

**WAC 132I-280-020 Education records—Student's right to inspect.**

(1) A student has the right to inspect and review his or her education records.

(a) For purposes of this section the term "education records" means those records, files, documents, and other materials which contain information directly related to a student.

(b) The term "education records" does not include:

(i) Records of instructional, supervisory, and administrative personnel which exist solely for the use of the maker and which are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a substitute.

(ii) In the case of persons who are employed by an educational institution but who are not attending that institution, records made and maintained in the normal course of business which relate exclusively to such person in that person's capacity as an employee and are not available for any other use.

(iii) Records on a student which are created or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional capacity, or assisting in that capacity and which are created, maintained, or used only in connection with the treatment of the student, and are not available to anyone other than persons providing such treatment; provided, however, that such records can be personally reviewed by a physician or other appropriate professional of the student's choice.

(2)(a) Recommendations, evaluations, or comments concerning a student that are provided in confidence, either expressed or implied, as between the author and the recipient, shall be made available to the student, except as provided in (b), (c), and (d) of this subsection.

(b) The student may specifically release his right to review where the information consists only of confidential recommendations respecting:

(i) Admission to any educational institution; or

(ii) An application for employment; or

(iii) Receipt of an hour or honorary recognition.

(c) A student's waiver of his or her right of access to confidential statements shall apply only if:

(i) The student is, upon request, notified of the names of all persons making confidential statements concerning him; and

(ii) Such confidential statements are used solely for the purpose for which they were originally intended; and

(iii) Such waivers are not required as a condition for admission to, receipt of financial aid form, or receipt of any other services or benefits from the college.

(d) Recommendations, evaluations, or comments concerning a student that have been provided in confidence, either expressed or implied, as between the author and the recipient, prior to January 1, 1975, shall not be subject to release under (a) of this subsection. Such records shall remain confidential and shall be released only with the consent of the author. Such records shall be used by the institution only for the purpose for which they were originally intended.

(3) Where requested records or data include information on more than one student, the student shall be entitled to receive or be informed of only that part of the record or data that pertains to the student.

(4) Students have the right to obtain copies of their educational records. Charges for the copies shall not exceed the cost normally

charged by the college (except in cases where charges have previously been approved by the board of trustees action for certain specified services, such as transcripts and grade sheets).

(5) The college registrar is the official custodian of academic records and therefore is the only official who may issue a transcript of the student's official academic record.

(6) Student education records may be destroyed in accordance with a department's routine retention schedule. In no case will any record which is requested by a student for review in accordance with this section and WAC 132I-280-025 be removed or destroyed prior to providing the student access.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 34.05 RCW et seq., RCW 28B.50.100 and 28B.50.140. WSR 92-15-115, § 132I-280-020, filed 7/21/92, effective 8/21/92.]