

IDEA and FERPA Confidentiality Provisions

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| | 20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 ¹ | 20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303 | 20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99 |
| Eligibility for | Sec. 612. STATE ELIGIBILITY. | Sec. 634. ELIGIBILITY. | Sec. 1232g. FAMILY EDUCATIONAL AND |
| <u>Specific</u> | (a) In General.—A State is eligible for | In order to be eligible for a grant under | PRIVACY RIGHTS. |
| <u>Federal</u> | assistance under this part for a fiscal year if | section 633, a State shall provide assurances | (a) Conditions for availability of funds to |
| Education | the State submits a plan that provides | to the Secretary that the State— | educational agencies or institutions; |
| <u>Funding</u> | assurances to the Secretary that the State has | (1) has adopted a policy that appropriate | inspection and review of education records; |
| | in effect policies and procedures to ensure | early intervention services are available to all | specific information to be made available; |
| | that the State meets each of the following | infants and toddlers with disabilities in the | procedure for access to education records; |
| | conditions: | State and their families, including Indian | reasonableness of time for such access; |
| | (6) Procedural safeguards.— | infants and toddlers with disabilities and | hearings; written explanations by parents; |
| | (A) In general.—Children with disabilities and | their families residing on a reservation | definitions. |
| | their parents are afforded the procedural | geographically located in the State, infants | (1)(A) No funds shall be made available under |
| | safeguards required by section 615. | and toddlers with disabilities who are | any applicable program to any educational |
| | (8) Confidentiality.—Agencies in the State | homeless children and their families, and | agency or institution which has a policy of |
| | comply with section 617(c) (relating to the | infants and toddlers with disabilities who are | denying, or which effectively prevents, the |
| | confidentiality of records and information). | wards of the State; and (2) has in effect a | parents of students who are or have been in |
| | | statewide system that meets the | attendance at a school of such agency or at |
| | Sec. 615. PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS. | requirements of section 635. | such institution, as the case may be, the right |
| | (b) Types of Procedures.—The procedures | | to inspect and review the education records |
| | required by this section shall include the | Sec. 635. REQUIREMENTS FOR STATEWIDE | of their children. |
| | following: | SYSTEM. | (b)(1) Release of education records; parental |
| | (1) An opportunity for the parents of a child | (a) In General.—A statewide system | consent requirement; exceptions; compliance |
| | with a disability to examine all records | described in section 633 shall include, at a | with judicial orders and subpoenas; audit and |
| | relating to such child and to participate in | minimum, the following components: | evaluation of federally-supported education |
| | meetings with respect to the identification, | (13) Procedural safeguards with respect to | programs; recordkeeping (1) No funds shall be |
| | evaluation, and educational placement of the | programs under this part, as required by | made available under any applicable program |
| | child, and the provision of a free appropriate | section 639. | to any educational agency or institution which |
| | public education to such child, and to obtain | | has a policy or practice of permitting the |
| | an independent educational evaluation of the | Sec. 639. PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS. | release of education records (or personally |
| | child. | (a) Minimum ProceduresThe procedural | identifiable information contained therein |
| | | safeguards required to be included in a | other than directory information, as defined |
| | | statewide system under section 635(a)(13) | in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of this |
| | | shall provide, at a minimum, the following | section) of students without the written |
| | | (2) The right to confidentiality of personally | consent of their parents to any individual, |

¹ The IDEA statute is codified at 20 U.S.C. 1401 *et seq.* and the IDEA statute is cited above by its public law sections (i.e., Sec. 612 is 20 U.S.C. 1412). The IDEA regulations are codified in 34 CFR Part 300 (for the 2006 IDEA Part B regulations) and 34 CFR Part 303 (for the IDEA Part C regulations). The FERPA statute is at 20 U.S.C. 1232g and the FERPA regulations are in 34 CFR Part 99.

