

STUDENT RECORDS

Overview

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 College receives a request for access.

A student should submit to the Admissions & Records Office a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The Admissions & Records Office 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 Admissions & Records Office, the Admissions & Records Office 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 College to amend a record should write the Dean of Enrollment Services, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed.

If the College decides not to amend the record as requested, the College 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 College discloses personally identifiable information from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

The College 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 College in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the College has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using College employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

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 College. The College may also

disclose 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 College 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

Directory Information

Cerritos College will not release personal data about students without their prior written consent except to persons and agencies authorized by law. The college may make an exception to legitimate inquiries, by providing general directory information to include:

- Name
- Address
- Telephone
- E-mail
- Major field of study
- Class level
- Dates of attendance
- Degrees and awards received
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams, and previous educational institutions attended

Student Records Consent

Cerritos College may permit access to student records to any person for whom the student has executed written consent specifying the records to be released and identifying the party or parties to whom the records may be released. Such consent must be signed and dated by the student. The recipient must be notified that the transmission of the information to others is prohibited (California Administrative Regulations Title 5, section 54616).

Reference: Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 5040

Withholding of Student Records

Student records may be withheld pending satisfaction of certain requirements, per Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 5035.