The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. FERPA governs access to and the release of information from those records. FERPA is also known as the Buckley Amendment.

Because of FERPA, EKU will be unable to release academic information to parents. Parents can consult with their students or the high school to obtain this information. Web-4-Parents is available should students choose to take advantage of this opportunity.

An education record is defined as any record that directly identifies a student and is maintained by the institution or educational agency or by a party acting for the institution or educational agency. Education records can exist in any medium including the following: handwritten, typed, computer generated, videotape, audiotape, film, microfilm, microfiche, e-mail, and others.

Student directory information is specific to a student; however, FERPA regulations deem that this information is not harmful to the individual if it is released to the public. Therefore, information classified as "directory information" may be released by the University without the student's consent. The following categories of information have been designated by the University as directory information:

- Name
- Address (never residence hall room number)
- Telephone listing (excluding cell phone)
- E-mail address
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Academic Level (Undergraduate or Graduate)
- Academic Class (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior)
- Dates of attendance
- Enrollment Status
- Degrees and awards received
- Student Photo or likeness
- The most recent previous education institution attended by the student

Students who do not want their directory information released without their consent must contact the EKU Registrar's Office to initiate the process. The Registrar will require the student to sign a consent form and produce proof of identity. A confidentiality flag will then be placed on the student's record. Students should note that a confidentiality flag will also prevent automatic enrollment verification. Once a student has requested a confidentiality flag they can only receive enrollment verification by making the request in writing, with proof of identity. The confidentiality flag will remain in effect until the student contacts the Registrar's Office and formally revokes it in writing.

Letters of inquiry about confidentiality of directory information should be sent to the Office of the Registrar, Academic Records Unit, Eastern Kentucky University, SSB CPO 58, 521 Lancaster Avenue, Richmond, KY 40475-3158. Letters must include EKU ID number and a current phone contact.

Basic FERPA rights of students:
1. Right to inspect and review their educational record within 45 days of a written request.
2. Right to request to amend inaccurate or misleading data within an educational record.
3. Right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in an educational record.
4. Right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the University to comply with FERPA.

For more information regarding FERPA, please consult:
http://www.studentaffairs.eku.edu/studenthandbook

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GENERAL REGULATIONS CONCERNING STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Students are responsible for knowing the University’s regulations, disciplinary procedures, and penalties. It should be emphasized that students are subject to criminal statutes and legal action, not just the University’s regulations and disciplinary system.

1. Endangering or threatening to endanger life, health, safety, or property.
2. Subjecting another person to sexual intercourse or sexual contact by forcible compulsion or while the person is incapable of consent.
3. Engaging in a course of conduct which is intended to harass, intimidate, or unreasonably impair the person’s ability to participate in or fully benefit from the University’s environment.
4. Persons are prohibited from possessing tasers/stun guns, pellet guns, BB guns and firearms, explosives, or other deadly weapons or look-alike or replica weapons on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University, except as follows:
   a. Sworn police officers employed by the University’s Division of Public Safety;
   b. Sworn police officers employed by other public agencies and present on the campus for the purposes of education, training, or assistance at University events; when such possession may be necessary for their official duties or for participation in training. Such officers must be authorized by the employing agency to carry weapons as a normal and required part of their duties;
   c. Members of the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) when necessary for the purposes of military officer education and marksmanship training.
5. Illegally selling, possessing, possessing paraphernalia or using drugs or other substances.
6. Engaging in drunk and disorderly conduct on University owned or controlled property or at University functions.
7. Being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance to the degree that the student may endanger himself/herself or other persons or property.
8. Possessing or consuming alcohol or controlled substances on University property.
9. Taking, possessing, damaging, or destroying public or private property.
10. Creating a fire or safety hazard or abusing/misusing safety equipment, or transmitting false fire alarms; helping or influencing others in such offenses.
11. Vandalizing, damaging, abusing, or interfering with the operation of elevators.
12. Throwing objects from University buildings.
13. Disrupting the peace or interfering with classroom or other University activities.
14. Disregarding the reasonable directives, verbal or written, of any staff in the conduct of assigned duties.
15. Unauthorized entry to or unauthorized use of any University property or facilities; this includes, but is not limited to the violation of residence hall regulations, for example:
   a. Failing to comply with visitation regulations;
   b. Failing to comply with residence hall regulations as listed in the residence hall guidelines and/or the housing contract;
16. Falsifying identity or information.
17. Academic dishonesty; plagiarism, cheating, and fabrication.
18. Offering or passing a worthless check or failing to meet financial obligations to the University.
19. Interfering with the use of or abusing any part of University computing services or facilities.
20. Violating University regulations for operating motor vehicles.
21. Encouraging or helping someone to violate University regulations.
22. Failing to abide by the terms of any disciplinary sanction properly imposed by a University official, committee, or agency.
23. Failure to self-report as a registered sex offender or any other violation of the “University Policy Regarding employees and Students Registered as Sex Offenders.”
24. Failing to comply with the University hazing policy.

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