

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT FERPA

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1. FERPA stands for:
 - A. Federal Entities Reforming Previous Actions
 - B. Friendly Educators Really Prefer Adventures
 - C. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.
 - D. None of the above
2. True or False? A student has a right to inspect information in his or her file in the Registrar's Office and in his or her department.
3. True or False? It is permissible for a professor to post student grades on an office door if only a student's social security (I.D.) number is used.
4. True or False? Faculty has a right to inspect education records of any student attending your college without giving a reason.
5. True or False? It is permissible to distribute graded examinations by placing them on a table for students to pick up after class.
6. As defined in FERPA, "legitimate educational interest" refers to:
 - A. a faculty member's need to provide feedback to students in the form of grades/evaluations.
 - B. the registrar's need to obtain information only about students he is advising or teaching during the current year.
 - C. a school officials' right to obtain information only about students he is advising or teaching during the current year.
 - D. a school official's need to review student education record information to fulfill a responsibility as a part of her contract.
7. Which of the following is not an "education record" under FERPA?
 - A. a student's traffic violation
 - B. a student's term paper
 - C. a student's e-mail address
 - D. the women soccer team's roster showing home town, height, weight, and current class of team members
 - E. a work-study student's work record
8. At the college level, FERPA states that parents:
 - A. have the same rights of access and review as their child.
 - B. can only see their child's records after receiving permission from the dean of students (or designee).

C. may receive tuition bills for their child sent directly to them from the institution.
D. may review their child's grades if they can prove that the student is legally their dependent.

9. True or False? It is permissible for a faculty member to include a student's grades and GPA in a letter of recommendation without obtaining the student's written permission since the student requested the faculty member to write the recommendation and provided a copy of her resume with the requested information to the faculty member.

10. Directory information at Casper College does not include:

- A. student name
- B. local address
- C. local phone number
- D. email address
- E. all of the above are considered directory information

11. True or False? When in doubt about releasing information to a faculty member, you should release the information and ask your supervisor later.

12. True or False? Intentional disclosure by me of information protected by FERPA to any unauthorized person could subject Casper College to loss of all Federal aid and could constitute just cause for disciplinary action including termination of my employment at Casper College.

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