Town of Seymour Board of Education
Addendum to agreement – Student Data Privacy

1. The Contractor shall ensure compliance in all respects with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, ("FERPA") including any amendments or other relevant provisions of federal law, as well as all requirements of Chapter 99 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Nothing in this Agreement may be construed to allow either party to maintain, use, disclose or share student information in a manner not allowed by federal or state law or regulation.

2. Student information, student records and student-generated content, as those terms are defined pursuant to Public Act No. 16-189, are not the property or under the control of the Contractor;

3. The Board may request the deletion of student information, student records and student-generated content in the possession of the Contractor at any time by notifying Contractor, in writing, of such request and identifying the information to be deleted;

4. The Contractor shall not use student information, student records and student-generated content for any purposes other than those authorized pursuant to this Agreement with the Board;

5. The procedures by which a student, parent or legal guardian of a student may review personally identifiable information contained in student information, student records or student-generated content and correct erroneous information, if any, in such student record is set forth in Board Policy 5125 and its associated Regulation, a copy of which is attached hereto.

6. The Contractor shall take actions designed to ensure the security and confidentiality of student information, student records and student-generated content;

7. The Contractor shall adhere to the following procedures to notify the Board in the event that there has been an unauthorized release, disclosure or acquisition of student information, student records or student-generated content:

   a. Upon the discovery of a breach of security that results in the unauthorized release, disclosure or acquisition of student information,
excluding any directory information contained in such student information, the Contractor shall notify, without unreasonable delay, but not more than thirty days after such discovery, the Board in writing through the Superintendent of Schools of such breach of security. During such thirty-day period, the Contractor may (A) conduct an investigation to determine the nature and scope of such unauthorized release, disclosure or acquisition, and the identity of the students whose student information is involved in such unauthorized release, disclosure or acquisition, or (B) restore the reasonable integrity of the Contractor's data system.

b. Upon the discovery of a breach of security that results in the unauthorized release, disclosure or acquisition of directory information, student records or student-generated content, the Contractor shall notify, without unreasonable delay, but not more than sixty days after such discovery, the Board of such breach of security. During such sixty-day period, the Contractor may (A) conduct an investigation to determine the nature and scope of such unauthorized release, disclosure or acquisition, and the identity of the students whose directory information, student records or student-generated content is involved in such unauthorized release, disclosure or acquisition, or (B) restore the reasonable integrity of the Contractor's data system.

8. Student information, student records or student-generated content shall not be retained or available to the Contractor upon completion of the services set forth in this Agreement unless a student, parent or legal guardian of a student chooses to establish or maintain an electronic account with the Contractor for the purpose of storing student-generated content.

9. All student-generated content shall be the property of the student or the parent or legal guardian of the student.

10. The Contractor shall implement and maintain security procedures and practices designed to protect student information, student records and student-generated content from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification or disclosure that, based on the sensitivity of the data and the risk from unauthorized access, (1) use technologies and methodologies that are consistent with the guidance issued pursuant to section 13402(h)(2) of Public Law 111-5, as amended from time to time, (2) maintain technical safeguards as it relates to the possession of student records in a manner consistent with the provisions of 45 CFR 164. 312, as amended from time to time, and (3) otherwise meet or exceed industry standards.
11. The Contractor shall not use (1) student information, student records or student-generated content for any purposes other than those authorized pursuant to this Agreement, or (2) personally identifiable information contained in student information, student records or student-generated content to engage in targeted advertising.

This Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut. Each Party hereby agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of the Connecticut courts with respect to any civil action permitted under this Agreement.

If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, in any respect, then such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect or impair any other remaining provisions of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect. Moreover, if a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any provision of this Agreement is excessively broad, then such provision shall be construed by limiting it so as to be enforceable to the extent compatible with applicable law.

Executed by the following authorized representative of the contractor/vendor:

Professional Software for Nurses Inc
Contractor/Vendor Name

[Signature]

[Printed Name and Title]

Date: 12/9/19
Students

Student Records; Confidentiality

The Board of Education recognizes the legal requirement to maintain the confidentiality of student records. The procedures for the confidentiality of student records shall be consistent with federal statutes, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and its implementing regulations, and the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Board also recognizes its responsibility under C.G.S. 11-8a and 11-8b to ensure the orderly retention and disposition of the district's student records.

The Superintendent of Schools shall be responsible for ensuring that all requirements under federal and state statutes and regulations shall be carried out by the district.