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| Eligibility Cont'd | | identifiable information, including the right of parents to written notice of and written | agency, or organization, other than to the following |
| | | consent to the exchange of such information | |
| | | among agencies consistent with Federal and State law | |
| | | (4) The opportunity for parents to examine | |
| | | records relating to assessment, screening, | |
| | | eligibility determinations, and the | |
| | | development and implementation of the | |
| | | individualized family service plan. | |
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| <u>Definitions</u> | § 300.8 Child with a disability. | § 303.6 Child. | § 99.3 [Definitions. ⁴] |
| Child/ | (a) General. (1) Child with a disability means a | Child means an individual under the | Student, except as otherwise specifically |
| Student/ | child evaluated in accordance with §§ 300.304 | age of six and may include an infant or | provided in this part, means any individual |
| Parent ² | through 300.311 as having mental | toddler with a disability, as that term is | who is or has been in attendance at an |
| | retardation, a hearing impairment (including | defined in § 303.21. | educational agency or institution and |
| | deafness), a speech or language impairment, | \$ 202.27 Damant | regarding whom the agency or institution |
| | a visual impairment (including blindness), a | § 303.27 Parent. (a) Parent means— | maintains education records. |
| | serious emotional disturbance (referred to in this part as "emotional disturbance"), an | (a) Parent means— (1) A biological or adoptive parent of a child; | Eligible student means a student who has |
| | orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic | (2) A foster parent, unless State law, | reached 18 years of age or is attending an |
| | brain injury, another health impairment, a | regulations, or contractual obligations with a | institution of postsecondary education. |
| | specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, or | State or local entity prohibit a foster parent | institution of postsecondary cadeation. |
| | multiple disabilities, and who, by reason | from acting as a parent; | Parent means a parent of a student and |
| | thereof, needs special education and related | (3) A guardian generally authorized to act as | includes a natural parent, a guardian, or an |
| | services. | the child's parent, or authorized to make | individual acting as a parent in the absence of |
| | (2)(i) Subject to paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this | early intervention, educational, health or | a parent or a guardian. |
| | section, if it is determined, through an | developmental decisions for the child (but | |
| | appropriate evaluation under §§ 300.304 | not the State if the child is a ward of the | Attendance includes, but is not limited to— |
| | through 300.311, that a child has one of the | State); | (a) Attendance in person or by paper |
| | disabilities identified in paragraph (a)(1) of | (4) An individual acting in the place of a | correspondence, videoconference, satellite, |
| | this section, but only needs a related service | biological or adoptive parent (including a | Internet, or other electronic information and |

² For students who reach the age of 18, or the age of majority, see Part B regulation in 34 CFR § 300.625 and FERPA regulation in 34 CFR § 99.5.

⁴ The FERPA definitions included in this column of the document are those that have parallel definitions under IDEA Parts B and C.

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| Child/ Student/ Parent Cont'd and not special education, the child is not a child with a disability under this part. (ii) If, consistent with § 300.39(a)(2), the related service required by the child is considered special education rather than a related service under State standards, the child would be determined to be a child with a disability under paragraph (a)(1) of this section. (b) (c) (a) Parent means— (a) Parent means— (a) Parent means— (a) A foster parent, unless State law, regulations, or contractual obligations with a State or local entity prohibit a foster parent from acting as a parent; (a) A guardian generally authorized to make educational decisions for the child is a ward of the State); (4) An individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent, or other relative) with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child lives, or an individual acting in the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the chi | | | | |
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| welfare; or the "parent" for purposes of part C of the Act | | | · · | |
| (5) A surrogate parent who has been [IDEA], except that if an EIS provider ³ or a | | • | , | |
| appointed in accordance with § 300.519 or public agency provides any services to a child | | | | |
| section 639(a)(5) of the Act [IDEA]. or any family member of that child, that EIS | | • • | , | |
| (b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) provider or public agency may not act as the | | | , , | |
| of this section, the biological or adoptive parent for that child. | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | |
| parent, when attempting to act as the parent | | | | |

³ "EIS provider" refers to the early intervention service provider under Part C of the IDEA and is defined in 34 CFR § 303.12.

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| Child/ Student/ Parent Cont'd | under this part and when more than one party is qualified under paragraph (a) of this section to act as a parent, must be presumed to be the parent for purposes of this section unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child. (2) If a judicial decree or order identifies a specific person or persons under paragraphs (a)(1) through (4) of this section to act as the "parent" of a child or to make educational decisions on behalf of a child, then such person or persons shall be determined to be the "parent" for purposes of this section. | | |
| Education Record | § 300.611 Definitions. (b) Education records means the type of records covered under the definition of "education records" in 34 CFR part 99 (the regulations implementing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g (FERPA)). | § 303.403 Definitions. (b) Early intervention records mean all records regarding a child that are required to be collected, maintained, or used under part C of the Act [IDEA] and the regulations in this part. | § 99.3 [Definitions.] Education records. (a) The term means those records that are: (1) Directly related to a student; and (2) Maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution. (b) The term does not include: (1) Records that are kept in the sole possession of the maker, are used only as a personal memory aid, and are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a temporary substitute for the maker of the record. (2) Records of the law enforcement unit of an educational agency or institution, subject to the provisions of § 99.8. (3)(i) Records relating to an individual who is employed by an educational agency or institution, that: (A) Are made and maintained in the normal course of business; |

