

Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

FERPA is a federal law protecting the privacy of a student’s educational records and applies to any educational institutions that receive funds under any program administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Violation to FERPA would result to the University losing the ability to provide financial aid to our students.

FERPA rights belong to the student at a postsecondary institution regardless of age. Student applies to all students—including continuing education students, students auditing a class, distance education students, and former students.

Metropolitan State University of Denver maintains educational records for each student who has enrolled at the University. Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 USC 1232g, and the implementing regulations published at 34 CFR part 99, each eligible student has the right to:

1. Inspect and review his/her educational records;
2. Request the amendment of the student’s education records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy or other rights;
3. Consent to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent (see Nondisclosure and Exceptions in the University catalog under Student’s Rights and Responsibilities.
4. File a complaint under 34 CFR 99.64, concerning alleged failures by the University to comply with the requirements of FERPA, with the Family Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education.

As a staff or faculty member at MSU Denver, it is your responsibility to oversee and uphold the rights of FERPA grants to our students. Basic guidelines include:

- Do not display any personally identifiable data or information which includes, but is not limited to student’s name, the name of the student’s parent or other family members, the address of the student or student’s family, a personal identifier such as SSN, student number or biometric record. Other indirect identifiers such as the student’s date of birth, place of birth, mother’s maiden name, or other information alone or in combination that is linked to a specific student.
- Student educational records are considered confidential and cannot be released without the student’s prior written consent.
- As a student worker, staff, or faculty member, you are given access to student educational records for the sole purpose of performing your job. It is your responsibility to protect educational records whenever they are used and regardless of the medium in which they are accessed.
- Do not use anyone else’s username or password or allow anyone to use yours. Log out of Banner when not in use and lock your computer when you walk away.
- When in doubt, do not give it out. Do not hesitate to call the Office of the Registrar at 303-556-3991 for any FERPA guidance.

I have read and agree to the above responsibilities regarding FERPA regulations:

Name: _____

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Signature: _____

Date: _____