For the purposes of this policy:

"Parent" means a natural parent, an adopted, or a legal guardian or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of a parent or guardian. If parents are divorced or legally separated the parent granted custody and the parent not granted custody of a minor child both have the right of access to the academic, medical, hospital, or other health records of the child, unless a court order prohibits access. Whenever a student has attained the age of 18 years or is attending an institution of post secondary education, the permission or consent required of, and the rights accorded to, the parents or guardians of the student shall thereafter only be required of, and accorded to, the student. A parent who is incarcerated is also entitled to knowledge of and access to all educational, medical or similar records maintained in the cumulative record of any minor student of such incarcerated parent except in situations (1) where such information is considered privileged as defined in C.G.S. 10-154a, (2) such incarcerated parent has been convicted of sexual assault, or aggravated sexual assault, or (3) such incarcerated parent is prohibited pursuant to a court order.

"Student" means an individual who is or has been "in attendance" in person at an educational agency or institution for whom education records are maintained. It also includes those situations in which students "attend" classes but are not physically present, including attendance by videoconference, satellite, Internet, or other electronic information and telecommunication technologies.

"Student record" means any item of information directly related to an identifiable student, other than directory information, which is maintained by a school district or required to be maintained by an employee in the performance of his/her duties whether recorded in handwriting, print, computer media, video or audio tape, film, microfilm and microfiche.

Student records include information relative to an individual student gathered within or without the school system and maintained within the school system, regardless of the physical form in which it is maintained. Any information maintained for the purpose of review by a second party is considered a student record. Records that pertain to an individual's previous attendance as a student are "education records" under FERPA regardless of when they were created or received within the school system. Student records shall not include informal notes related to a student compiled by a school officer or employee which remain in the sole possession of the maker and are not accessible or revealed to any
other person except a substitute. Records of the law enforcement unit of the District or school are not considered student records.

"Law Enforcement Unit" means an individual office, department, division, or other component of an education agency or institution that is officially authorized or designated by that agency or institution to (1) enforce laws or refer matters of law enforcement to appropriate authorities, or (2) maintain the physical security and safety of the agency or institution.

"Substitute" means a person who performs the duties of the individual who made the notes on a temporary basis, and does not refer to a person who permanently succeeds the maker of the notes in his or her position.

"School Official" means a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member, including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel, a person serving on the Board of Education, a person or company with whom the district 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/her tasks.

"Authorized Representative" means any entity or individual designated by a state or local educational authority or an agency headed by an official listed in §99.31(a)(3) to conduct with respect to Federal or State-supported education programs, any audit or evaluation, or any compliance or enforcement activity in connection with Federal legal requirements that relate to these programs.

"Education Program" means any program that is principally engaged in the provision of education, including, but not limited to, early childhood education, elementary and secondary education, postsecondary education, special education, job training, career and technical education and adult education, and any program that is administered by an educational agency or institution.

"Early Childhood Education Program" means a Head Start program, a state licensed or regulated child care program, or a program that serves children from birth through age six that addresses the child's cognitive, social, emotional and physical development and is a (i) state prekindergarten program; (ii) a program authorized under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; or (iii) a program operated by a local educational agency.

"Directory Information" means information contained in a student's education record that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Directory information includes, but is not limited to, one or more of the following items: parent's name and/or e-mail address, student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field(s) of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, photographic, computer and/or video images, grade levels, electronic mail address, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous public or private school attended by the student.

A student's social security number or student ID number is prohibited from designation as directory information. However, student ID numbers and other electronic personal identifiers used to access or communicate in electronic systems may be disclosed only if the identifier is not used by itself to authenticate identity and cannot be used to gain access to education records.
A student's ID number or other unique personal identifier that is displayed on a student ID badge is considered directory information, but only if the identifier cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a PIN, password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for ensuring that all requirements under federal and state statutes shall be carried out by the district. He/She will develop procedures (administrative regulations) providing for the following:

1. Annually informing parents of their rights.

2. Permitting parents to inspect and review educational records, including, at least, a statement of the procedure to be followed by a parent or eligible student who requests to inspect and review the educational records, with an understanding that the procedure may not deny access to educational records; a description of the circumstances in which the district feels it has a legitimate cause to deny a request for a copy of such records; a schedule of fees for copies; and a listing of the types and locations of education records maintained by the school and the titles and addresses of school officials responsible for those records.

3. Not disclosing personally identifiable information from a student's education records without the prior written consent of the student's parent, except as otherwise permitted by administrative regulations; including at least a statement of whether the school will disclose personally identifiable information from the records to other school officials within the school who have been determined by the school to have legitimate educational interests, and, if so, a specification of the criteria for determining which parties are "school officials" and what the school considers to be a "legitimate educational interest"; and a specification of the personally identifiable information to be designated as directory information.

