

What is FERPA and What is PPRA?

Please read the information below:

1. What is FERPA?

- a. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ([FERPA](#)).
- b. FERPA is a federal law that gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level.
- c. FERPA defines educational records as records containing information (in any medium - paper, electronic, etc.) that are directly related to a student and are maintained by an educational institution or by a party acting for the institution.

2. What is PPRA?

- a. The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment ([PPRA](#)).
- b. PPRA specifies the right of parents and guardians to inspect any instrument used to collect information concerning:
 - i. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent
 - ii. Mental and psychological problems of the student or the student's family
 - iii. Sex behavior or attitudes
 - iv. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior
 - v. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships
 - vi. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers
 - vii. Income
 - viii. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent
 - ix. Parental/guardian consent is required before such instruments can be used to gather information from a minor.