

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Division of Adult and Career Education

GUIDELINE NO. 72  
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SUBJECT: PARENTAL ACCESS TO THE EDUCATIONAL RECORDS OF  
ADULT STUDENTS

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA 34 CFR Part 99), a federal law that protects the privacy of students' education records, transfers rights of access and disclosure from the parent to the student when the student turns 18 years of age or enters a postsecondary institution.

The purpose of this Guideline is to clarify the circumstances under which parents may access or release the confidential information of adult students.

II. POLICY

Schools may release any and all information to parents, without the consent of the adult student, if:

- The student is a dependent for tax purposes under IRS rules.
- The student is under a conservatorship.
- A health or safety emergency involves their son or daughter.
- The student is under the age of 21 and has violated any law or policy concerning the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance.
- The records are requested for law enforcement purposes.

For assistance, please call Kelly Barnes, Office of the General Counsel, at (213) 241-6601.

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