

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

Florida Gulf Coast University is concerned about the privacy of your student's records. When your student was in elementary school and high school, FERPA gave their parents and the student the right to access their educational records. That same law now transfers ownership of their records solely to the student.

According to the federal law, college students, regardless of their age, are considered responsible adults and now have the right to determine who can have access to their educational records. While parents and family members understandably have an interest in their student's education, a student must now grant you access to their official records. Parents and family members are encouraged to consult with their student if academic information is needed.



More Information about FERPA can be obtained from the Office of the Registrar
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW CAN I GET ACCESS TO MY STUDENT'S INFORMATION?

The quickest, easiest way to get information about your student's grades, university bill, or other information is from your student. All of this information is available to them through their Gulfline account.

WHAT IS COVERED BY FERPA?

An "educational record" includes information such as your student's grades, discipline record, and financial statements.

WHAT IS A WAIVER FORM?

Your student can sign a Third Party Release form and submit it in person to the Office of the Registrar, with a photo ID, granting you official consent to access their records.

WHAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE?

Students have a right to privacy when it comes to their educational records. If you would like to know about their grades, bill, or other information, the best thing to do is keep open lines of communication and share those expectations with your student.

IF I DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO MY STUDENT'S RECORDS, HOW CAN I PAY THE BILL?

Your student can grant you an Authorized User account. Authorized Users have the ability to log directly into the Bill & Payment Center and view the student's account, make payments, and receive statement notifications. This access is only for the Bill and Payment Center. More information can be found at the Office of the Bursar.