4. Maintaining the record of disclosures of personally identifiable information from a student's education records and permitting a parent to inspect that record.

5. Providing a parent/guardian with an opportunity to seek the correction of the student's education records through a request to amend the records. If the District decides that an amendment if the records as requested is not warranted, to inform the parent/guardian or eligible student and advise him/her if the right to a hearing and permitting the parent/guardian or an eligible student to place a statement in the education records of the student.

6. Guaranteeing access to student records to authorized persons within five days following the date of request.

7. Assuring security of student records.

8. Enumerating and describing the student records maintained by the school system.

9. Annually informing parents under what conditions that their prior consent is not required to disclose information.

10. Ensuring the orderly retention and disposition, per applicable state statutes, of the districts student records.
11. Notifying parents of secondary school students that it is required to release the student's name, address and telephone listing to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning upon request. Parents or eligible students may request that the District not release this information, and the District will comply with the request.

12. Notifying parents annually of the District's policy on the collection or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose, including arrangements to protect student privacy that are provided by the agency in the event of such collection, disclosure or use.

Annual Notification

At the beginning of each school year, the district shall publish in a local newspaper a notice to parent(s) or guardian(s) and students 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") currently in attendance of their rights under FERPA and this policy. The district shall also send home a bulletin listing these rights, which will also be included with a packet of material provided parents or an eligible student when the student enrolls during the school year.

The notice must include a statement that the parent or eligible student has a right to:

1. inspect and review the student's education records;

2. a specification of the intent of the school district to limit the disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in a student's education records except:
   a. by prior written consent of the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) or the eligible student;
   b. as directory information; or
   c. under certain limited circumstances, as permitted by FERPA, and The No Child Left Behind Act.

3. request that records be amended to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights;

4. file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education alleging failure of the district to comply with FERPA and its regulations; and

5. obtain copies of this policy and the locations where copies may be obtained.

The policy applicable to the release of student directory information applies equally to military recruiters, the media, colleges and universities, and prospective employers, unless parent/guardian or eligible student consent is denied.

The district shall arrange to provide translations of this notice to non-English speaking parents in their native language.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes


2-109 Destruction of documents.

http://z2policy.cabe.org/cabe/PrintViewer.jsp?printCollection=0 12/12/2018
10-15b Access of parent or guardians to student's records.

10-154a Professional communications between teacher or nurse & student.

10-209 Records not to be public.

10-221b Boards of education to establish written uniform policy re: treatment of recruiters.

11-8a Retention, destruction and transfer of documents

11-8b Transfer or disposal of public records. State Library Board to adopt regulations.

46b-56 (e) Access to Records of Minors.


Dept. of Educ. 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (May 9, 1980 45 FR 30802) reg's, implementing FERPA enacted as part of 438 of General Educ. provisions act (20 U.S.C. 1232g) -parent and student privacy and other rights with respect to educational records, as amended 11/21/96.

USA Patriot Act of 2001, PL 107-56, 115 Stat. 272, Sec 507, 18 U.S.C. §2332b(g) (5)(B) and 2331

PL 107-110 "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001" Sections 5208 and 9528

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Students

Student Records; Confidentiality

Definitions

As used in this regulation:

1. "Student Record" means any item of information directly related to an identifiable student, other than directory information, which is maintained by the school district or required to be maintained by an employee in the performance of his/her duties whether recorded by handwriting, print, computer media, video or audio tape, film, microfilm and microfiche. Student records include information relative to an individual student gathered within or without the school system and maintained within the school district, regardless of the physical form in which it is maintained. Any information which is maintained for the purpose of review by a second party is considered a student record.
"Student record" shall not include informal notes related to a student compiled by a school officer or employee which remain in the sole possession of the maker and are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a substitute for the maker of the record.

"Substitute" means a person who performs the duties of the individual who made the notes on a temporary basis, and does not refer to a person who permanently succeeds the maker of notes in his or her position. Medical records are not open to public inspection.

2. "Directory information" means one or more of the following items: student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, photograph, grade levels, electronic mail address, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous public or private school attended by the student.

3. "Parent" means a natural parent, an adopted parent, or legal guardian or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of a parent or guardian. If parents are divorced or legally separated, both the parent granted custody and the parent not granted custody have the legal right of access to the academic, medical, hospital or other health records of the child, unless a court order prohibits access.

