

**WAC 174-280-020 Disclosure to the student.** (1) A student has the right to inspect, and request copies of his or her education records, except that a student is not entitled to access to:

(a) Records of instructional, supervisory and administrative personnel and educational personnel ancillary thereto which are in the sole possession of the maker thereof and which are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a person appointed to replace or assume responsibilities of the originator of the records;

(b) Records made and maintained in the normal course of business which relate exclusively to the person's capacity as an employee and are not available for any other purposes;

(c) Records on a student which are created or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist or other officially recognized professional or para-professional acting in his or her professional or para-professional capacity, and which are created, maintained or used only in connection with the provision of treatment to 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;

(d) A parent's confidential financial statement unless the student's parent or guardian has granted permission for access in writing either on the statement or in a separate authorizing letter;

(e) Records or/and documents of the security office which are kept apart from educational records and which are maintained solely for law enforcement purposes and which are not made available to persons other than law enforcement officials of the same jurisdiction, if security office personnel do not have access to educational records under subsection (1) of this section.

(2) Recommendations, evaluations or comments concerning a student, whether or not provided in confidence, either expressed or implied, as between the author and the recipient, shall nonetheless be made available to the student, except that:

(a) The student may specifically release his right to review where the information consists only of confidential recommendations respecting admission to any educational institution, or an application for employment, or receipt of an honor or honorary recognition, by submitting the release in writing to the Evergreen individual(s) or office(s) having custody of the particular record;

(b) A student's waiver of his or her right of access to confidential statements shall apply only if the student is, upon request, notified of the names of all persons making confidential statements concerning him or her, the dates of such confidential statements were provided; and such confidential statements are used solely for the purpose for which they were originally intended, and such waivers are not required as a condition for admission to, receipt of financial aid from, or receipt of any other services or benefits from Evergreen;

(c) 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 this subsection: Provided, however, That upon request the student is notified of the names of the authors of all such confidential records, the dates appearing on such confidential records and the purpose for which each confidential record was provided. Such records shall remain confidential and shall be released only with the consent of the author. The student will initiate any request for release by direct contact with the author. Confidential information will then only be released to the student upon receipt of

written 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 that student.

(4) Charges for copies of education records shall not exceed one dollar per page.

(5) The 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 or prepare other copies of the student's records on file in the registrar's office.

(6) Student education records may be destroyed in accordance with routine retention schedules. In no case will any record which is requested by a student for review in accordance with this section and WAC 174-280-025 be removed or destroyed prior to informing the student and, if requested, providing the student access.

(7) A student's right to inspecting and securing copies of his or her education records passes to the student's heir(s) upon his or her death.

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