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| Education Record Cont'd | | | Record means any information recorded in any way, including, but not limited to, handwriting, print, computer media, video or audio tape, film, microfilm, and microfiche. |
| Participating Agency/ Educational Agency or Institution | § 300.611 Definitions. (c) Participating agency means any agency or institution that collects, maintains, or uses personally identifiable information, or from which information is obtained, under Part B of the Act [IDEA]. | § 303.403 Definitions. (c) Participating agency means any individual, agency, entity, or institution that collects, maintains, or uses personally identifiable information to implement the requirements in part C of the Act [IDEA] and the regulations in this part with respect to a particular child. A participating agency includes the lead agency and EIS [Early intervention service] providers and any individual or entity that provides any part C services (including service coordination, evaluations and assessments, and other part C services), but does not include primary referral sources, or public agencies (such as the State Medicaid or CHIP [Children's Health Insurance Program]) or private entities (such as private insurance companies) that act solely as funding sources for part C services. | § 99.3 [Definitions.] Educational agency or institution means any public or private agency or institution to which this part applies under § 99.1(a). |
| Personally Identifiable Information (PII) | § 300.32 Personally identifiable. Personally identifiable means information that contains— (a) The name of the child, the child's parent, or other family member; (b) The address of the child; (c) A personal identifier, such as the child's social security number or student number; or (d) A list of personal characteristics or other information that would make it possible to identify the child with reasonable certainty. | § 303.29 Personally identifiable information Personally identifiable information means personally identifiable information as defined in 34 CFR 99.3 [See FERPA column], as amended, except that the term "student" in the definition of personally identifiable information in 34 CFR 99.3 means "child" as used in this part and any reference to "school" means "EIS [Early intervention service] provider" as used in this part. | § 99.3 [Definitions.] Personally Identifiable Information The term includes, but is not limited to— (a) The student's name; (b) The name of the student's parent or other family members; (c) The address of the student or student's family; (d) A personal identifier, such as the student's social security number, student number, or biometric record; |

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| PII Cont'd | | | (e) Other indirect identifiers, such as the student's date of birth, place of birth, and mother's maiden name; (f) 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; or (g) Information requested by a person who the educational agency or institution reasonably believes knows the identity of the student to whom the education record relates. |
| | | | <u>Disclosure</u> means to permit access to or the release, transfer, or other communication of personally identifiable information contained in education records by any means, including oral, written, or electronic means, to any party except the party identified as the party that provided or created the record. |
| Confidentiality | Sec. 617. ADMINISTRATION. (c) Confidentiality.— The Secretary shall take appropriate action, in accordance with section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act [GEPA], to ensure the confidentiality of any personally identifiable data, information, and records collected or maintained by the Secretary and by State educational agencies [SEAs] and local educational agencies [LEAs] pursuant to this | Sec. 617. ADMINISTRATION. (c) Confidentiality.— The Secretary shall take appropriate action, in accordance with section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act [GEPA], to ensure the protection of the confidentiality of any personally identifiable data, information, and records collected or maintained by the Secretary and by State educational agencies [SEAs] and local | § 99.2 What is the purpose of these regulations? The purpose of this part is to set out requirements for the protection of privacy of parents and students under section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended. |

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| Confidentiality | part. | educational agencies [LEAs] pursuant to this | |
| Cont'd | <u>'</u> | part. ⁵ | |
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| | § 300.610 Confidentiality. | § 303.402 Confidentiality. | |
| | The Secretary takes appropriate | The Secretary takes appropriate action, in | |
| | action, in accordance with section 444 of | accordance with section 444 of GEPA, to | |
| | GEPA, to ensure the protection of the | ensure the protection of the confidentiality | |
| | confidentiality of any personally identifiable | of any personally identifiable data, | |
| | data, information, and records collected or | information, and records collected, | |
| | maintained by the Secretary and by SEAs and | maintained, or used by the Secretary and by | |
| | LEAs pursuant to Part B of the Act [IDEA], and | lead agencies and EIS [Early intervention | |
| | consistent with §§ 300.611 through 300.627. | service] providers pursuant to part C of the | |
| | | Act [IDEA], and consistent with §§ 303.401 | |
| | | through 303.417. The regulations in §§ | |
| | | 303.401 through 303.417 ensure the | |
| | | protection of the confidentiality of any | |
| | | personally identifiable data, information, and | |
| | | records collected or maintained pursuant to | |
| | | this part by the Secretary and by | |
| | | participating agencies, including the State | |
| | | lead agency and EIS providers, in accordance | |
| | | with the Family Educational Rights and | |
| | | Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and 34 | |
| | | CFR part 99. | |
| | | \$ 202 404 Confidentiality and agree the state | |
| | | § 303.401 Confidentiality and opportunity to | |
| | | examine records. | |
| | | (a) General. Each State must ensure that the parents of a child referred under this part are | |
| | | afforded the right to confidentiality of | |
| | | personally identifiable information, including | |
| | | the right to written notice of, and written | |
| | | The right to written house of, and written | |

⁵ IDEA Sec. 642 applies IDEA Sec. 617 to Part C with these translations terms: (1) "SEA" = State Lead Agency; (2) "LEA or SEA" = EIS [Early intervention service] provider; (3) "education" = early intervention, and "children with disabilities" = infants and toddlers with disabilities.