Whenever a student has attained eighteen (18) years or is attending an institution of post-secondary education, the permission or consent required of, and the rights accorded to, the parents or guardian of the student shall thereafter only be required of, and accorded to, the student, unless parents of a student eighteen (18) years of age or older who is a dependent as defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1956.

4. "School Official" means a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member, including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel.

5. "Disclosure" means to permit access to or the release, transfer, or other communication of personally identifiable information contained in education records, to any party, by any means including oral, written, or electronic means.

6. "Personally Identifiable Information" includes but is not limited to the students name, the name of the student's parent or other family member, the address of the student or student's family, a personal identifier such as the student's social security number or student number, a list of personal characteristics or other information that would make the student's identify easily traceable.

7. "Record" means any information recorded in any way, including, but not limited to, handwriting, print, computer media, video or audio tape, film, microfilm and microfiche.

8. "Access" means a personal inspection and review of a record or an accurate copy of a record, an oral description or communication of a record or an accurate copy of a record and a request to release a copy of any record.

9. "Student" means a person who is or was enrolled in a school.

10. "Adult student" means a person who is or was enrolled in school and who is at least eighteen (18) years of age.
11. "Eligible student" means a person sixteen (16) years or older or who has completed Grade 10.

Types of Records

The school district shall maintain only the following three categories of records:

1. Mandatory Permanent Student Records are those records which are maintained in perpetuity and which schools have been directed to compile by statute, regulation, or authorized administrative directive. Such records shall include the following: (Existing Category A)

   A. Legal name of student
   B. Date of birth
   C. Method of verification of birth date
   D. Sex of student
   E. Place of birth
   F. Name and address of parent of minor student

      (1) Address of minor student if different than the above

      (2) An annual verification of the name and address of the parent and the residence of the student

   G. Entering and leaving date of each school year and for any summer session or other extra session
   H. Subjects taken during each year, half-year, summer session, or quarter
   I. If marks or credit are given, the mark or number of credits toward graduation allowed for work taken
   J. Verification or exemption from required immunizations
   K. Date of high school graduation or equivalent.

2. Mandatory Interim Student records are those records which the schools are directed to compile and maintain for stipulated periods of time and are then destroyed as per statute, regulations, or authorized administrative directive. Such records include the following: (Existing Category B)

   A. A log or record shall be maintained for each student's record which lists all persons, agencies or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record, and the legitimate interests therefor. (Exception from listing, see Access Log, #2.)

   B. Health information, including Child Health Developmental Disabilities Prevention Program verification or waiver.
C. Participation in special education programs including required tests, case studies, authorizations, and actions necessary to establish eligibility for admission or discharge.

D. Language training records.

E. Progress slips and/or notices.

F. Parental restrictions regarding access to directory information or related stipulations.

G. Parent or adult student rejoinders to challenged records and to disciplinary action.

H. Parental authorizations or prohibitions of student participation in specific programs.

I. Results of standardized tests administered within the preceding three years.

3. Permitted Records are those records having clear importance only to the current educational process of the student. Such records may include the following: (Existing Category C)

A. Objective counselor and/or teacher ratings

B. Standardized test results older than three years

C. Routine discipline data

D. Verified reports of relevant behavioral patterns

E. All disciplinary notices

**Maintenance and Security of Student Records**

1. **Custodian of Records**

   A. The Building Principal is hereby designated as custodian of student records. The address of the custodian is the assigned school.

      (1) The custodian is charged with district-wide responsibility for implementing Board of Education policies and administrative regulations relating to student records.

      (2) The custodian shall be responsible for security of student records and shall devise procedures for assuring that access to such records is limited to authorized persons.

      (3) The custodian of records or a designated certified employee shall be responsible during the inspection for interpretation of the records where necessary and for prevention of their alteration, damage or loss.

   B. In each school, the principal, or a certified employee designated by the principal, is responsible for implementation of Board of Education policies and administrative regulations relating to student records maintained in that school.

2. **Files**
A. A record for each individual student shall be maintained in a central file at the school attended by the student, or when records are maintained in different locations, a notation shall be placed in the central file indicating where such records may be found.

B. Student records shall be stored in locked containers or rooms.

3. Information

A. All anecdotal information and assessment reports maintained as student records must be dated and signed by the individual who originated the record. Each school principal shall keep on file a record of enrollment and scholarship for each student currently enrolled in that school.

Access to Student Records

1. Parents

A. Parents of currently enrolled or former students shall have an absolute right during regular business hours to access to any and all student records related to their children which are maintained by the district. Neither the student record, nor any part thereof, shall be withheld or edited. If the student records contain information on more than one student, the parent may inspect and review or be informed of only the specific information which pertains to that student.

