

Health and Safety Exceptions Under FERPA

FERPA-Health or Safety Emergency

In an emergency, *FERPA* permits school officials to disclose without student consent education records, including personally identifiable information from those records, to protect the health or safety of students or other individuals. At such times, records and information may be released to appropriate parties such as law enforcement officials, public health officials, and trained medical personnel. This exception to *FERPA's* general consent rule is limited to the period of the emergency and generally does not allow for a blanket release of personally identifiable information from a student's education records. In addition, *FERPA* allows school officials to disclose information from education records to parents if a health or safety emergency involves their son or daughter. See 34 CFR § 99.31(a)(10) and § 99.36.

Disciplinary Records

While student disciplinary records are protected as education records under *FERPA*, there are certain circumstances in which disciplinary records may be disclosed without the student's consent. Tennessee Tech