Chipola College
Annual FERPA Notification
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Notification of Student Rights Provided by
the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) provides certain rights to students with respect to their educational records. Those rights are as follows:

The right to inspect and review the educational record within 45 days of the day the College receives a request for access

Students should submit a written request to the Admission and Record’s Office identifying the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Registrar will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. Chipola College provides web access to student records at www.facts.org.

The right to request amendment of the educational record if the student believes the record is inaccurate or misleading

Students may ask the College to amend a record believed to be inaccurate or misleading. The student should submit the written request to the Admission and Record’s Office and clearly identify the part of the record that is believed to be inaccurate or misleading. The student should specify why the information is inaccurate or misleading. If the College decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the College will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his/her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's educational record, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent

One exception that permits disclosure without consent is a disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the College in an administrative, supervisory, faculty, or support staff position (including the Security Department). Additionally, a person or company with whom the College has contracted is considered a school official for this purpose; i.e., the College Attorney, an auditor, collection agent, Board of Trustees member, student serving on an official committee, student 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 education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the College discloses educational records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

The right to file a complaint with the United States Department of Education concerning alleged failures of the College to comply with the requirements of FERPA

The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is the Family Compliance Office, United States Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20202-4605.

In addition to the rights provided to students, the following information is included in FERPA, and Chipola College is in complete compliance with these requirements.

Directory Information
FERPA permits institutions to identify certain items of information as “directory information.” This information may be released upon request unless the student, during the first ten days of the semester, has indicated, in writing to the Admission and Record’s Office, that he or she does not wish directory information to be released. Directory information at Chipola College includes name, address,
educational institutions attended, dates of attendance (session dates only), published photographs, degrees and awards received including Dean’s List, major field of study, participation in college activities and sports, and weight and height of members of athletic teams. A form for the purpose of requesting non-release of information is available in Admission and Record’s Office.

According to FERPA, the College may release information without the student’s written consent to the following:

- School officials, as identified by the College, determined by the College to have a legitimate educational interest in the student information
- Officials of other institutions to which the student seeks enrollment
- Persons or organizations providing financial aid to the student or determining financial aid decisions
- Accrediting organizations carrying out their accrediting functions
- A parent of a student who has established that the student is a dependent according to the IRS Code of 1986, Section 152
- Persons in compliance with a judicial order or a lawfully issued subpoena
- Persons in an emergency situation, if the knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons

Information to Military Recruiters
The Solomon Amendment to FERPA requires the College, upon request, to provide “student recruiting information” on any currently enrolled student who is at least 17 years old to any branch of the armed services. “Student recruiting information” is defined by federal law as name, address, telephone numbers, age or date of birth, class level, degrees received, major, most recent educational institution attended. Chipola College will not release student recruiting information to military recruiters for those students who request that directory information not be released (see above).

Questions regarding Chipola College’s compliance with FERPA may be directed to the Admission and Record’s Office.