B. A parent or guardian's request for access to student records shall be made in writing to the custodian of student records. Access shall be granted no later than forty-five (45) days following the date of the request.

C. A requesting parent shall be notified of the location of all student records, if not centrally located.

D. When a parent's dominant language is not English, the district shall make an effort to

   (1) provide interpretation of the student record in the dominant language of the parent, or

   (2) assist the parent in securing an interpreter.

2. Parental Consent

A. The custodian of student records may permit access to student records during regular school hours (a) to any person for whom a student's parent has executed written consent specifying the records to be released and identifying the party or class of parties to whom the records may be released; or (b) to the student if he/she is an emancipated minor, or has entered a post secondary educational institution.

B. The recipient must be notified that the transmission of the information to others without the written consent of the parent is prohibited.

C. The consent notices shall be kept permanently with the student record.

D. Upon request, the district shall provide the parent/eligible student with a copy of the record which is disclosed. (34 CFR 9910, Rights of Inspection and Review)
3. Without Parental Consent

A. No person or agent shall be permitted access to student records without written parental consent or under judicial order, except that access to those particular records relevant to the legitimate educational interests of the requester shall be permitted to the following:

(1) Officials and employees of other public schools or school districts, including local, county, or state correctional facilities where educational programs leading to high school graduation are provided, where the student intends to or is directed to enroll. 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.

(2) Authorized representatives of the Comptroller General of the United States, the Secretary of Education, an administrative head of an education agency, State Education Officials, or their respective designees, or the United States Office for Civil Rights where such information is necessary to audit or evaluate a state or federally supported education program or pursuant to a federal or state law; provided that except when collection of personally identifiable information is specifically authorized by federal law, any data collected by such officials shall be protected in a manner which will not permit the personal identification of students or their parents by other than those officials, and such personally identifiable data shall be destroyed when no longer needed for such audit, evaluation, and enforcement of federal legal requirements.

(3) The U.S. Attorney General or his/her designee in response to a court issued ex parte order, in connection with the investigation or prosecution of terrorism crimes. The District, in response to such an order, is not required to record a disclosure of information.

(4) Other state and local officials to the extent that such information is specifically required to be reported pursuant to state law.

(5) Parents of a student eighteen (18) years of age or older who is a dependent as defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

(6) A student sixteen (16) years of age or older having completed the tenth grade who requests such access.

B. Information from student records may be released to the following:

(1) Appropriate persons in connection with an emergency if the knowledge of such information is necessary to protect the health or safety of other persons. The factors to be considered in determining whether information may be disclosed include the seriousness of the threat to the health or safety of the student or other individuals, the need for the information to meet the emergency, whether the parties to whom the information is disclosed are in a position to deal with the emergency, and the extent to which time is of the essence in dealing with the emergency. 34 CFR 99.36, Conditions for disclosure of information in health and safety emergencies.

(2) Agencies or organizations in connection with a student's application form or receipt of financial aid, provided that information permitting the personal identification of students or their parents may be disclosed only as may be necessary for such purposes as to determine
the amount of the financial aid, to determine the conditions which will be imposed regarding
the financial aid, or to enforce the terms or conditions of the financial aid.

(3) Accrediting organizations in order to carry out their accrediting functions.

(4) Organizations conducting studies for or on behalf of educational agencies or institutions
for the purpose of developing, validating, or administering predictive tests, administering
student aid programs, and improving instruction, if such studies are conducted in such a
manner as will not permit the personal identification of students or their parents by persons
other than representatives of such organizations and such information will be destroyed when
no longer needed for the purpose for which it is conducted.

(5) Officials and employees of private schools or school districts where the student is
enrolled or intends to enroll subject to the rights of parents by law.

C. No person, persons, agency, or organization permitted access to student records pursuant to
this regulation shall permit access to any information obtained from such records by any other
person, persons, agency or organization without the written consent of the student's parent;
provided, however, that this paragraph shall not be construed to require prior parental consent
when information obtained pursuant to this regulation is shared with other persons within the
district so long as such persons have an equal legitimate interest in the information.

4. Court Order

A. Information concerning a student shall be furnished in compliance with a court order.

(1) Unless otherwise judicially instructed, the custodian shall, prior to the disclosure of any
student's records pursuant to a court order, give the parent and the student three days notice,
if lawfully possible, within the requirements of the judicial order, of the name of the
requesting agency and the specific records requested. Such notice shall be in writing if
possible.

