

## Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education, which includes Santa Rosa Junior College.

For complete information you can go to the official FERPA website at <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>

Under FERPA and Santa Rosa Junior College Policy 8.2.9P, staff and/or faculty are not allowed to disclose any “Personally Identifiable Information” (PII) about a student. While parents may have certain rights of access to their children’s records while enrolled in grades K-12, in college parents are not afforded this right as all FERPA rights are transferred to the student regardless of age. A student is not required to waive this right by writing a permission letter giving their parents or others access to their records, but may do so after being advised of their right to confidentiality by a College official in a private conference. For complete information you can go to the SRJC Policy Manual @ <http://www.santarosa.edu/polman/8stuserv/index.html>

Read policy 8.2.9 and procedure 8.2.9P

In college it is the responsibility of the individual student to make an appointment to meet with his or her Disability Specialist. When a student attends one of these meetings, he or she *may* invite another person to be present. At the time of the meeting the Disability Specialist will ask the student privately if he or she is requesting the other person to be present.

Even if a parent, a spouse, an advocate, or a friend attends a meeting with a student, the student still has the legal responsibility to make his or her own educationally related decisions. This includes making decisions related to the services and accommodations provided by the Disability Resources Department (DRD).