

**** LEGAL UPDATE ****

FERPA AND CAMPUS SAFETY

INTRODUCTION:

FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. It applies to all schools that receive federal funds. FERPA gives students the right to inspect and review their education records held by the school. It also gives students the right to request the correction of inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise unfair information in their education records. Schools are required to provide a procedure for students to request the correction of their records. If a school refuses to correct the records, it must advise the student of their right to file a complaint with the Department of Education. FERPA also gives parents the right to inspect and review their child's education records. However, this right does not extend to records that are maintained by the school solely for the purpose of enforcing school discipline or for the purpose of conducting an investigation of a crime or disciplinary offense.

DISCUSSION:

Question: What does FERPA restrict?

Answer: FERPA restricts the disclosure of personally identifiable information from education records to third parties without the consent of the student or parent. This includes information such as names, addresses, social security numbers, and dates of birth. FERPA also restricts the disclosure of information that would be likely to cause the student or parent embarrassment or harm. However, FERPA does not restrict the disclosure of information that is necessary for the school to perform its educational functions, such as the disclosure of information to other school officials with a legitimate educational interest. FERPA also does not restrict the disclosure of information that is necessary for the school to enforce its disciplinary code or to conduct an investigation of a crime or disciplinary offense.

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Question:

May information from a student's education records be disclosed to protect health or safety?

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