

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. They are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the University receives a request for access.

Students should submit to the registrar, dean, or other appropriate official, written request that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes are inaccurate or misleading.

Students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the School official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading.

If the School decides not to amend the records as requested by the student, the School will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the School has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A School official has legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school, upon request, in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department Education concerning alleged failures by State University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office

U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW.
Washington, DC 20202-4605

Notice of Directory Information

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), “directory information” at the North Carolina School of the Arts is defined to include: the student’s name, parents’ names, addresses, telephone listings, date and place of birth, major field of study, class level, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, e-mail address, and full- or part-time status. Some of this information, including name, mailing address, field of study, class level, telephone number and e-mail address may be included on NCSA’s website.

Directory information is considered public information and will be released unless the student requests a “privacy hold.” All other information is considered private, and will not be released outside the School without the written permission of the student, unless a specific exception under FERPA applies. Students may request a Privacy Hold by submitting a letter or appropriate form to the registrar by the end of the first week of the school year or initial period of enrollment. Such requests must be filed annually.

Grades will be mailed to the parents of high school students each term. Grades will not be mailed to the parents of college-level students without a signed, written request by the student. Grades will be sent to parents of a college student without the student’s permission only if the parents provide written documentation of the fact that the student is listed as a dependent on federal income tax returns.

Questions concerning student records and FERPA should be addressed to the registrar’s office.

GRADUATION RATE

Our data shows that 48.9 percent of the first-time, full-time freshman students who entered the North Carolina School of the Arts in fall 1998 have received a baccalaureate degree or Arts Diploma from this institution as of fall 2004. This information is provided pursuant to requirements of the Student-Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act.