. v. Chicago Bd. of Ed., 332 Ill.App.3d 60 (1st Dist. 2002).

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:130 (Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:345 (Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security)

ADMIN. PROC.: 7:15-E (Notification to Parents of Family Privacy Rights), 7:340-AP1 (School Student Records), 7:340-API, E1 (Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records), 7:340-API, E5 (Biometric Information Collection Authorization), 7:340-AP2 (Storage and Destruction of School Student Records), 7:340-AP2, E1 (Letter Containing Schedule for Destruction of School Student Records)

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