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## **FERPA for Parents:**

*What you should know*

### **WHAT IS FERPA?**

*Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.*

### **WAYS PARENTS HAVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION RECORD:**

- ▶ **With Student's written consent**
- ▶ In a health or safety emergency
- ▶ If the information is based on personal knowledge or observation of student, **NOT** based on protected record information

### **WHAT IS AN EDUCATION RECORD?**

Any record that is directly related to a student and maintained by YSU, or someone acting on behalf of the institution. This includes all forms of record keeping, regardless of medium.

### **EDUCATION INFORMATION RELEASE VIA PROXY**

At YSU, students can choose to share their education record by naming a proxy to their student account. Scan here to find out how to be added as a proxy:



*Questions? Contact the PSC at 330-941-6000 or [onestop@ysu.edu](mailto:onestop@ysu.edu).*



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## What is directory info?

*Information that can be shared without consent*

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### DIRECTORY INFORMATION INCLUDES:

- ▶ Student name
- ▶ Date/Place of Birth
- ▶ Local address
- ▶ Permanent address
- ▶ Telephone number
- ▶ Dates of Attendance
- ▶ Major
- ▶ Level (Undergraduate or Graduate)
- ▶ Degrees, honors, awards received
- ▶ Participation in official
- ▶ University sports or activities
- ▶ Weight/height of athletes

### NON-DIRECTORY INFORMATION INCLUDES:

*(cannot be shared):*

- ▶ Race/Ethnicity
- ▶ Gender
- ▶ Social Security Number
- ▶ YSU Banner ID#
- ▶ Grades
- ▶ GPA
- ▶ Academic Standing
- ▶ Country of Citizenship
- ▶ Religion

**When  
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give it out!**

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