

LOWER CAPE MAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Annual Notification of Rights under FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the School Principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate.

Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the School Principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the *School District* to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5901

Also, please find the Parental Objection to Release of Student Information to Military Recruiters, College/University Recruiters or Prospective Employers Form on the reverse side of this letter.

Parental Objection to Release of Student Information

To Military Recruiters, College/University Recruiters or Prospective Employers

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Under the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, public high schools must give names, addresses and telephone numbers of students to military recruiters, college/university recruiters and prospective employers if the recruiters request the information (P.L. 107-110, Section 9528; 10 USC 503). However, students or their parents have the right to instruct the school in writing that this information is not to be released.

If you do not consent to the release of this information to 1) military recruiters, 2) colleges/university recruiters and/or 3) prospective employers, please check the appropriate box or boxes below. To be certain your wishes are respected; return this form to Lower Cape May Regional High School by September 30, although signed forms returned after that date will be effective after receipt by the main office.

_____ DO NOT release student contact information to Military Recruiters.

_____ DO NOT release student contact information to College/University Recruiters.

_____ DO NOT release student contact information to prospective employers.

Student's Name

Name of School

Signature of Student or Parent***

Date

***Students have the right to request that their contact information not be released to recruiters. Parents can override a child's decision by notifying the school in writing, only if the student is under age 18. We encourage parents and students to discuss this information.