

UNIVERSITY *of* WASHINGTON | BOTHELL

# New Student Orientation Parent Program

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## FERPA



# AGENDA

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- What is FERPA?
- Why is it important?
- What does it mean for all of us?
- Are there exceptions?



# Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

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- Enacted in 1974
- Applies to all educational institutions that receive federal funding
- Rights of the university record belong to the student
- Rights begin when in attendance
  - Parents lose right when student turns 18 (or when student enrolls)



## Upon Application - Educational Record is created

Any information directly related to a student that is maintained by an educational institution:

- High School Attended
- Test Scores Earned
- Quarterly Class Schedule at UW Bothell
- Grades
- Quarterly Tuition charged
- Financial Aid awarded
- Etc...



# What does it mean for staff and faculty? For you?

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- All students attending an institution of higher education receiving federal Title IV funds, regardless of age, are protected under FERPA.
- Parents lose rights when student is in attendance.
- University staff, faculty and administrators are the stewards of information and the gatekeepers in the protection of student privacy.
- Confidentiality must be applied to **all** records.
- We can speak only in generalities.



# Exceptions

## Health & Safety Emergencies

- “Articulable and significant threat to the health and safety of the student or other individuals”
- May release to local law enforcement, parents or outside entities if release is related to safety

## Other Exceptions

- With students’ written permission for case-by-case basis
- If student is under 21 and violates law or school policy related to alcohol or a controlled substance



# With prior consent, you can ALSO have access to the following:

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## **Financial Aid**

- Students must complete a release form allowing access to records and information. The form is available online.

## **Tuition Bills**

- Student can give you special limited access to MyUW to pay tuition.





# Thank you!

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## Health & Safety Emergencies

More information:

- [Office of the Registrar FERPA page.](#)
- Please let us know if you have any questions:

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