

# Marysville School District

## FERPA Notice: Your Rights and Your Child's Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) afford to parents/guardians of students, and to students themselves who are over 18 years of age, certain rights with respect to the student's education records maintained by the Marysville School District. These rights are outlined below:

1. The right to review and inspect the student's education records within 45 days of the day the district receives a written request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identified 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 or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the district to amend a record they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the Superintendent of Schools clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the district decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the district will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their rights 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 to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official includes a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, counselor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement personnel); a person serving on the district's school board; 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, student or other person 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 educational record in order to fulfill his or her responsibilities for the district. Upon request, the district also discloses education records without consent to officials of a school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. If you do not want the school district to disclose directory information without your prior written consent you must notify the district prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>. The district has designated the following as directory information:
  - Student's name
  - Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
  - Address
  - Telephone listing

- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
  - Photograph
  - Degrees, honors and awards received
  - Date and place of birth
  - Dates of attendance
  - Grade level
  - Program of study
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirement of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is the Family Policy Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 2002-4605.