



FERPA Quiz #1 ([Susan Dorsey](#))

Question

The father of an incoming freshman for fall wants to discuss his daughter's education record in July. Does FERPA allow you to have that discussion?

Answer

It depends. FERPA goes into effect when either of the following events occurs:

- the first day of classes for the first term in which the student is enrolled, **OR**
- the student's 18th birthday.

Thus, if the student is 18 or older, you must not discuss FERPA-protected information with or in front of her parent unless the student has submitted a FERPA Consent to Release for that parent.

Solution

1. Check Campus Solutions for a FERPA Consent to Release and/or the student's birthdate before proceeding. You may only discuss the student's protected information if she has given her father access by submitting a FERPA Consent to Release or if she is not yet 18 years old.
2. If the student has not set up a FERPA Consent to Release for her father, explain that she must do so in order for CU to discuss her records with her father (or any other third party) now or in the future.

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