(2) Only those records related to the specific purpose of the court order shall be disclosed.

B. The service of a subpoena upon a district employee or official solely for the purpose of
cauing the employee to produce a school record pertaining to any student may be complied
with by such employee, in lieu of personal appearance as witness in the proceeding, by
submitting to the court, or other agency issuing the subpoena, at the time and place required by
the subpoena, a copy of such record, accompanied by an affidavit certifying that such copy is a
true copy of the original record on file in the school or school office. The copy of the record
shall be in the form of a photograph, microfilm, micro card, or miniature photograph or other
photographic copy or reproduction or an enlargement thereof.

Nothing in this regulation shall preclude the district from providing in its discretion statistical data
from which no student may be identified to any public agency or entity or private nonprofit college,
university, or educational research and development organization when such actions would be in the
best educational interests of students.

If it is determined, per the federal regulations, that a third party improperly redisclosed personally
identifiable information from education records in violation of 599.33(a), the district may not allow
that third party access to personally identifiable information from education records for at least five years.

5. Disclosure of Information in Health and Safety Emergencies

A. The district may include in the education records of a student appropriate information concerning disciplinary action taken against the student for conduct that posed a significant risk to the safety or well being of that student, other students, or other members of the school community.

B. Such appropriate information concerning disciplinary action may be disclosed to teachers and school officials in the district who have been determined to have legitimate educational interests in the behavior of the student. This must be strictly construed.

C. Such appropriate information, concerning disciplinary action, may be disclosed to teachers and school officials in other schools who have been determined to have legitimate educational interests in the behavior of the student. This must be strictly construed.

D. Pursuant to C.G.S. 19a-581 through 19a-585, confidential information concerning HIV status may not be released to anyone EXCEPT a health care provider with a written release from the parents.

6. Criteria

A. "School officials and employees" as used in this regulation means district employees and elected district officers.

B. The following criteria shall be used in determining whether a "school official or employee" has a "legitimate educational interest".

(1) The employee has an instructional or supervisory responsibility toward the student that, in order to be fulfilled, requires knowledge of the contents of the student's records.

(2) The employee has an administrative duty that requires information contained in the student's records.

(3) The school official is engaged in a disciplinary proceeding that requires disclosure of all or part of the student's records in order to come to a just conclusion. (Or criteria can be defined by school district)

Challenging Contents of Records

1. Following an inspection and review of a student's records the parent or guardian of the student or former student may challenge the content of any student record.

A. The parent or eligible student may file a written request with the Superintendent of Schools to correct or remove any information recorded in the written records concerning the parent's child which the parent alleges to be:

(1) Inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the student's rights of privacy.
(2) An unsubstantiated personal conclusion or inference.

(3) A conclusion or inference outside of the observer's area of competence.

(4) Not based on the personal observation of a named person with the time and place of the observation noted.

B. Within 30 days of receipt of such request, the Superintendent or designee shall meet with the parent or guardian and the certified employee who recorded the information in question, if any, and if such employee is presently employed by the school district.

C. The information shall be corrected or removed if the Superintendent sustains any or all of the allegations.

D. If the Superintendent denies any or all of the allegations and refuses to order the correction or the removal of the information, the parent or guardian may, within 30 days of the refusal, appeal the decision in writing to the Board of Education.

(1) Within 30 days of receipt of such an appeal, the Board of Education shall, in closed session with the parent or guardian and the certified employee who recorded the information in question, if any, and if such employee is presently employed by the district, determine whether or not to sustain or deny the allegations. The decision of the Board of Education shall be final.

(2) If the Board of Education sustains any or all of the allegations, it shall order the Superintendent to immediately correct or remove and destroy the information from the student's written records.

(3) Records of these administrative proceedings shall be maintained in a confidential manner and shall be destroyed one year after the decision of the Board of Education unless the parent or guardian initiates legal proceedings relative to the disputed information within the prescribed period.

E. If the final decision of the Board of Education is unfavorable to the parent or guardian, or if the parent or guardian accepts an unfavorable decision by the Superintendent, the parent or guardian shall have the right to submit a written statement of his/her objections to the information. This statement shall become a part of the student's school record until such time as the information objected to is corrected or removed.

2. Hearing Panel

A. Either the Superintendent of Schools or the Board of Education may convene a hearing panel composed of the following persons, provided the parent has given written consent to release information from the relevant student's records to the members of the panel so convened, to assist in making determinations;

(1) The principal of a public school other than the one at which the record is on file;

(2) A certified employee appointed by the parent or guardian.
(3) A parent appointed by the Superintendent or by the Board of Education, depending upon who convenes the panel.

