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Students

Student Records

School student records are confidential and information from them shall not be released other than as provided by law. Any record that contains personally identifiable information or other information that would link the document to an individual student is a school student record if maintained by the District, except (1) records that are kept in the sole possession of a school staff member, are destroyed not later than the student's graduation or permanent withdrawal, and are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a temporary substitute teacher, and (2) records kept by law enforcement officials working in the school. A school 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 school or at its direction or by a school employee, regardless of how or where the information is stored, except for certain records kept in a staff member's sole possession; records maintained by law enforcement officers working in the school; video and other electronic recordings that are created in part for law enforcement, security, or safety reasons or purposes; and electronic recordings made on school buses.

State and federal law grants students and parents/guardians certain rights, including the right to inspect, copy, and challenge school *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 District may release directory information as permitted by law, but a parent/guardian shall have the right to object to the release of information regarding his or her child. However, the District will comply with an *ex parte* court order requiring it to permit the U.S. Attorney General or designee to have access to a student's school records without notice to, or the consent of, the student's parent/guardians.

The Superintendent shall *fully* implement this policy with administrative procedures. The Superintendent shall also and designate an official records custodian for each school who shall maintain and protect the confidentiality of school student records. The Superintendent or designee shall, inform staff members of this policy, and shall inform students and their parents/guardians of it, as well as their rights regarding school student school records.

Student Biometric Information Collection

The Superintendent or designee may recommend a student biometric information collection system solely for the purposes of identification and fraud prevention. Such recommendation shall be consistent with budget requirements and in compliance with State law. Biometric information means any information that is collected through an identification process for individuals based on their unique behavioral or physiological characteristics, including fingerprint, hand geometry, voice, or facial recognition or iris or retinal scans.

Before collecting student biometric information, the District shall obtain written permission from the person having legal custody or the student (if over the age of 18). Upon a student's 18th birthday, the District shall obtain written permission from the student to collect student biometric information. Failure to provide written consent to collect biometric information shall not be the basis for refusal of any services otherwise available to a student.

All collected biometric information shall be stored and transmitted in a manner that protects if from disclosure. Sale, lease, or other disclosure of biometric information to another person or entity is strictly prohibited.

The District will discontinue use of a student's biometric information and destroy all collected biometric information within 30 days after: (1) the student graduates or withdraws from the School District, or (2) the

District receives a written request to discontinue use of biometric information from the person having legal custody of the student or the student (if over the age of 18). Requests to discontinue using a student's biometric information shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or designee.

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

LEGAL REF.: Chicago Tribune Co. v. Chicago Bd. Of Ed., 773 N.E.2d 674 (Ill.App. 1 2002).

Owasso I.S.D. No. I-011 v. Falvo, 122 S.Ct. 934 (2002).

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232*g*; 34 C.F.R. Part 99. Children's Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act, 325 ILCS 17/1 et seq.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.21b, 20.37, 20.40, 5/14-1.01 et seq. and 10/1 et seq.

50 ILCS 205/7.

23 Ill. Admin. Code §§ *Parts* 226 and 375.

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:130 (Responsibilities Concerning Internal

Information, 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights), 7:220 (Bus Conduct)

ADMIN PROC.: 7:15-E (Notification to Parents of Family Privacy Rights), 7:340-AP1 (School Student

Records), 7:340 E (Notification of Rights Concerning a Student's School Records), 7:340-AP2 (Storage and Destruction o School Student Records), 7:340-E1 (Schedule for

Destruction of School Student Records)

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