

**164.283 Student academic records confidential -- Exceptions.**

- (1) As used in this section unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (a) "Academic" means a student's official record of academic performance, including, but not limited to transcript of grades or other action taken by the institution directly related to academic performance. The term "academic" does not include any nonacademically-related action the institution may take.
  - (b) "Universities and colleges" means all state supported postsecondary educational institutions in Kentucky.
  - (c) "Institution" means all public supported institutions of higher learning in Kentucky.
- (2) All student academic records shall be confidential and shall not require a student's Social Security number to identify the student, with the exception of the exemptions stated in subsections (3) to (9) of this section, and shall not be released by any public supported institution of higher education in Kentucky, to any person, organization, institution, group, or agency, except with the express consent of the individual student. This confidentiality shall apply only to student academic records, including, but not limited to, official transcript of grades.
- (3) All student academic records shall be made available upon request to any agency of the federal or state government for the purpose of determining a student's eligibility for military service and shall include making such records available to local draft boards. This authority shall be limited only to determining the student's eligibility for military service and shall not be extended, except with the individual student's consent as specified in subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) Any institution may provide the legal parents of any student under twenty-one (21) years of age with a copy of the student's academic record.
- (5) All student academic records shall be made available to any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and any court of law upon written request.
- (6) All student academic records shall be made available upon request to any grantor of scholarships or loans based upon the maintenance of a satisfactory level of scholarship, but shall be for the official use of the grantors only.
- (7) All student academic records shall be made available upon request to a public or private junior college from which the individual student was graduated or to a public or private secondary school from which the individual student was graduated.
- (8) All student academic records shall be made available upon request to the Council on Postsecondary Education for professional academic research.
- (9) All student academic records shall be made available upon request to any official of the university or college in which the student is enrolled who is directly concerned with the student's academic progress. This authority shall include but is not limited to the individual student's academic adviser.

- (10) This section shall be applicable to all academic records maintained by all public postsecondary educational institutions in Kentucky.

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