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December 2011 Changes to the Regulations

Recent Changes to FERPA

- ❖ Released in December 2011
- ❖ Primarily focused on enabling sharing of student education records without consent to state agencies in order to facilitate the creation of longitudinal data systems

2011 Changes to FERPA

- ❖ Gives institutions more latitude to release education records without student consent to state agencies for purposes of evaluating and tracking student progress and success
 - Institution must keep record of disclosure
- ❖ Permits state agencies to re-disclose education records for purposes of research studies designed to improve instruction
 - Re-disclosure may be made over the objection of the institution
 - Requires written agreement
 - Results may only be published at aggregate level

2011 Changes to FERPA

- ❖ Permits state agencies to re-disclose education records to “authorized representatives” for purposes of audit, evaluation or compliance
 - Requires written agreement
- ❖ Researchers and contractors must now destroy data after agreement ends – can no longer simply return it to the institution
- ❖ Broader definition of “Education programs” covered by FERPA

2011 Changes to FERPA

- ❖ Students may not use a directory block to refuse to wear or present a student ID card or badge
- ❖ Permits institutions to create policies limiting release of directory information
 - Must be covered in annual notice to students

Resources

Registrar's Office web site:

- ❖ Confidentiality/FERPA link
- ❖ Faculty and FERPA brochure
- ❖ FERPA tutorial