

# Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, U.S.C. 20 § 1232g, Southern Union State Community College may disclose certain student information as “directory information.” Directory information includes the names, addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and major fields of study of students, as well as information about students’ participation in officially recognized activities and sports, the weight and height of members of the athletic teams, the dates of attendance by students, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the respective student. If any student has an objection to any of the aforementioned information being released during any given term or academic year, the student should notify the Registrar through written communication.

## Notification of Student rights under FERPA

FERPA affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights are listed below.

1. The right to inspect and to review the student’s educational records.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s educational records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy or other rights.
3. The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
4. The right to file with the U.S. Department of Education a complaint concerning alleged failures by Southern Union State Community College to comply with the requirements of FERPA.
5. The right to obtain a copy of Southern Union State Community College’s student records policy, which is available at the Records Office.