

**WAC 132Q-02-340 Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply in interpreting these regulations:

(1) Directory information: Information contained in an educational record of a student that would not be generally considered harmful or an invasion of the privacy if disclosed. It includes, but is not limited to: The student's name, major field of study, dates of attendance, enrollment status (e.g., full-time or part-time), participation in recognized sports, degree or certificate earned, term degree or certificate awarded, and honors received.

(2) Educational record: Those records, except as provided otherwise in (b) of this subsection, directly related to a student and maintained by the college or a party acting for the college.

(a) Education records include, but are not limited to:

(i) Official transcripts of course taken and grade received; records relating to prior educational experience; and admission records;

(ii) Tuition and payment records;

(iii) Student disciplinary records;

(iv) Course records (e.g., examinations, term papers, essays, etc.);

(v) Employment records based on student status (e.g., work study).

(b) Educational records do not include:

(i) Records of instruction, supervisory, and administrative personnel and educational personnel which are in the sole possession of the originator and which are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a substitute or designee;

(ii) Records created and maintained by campus security for law enforcement purposes;

(iii) In the case of persons who are employed by an educational agency or institution, but who are not in attendance at such agency or institution, records made and maintained in the normal course of business, which relate exclusively to such person's employment, are not available for use for any other purpose;

(iv) Records containing medical or psychological information are not available to anyone other than the individual(s) providing treatment; however, such records may be personally reviewed by a physician or other appropriate professional upon the student's written consent.

(3) Legitimate educational interest: If the information requested by the school official is necessary for the official to perform a task specified in his/her position description or contract agreement including: The performance of a task related to a student's education; the performance of a task related to the discipline of a student; the provision of a service or benefit related to the student or student's family, such as health education, counseling, advising, student employment, financial aid, or other student service related assistance; the maintenance of the safety and security of the campus; and/or the provision of legal assistance regarding a student matter.

(4) Parent: Defined as a parent of a student and includes a natural parent, a guardian, or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of a parent or guardian.

(5) Personal identifiable information: This includes, but is not limited to: Student's name, the name of the student's parent or other family member; the address of the student or the student's family; a personal identifier such as the student's Social Security number or student identification number; a list of personal characteristics that would make the student's identity easily traceable; other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific

student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty.

(6) Record: Any information recorded in any way, including, but not limited to: Handwriting, print, computer media, video or audio media, microfilm and microfiche.

(7) School official: All of the following who act in the student's educational interests within the limitations of their need to know:

(a) A person employed by Spokane Colleges in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, support staff, law enforcement or health care service position;

(b) A person serving on the Spokane Colleges board of trustees;

(c) A student serving on an official Spokane Colleges committee or assisting another school official in fulfilling their professional responsibilities (examples include, but are not limited to, service on a disciplinary committee and work study students); and

(d) A contractor, consultant, volunteer or other party with whom Spokane Colleges has contracted to provide a service and/or to assist another school official in conducting official business (examples include, but are not limited to: An attorney, an auditor, a collection agency, or the National Student Clearinghouse, an agency which acts as a clearinghouse for student loan deferment reporting).

(8) Student: Any person, regardless of age, who is or has been officially registered in attendance at Spokane Colleges at any location at which Spokane Colleges offers programs/courses with respect to whom Spokane Colleges maintains educational records.

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