B. The persons appointed pursuant to the above paragraph, if possible, shall not be acquainted with the student, his/her parent or guardian, or the certified employee who recorded the information, except when the parent or guardian appoints the person pursuant to paragraph a (2) above.

C. The Principal appointed to the hearing panel shall serve as Chairperson.

D. The hearing panel shall, in closed session, hear the objections to the information of the parent and the testimony of the certified employee who recorded the information in question, if any, and if such employee is currently employed by the school system.

   (1) The hearing panel shall be provided with verbatim copies of the information which is the subject of the controversy.

   (2) Written findings shall be made setting forth the facts and decisions of the panel, and such findings shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or the Board of Education, depending upon who convened the panel.

E. The proceedings of the hearing shall not be disclosed or discussed by panel members except in their official capacities.

3. Whenever there is included in any student record information concerning any disciplinary action taken by school system personnel in connection with the student, the student's parent or guardian may include in such student's record a written statement or response concerning the disciplinary action.

Directory Information

1. The following student information is declared to be directory information:

   A. Name
   B. Address
   C. Telephone number
   D. Date and place of birth
   E. Major field of study
   F. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
   G. Weight and height of members of athletic teams
   H. Dates of attendance
   I. Degrees and awards received
   J. Most recent previous public or private school attended by the student
2. Directory information may be released to the following:

A. Federal, state and local governmental agencies

B. Representatives of the news media, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines and radio and television stations

C. Employers or prospective employers

D. Nonprofit youth organizations

E. Military recruiters or institutions of higher learning that have requested the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of secondary school students unless parental consent is denied.

3. Subject to the provisions of C.G.S. 1-19(b11), high schools shall provide the same directory information and on-campus recruiting opportunities to military recruiters as are offered to nonmilitary recruiters or commercial concerns. (cf. 5145.14 On-Campus Recruitment).

4. No information may be released to a private profit-making entity other than employers, prospective employers and representatives of the news media.

5. The names and addresses of students enrolled in grade 12 or who have terminated enrollment prior to graduation may be provided, in accordance with the terms of the law, to a private school or college cooperating under state law.

6. The custodian of records will normally limit or deny the release of specific categories of directory information unless he determines that such release is required by law or is in the best interests of students.

7. Notice shall be given annually of the categories of information which the school district plans to release and of the recipients.

   A. The school shall allow a reasonable period of time after such notice has been given for a parent or guardian to inform the custodian of student records that any or all of the information designated should not be released without the parent's or guardian's prior consent.

   B. No directory information shall be released regarding any student when a parent or guardian has notified the school that such information shall not be released.

**Access Log**

1. A log or record shall be maintained for each student's record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record and the legitimate educational interests.

2. Such listing need not include the following:

   A. Parents or students to whom access is granted.

   B. Parties to whom directory information is released.
C. Parties for whom written consent has been executed by the parent or guardian.

D. School officials or employees having a legitimate educational interest.

3. The log or record shall be open to inspection only by a parent or guardian and the custodian of student records, or the custodian's designee, and to other school officials with legitimate interests in the records, and to the Comptroller General of the United States, the Secretary of the Office of Education, an administrative head of an education agency as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1232g., and state educational authorities as a means of auditing the school system's operations.

Fee for Reproducing Records

1. A fee based upon the actual cost of reproduction, handling and postage (if any) shall be charged for furnishing copies of any student record.

2. The custodian of student records annually shall recommend a fee schedule for approval by the Board of Education.

3. No fee shall

A. effectively prevent the parents or guardians from exercising their right to inspect and review student records.

B. be charged for searching or retrieving a student's record.

C. be made for furnishing

(1) up to two transcripts of former student's records.

(2) up to two verifications of various records of former students.

Transfer of Student Records

1. Whenever a student transfers to another Connecticut public school district or to a charter school, the following student records shall be forwarded upon written notification of the student's enrollment from the other district:

   A. The student's Mandatory Permanent Student Record or a copy thereof. The original or a copy shall be retained by this district.

   B. The student's entire Mandatory Interim Student Record.

2. The student's records shall be transferred to the new school district or charter school no later than 10 days after receipt of such notification.

3. Whenever a student transfers to a school district in another state or to a private school, the district shall transfer the student's Mandatory Permanent Student Record upon receipt of a written request.

4. Permitted student records may be forwarded.
5. Student records shall not be withheld from the requesting district because of any charges or fees owed by the student or the student's parents or guardian.

