

FERPA Jeopardy

1. Is an email between two faculty discussing a music student's performance in a recital considered an education record under FERPA?

Yes. Any record that contains personally identifiable information about a student in any format or medium which is maintained by an educational institution is considered an education record.

2. If someone calls wanting to discuss a student who recently died under tragic circumstances, would that be allowed under FERPA?

Yes, it is allowed under FERPA. However, CU generally takes steps to protect students' information even after decease.

3. Would a parent who is also a dean at CU be allowed to view her son's education record?

Only if she has legitimate educational interest or FERPA Consent to Release.

4. If a student calls you wanting to talk about her grades, how would you be allowed to do this?

Security passphrase

5. If a man visits an instructor's office asking to see his wife's exams and papers, how would the instructor be allowed to do this?

Student has set up FERPA Consent to Release for her spouse, AND the spouse has the correct password.

6. What information are you allowed to share if a student has set her record to privacy?

Nothing, not even that the student is/has ever been a student at CU, *unless* the student identifies herself with her security passphrase and/or shows photo ID without you revealing that the record exists.

7. If a student whose record is on privacy calls, how do you determine if it's him without revealing any information?

Ask for the security passphrase before acknowledging that the record exists.

8. If a student set up her dad with CU Guest Access, can you discuss her record with him?

Only if she also authorized him with FERPA Consent to Release AND you confirm that he has the correct password.

9. If a student set up his mom with CU Guest Access, what does that allow her to do?

Log in and view the student records he has given her access to see. No access to change records nor to discuss with CU officials.

10. If John, a graduate student teacher, violates FERPA by posting student grades on his office door, is the FERPA violation part of John's student record?

Yes, a student teacher's primary relationship with CU is as a student, so their employee record is part of their education record. This is not to say that the FERPA violation *must* be recorded in his employee record, just that his employee record is protected by FERPA.