## FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

**Purpose:** Protection of privacy of parents/students

General Rule: School may not disclose education records without a signed

and dated parental consent

**Education Records:** Records that are directly related to a student and maintained

by a school

## **Primary Exceptions:**

(1) Other school officials who have legitimate educational interests

- (2) Officials of another school where student seeks to enroll
- (3) SPI or district officials
- (4) State and local authorities where specifically permitted by State statute in order to serve student whose records are released prior to adjudication
- (5) Compliance with subpoena or judicial order; must notify parent first
- (6) Health or safety emergency
  - (a) Necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals
  - (b) Strictly construed
- (7) Parents of a dependent student
- (8) Directory information: Name, grade level, dates of enrollment, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees and awards received, schools attended in the district, work created by the student for school-related publications and purposes; and/or photographs of students for school-related publications or purposes.