6. All student records shall be updated prior to transfer.

7. Parent Notification

   A. If a student's parent or guardian did not give authorization for the transfer of such records, the district shall send notification of the transfer to the parent/guardian at the same time it transfers the records.

   B. If the transfer is a within-state transfer, the receiving school shall notify the parents of the record transfer.

   C. If the student transfers out of state, the custodian of student records shall notify the parents or guardian at their last known address of the rights accorded them. (34 C.F.R. 99.34 disclosure to other agencies or institutions)

   D. The notification shall include a statement of the parent's or guardian's right to review, challenge, and receive a copy of the student record, if desired.

Retention and Destruction of Student Records

1. No additions, except routine updating, shall be made to a student's record after high school graduation or permanent departure without the parent's or guardian's prior consent for those students who have not reached the age of eighteen years. Adult students may give consent for themselves.


3. The method of destruction shall assure that records are not available to possible public inspection during the destruction process.

Subpoenaed Records

If the school is served with a subpoena issued by competent authority directing the production of school or student records in connection with any court proceeding, the school upon which such subpoena is served may deliver such record, or at its option a copy thereof, to the clerk of such court. Such clerk shall give a receipt for the same and shall be responsible for the safekeeping of such records, not permitting the removal of such records from the premises of the court. The clerk shall notify the school to call for the subpoenaed record when it is no longer needed for use in court.

Any such record so delivered to the clerk of the court shall be sealed in an envelope which shall indicate the name of the school or student, the name of the attorney subpoenaing the same and the title of the case referred to in the subpoena.
No such record or copy shall be open to inspection by any person except upon the order of a judge of the court concerned, and any such record or copy shall at all times be subject to the order of such judge.

Any and all parts of any such record or copy, if not otherwise inadmissible, shall be admitted in evidence without any preliminary testimony, if there is attached thereto the certification in affidavit form of the person in charge of such record indicating that such record or copy is the original record or copy thereof, made in the regular course of such business to make such record and that it was the regular course of such business to make such record at the time of the transactions, occurrences or events recorded therein or within a reasonable time thereafter.

A subpoena directing production of such school or student records shall be served not less than eighteen (18) hours before the time for production, provided such subpoena shall be valid if served less than eighteen (18) hours before the time of production if written notice of intent to serve such subpoena has been delivered to the person in charge of such records not less than eighteen hours (18) nor more than two weeks before such time for production.

Notification of Parents

1. Parents shall be notified in writing of their rights under this regulation upon the date of the student's initial enrollment, and annually thereafter of students current attendance at the same time as notice is issued. The notice shall be in a form which reasonably notifies parents of the availability of the following specific information:

   A. The type of student records and information contained therein which are directly related to students and maintained by the school system.

   B. The position of the person responsible for the maintenance of each type of record.

   C. The location of the log or record required to be maintained.

   D. The criteria to be used by the school district in defining "school officials and employees" and in determining "legitimate educational interest."

   E. The policies of the school district for reviewing and expunging student records, including the right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school district receives a request. If circumstances effectively present the parent or eligible student from exercising the right to inspect and review the student's education records, the district shall provide a copy of the records requested or make other arrangements for the inspection or review of the requested records.

   F. The right of the parent or guardian to access (inspect and review) to student records.

   G. The right to request the amendment of student education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.

   H. The procedures for challenging the content of student records.

   I. The policy that no fee will be charged for up to two copies of a record.
J. The categories of information which the school district has designated as directory information and that pursuant to federal law, military recruiters and institutions of higher learning may request and receive names, addresses and telephone numbers of all high school students, unless their parents/guardians notify the school, in writing, not to release this information.

K. The right of the parent to file a complaint with the United States Department of Education concerning an alleged failure by the school system to comply with the provisions of Section 438 of the Federal Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C.A. 1232g).

L. The right of a parent or eligible student to a hearing regarding the request for amendment of the record if denied by the district.

M. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student education record, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes


7-109 Destruction of documents.

10-15b Access of parent or guardian to student's records.

10-94i Rights and liabilities of surrogate parents.

10-154a Professional communications between teacher or nurse and student.

10-209 Records not to be public.

10-221b Boards of education to establish written uniform policy re treatment of recruiters.

11-8a Retention, destruction and transfer of documents

11-8b Transfer or disposal of public records. State Library Board to adopt regulations.

46b-56(e) Access to records of minors.


USA Patriot Act of 2001, PL 107-56, 115 Stat. 272, Sec 507, 18 U.S.C. §2332b(g) (5)(B) and 2331

PL 107-110 "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001," Sections 4155, 5208, and 9528
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