



The Arc
of New Jersey

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)



FERPA is a federal law that gives parents rights over their child's education records. This includes the right to see the records, ask for changes, and control who sees personal information. These rights transfer to the student when they turn 18 or start college.

Access to Records

Parents (or eligible students) have the right to see the student's education records.

Request to Amend Records

You can request corrections to records that you believe are inaccurate or misleading.

Privacy of Information

Schools must protect personally identifiable information in student records and generally need written permission to share it.

Transfer of Rights

When a student turns 18 or enters college, all FERPA rights go to the student (now called an "eligible student").

***Exceptions to Consent:** Some information can be shared without consent—such as with school officials, for health or safety emergencies, or under a court order.