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| Confidentiality | | consent to, the exchange of that information | |
| Cont'd | | among agencies, consistent with Federal and | |
| | | State laws. | |
| | | (b) Confidentiality procedures. As | |
| | | required under sections 617(c) and 642 | |
| | | of the Act [IDEA], the regulations in §§ | |
| | | 303.401 | |
| | | through 303.417 ensure the protection | |
| | | of the confidentiality of any personally | |
| | | identifiable data, information, and | |
| | | records collected or maintained | |
| | | pursuant to this part by the Secretary | |
| | | and by participating agencies, including | |
| | | the State lead agency and EIS providers, in accordance with the protections | |
| | | under [FERPA] in 20 U.S.C. | |
| | | 1232g and 34 CFR part 99. Each State | |
| | | must have procedures in effect to ensure | |
| | | that— | |
| | | (1) Participating agencies (including | |
| | | the lead agency and EIS providers) | |
| | | comply with the part C confidentiality | |
| | | procedures in §§ 303.401 through | |
| | | 303.417; and | |
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| | | (c) Applicability and timeframe of | |
| | | procedures. The confidentiality | |
| | | procedures described in paragraph (b) of | |
| | | this section apply to the personally | |
| | | identifiable information of a child and | |
| | | the child's family that— | |
| | | (1) Is contained in early intervention | |
| | | records collected, used, or maintained | |
| | | under this part by the lead agency or an | |
| | | EIS provider; and | |
| | | (2) Applies from the point in time | |

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| Confidentiality | | when the child is referred for early | |
| Cont'd | | intervention services under this part | |
| | | until the later of when the participating | |
| | | agency is no longer required to maintain | |
| | | or no longer maintains that information | |
| | | under applicable Federal and State laws. | |
| <u>Consent</u> | § 300.9 Consent. | § 303.7 Consent. | § 99.30 Under what conditions is prior |
| Definition of | Consent means that— | Consent means that— | consent required to disclose information? |
| Consent | (a) The parent has been fully informed of all | (a) The parent has been fully informed | (b) The written consent must: |
| | information relevant to the activity for which | of all information relevant to the activity for | (1) Specify the records that may be disclosed; |
| | consent is sought, in his or her native | which consent is sought, in the parent's | (2) State the purpose of the disclosure; and |
| | language, or through another mode of | native language, as defined in § 303.25; | (3) Identify the party or class of parties to |
| | communication; | (b) The parent understands and agrees in | whom the disclosure may be made. |
| | (b) The parent understands and agrees in | writing to the carrying out of the activity for | (c) When a disclosure is made under |
| | writing to the carrying out of the activity for | which the parent's consent is sought, and the | paragraph (a) of this section: |
| | which his or her consent is sought, and the | consent form describes that activity and lists | (1) If a parent or eligible student so requests, |
| | consent describes that activity and lists the | the early intervention records (if any) that | the educational agency or institution shall |
| | records (if any) that will be released and to | will be released and to whom they will | provide him or her with a copy of the records |
| | whom; and | be released; and | disclosed; and |
| | (c)(1) The parent understands that the | (c)(1) The parent understands that the | (2) If the parent of a student who is not an |
| | granting of consent is voluntary on the part of | granting of consent is voluntary on the part | eligible student so requests, the agency or |
| | the parent and may be revoked at any time. | of the parent and may be revoked at any | institution shall provide the student with a |
| | (2) If a parent revokes consent, that | time. | copy of the records disclosed. |
| | revocation is not retroactive (i.e., it does not | (2) If a parent revokes consent, that | (d) "Signed and dated written consent" under |
| | negate an action that has occurred after the | revocation is not retroactive (i.e., it does not | this part may include a record and signature in electronic form that— |
| | consent was given and before the consent was revoked). | apply to an action that occurred before the consent was revoked). | (1) Identifies and authenticates a particular |
| | (3) If the parent revokes consent in writing for | consent was revoked). | person as the source of the electronic |
| | their child's receipt of special education | | consent; and |
| | services after the child is initially provided | | (2) Indicates such person's approval of the |
| | special education and related services, the | | information contained in the electronic |
| | public agency is not required to amend the | | consent. |
| | child's education records to remove any | | 33.136.76. |
| | references to the child's receipt of special | | |
| | education and related services because of the | | |
| | revocation of consent. | | |
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| Requirement | § 300.622 Consent. | § 303.414 Consent prior to disclosure or use. | § 99.30 Under what conditions is prior |
| of Consent | (a) Parental consent must be obtained | (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this | consent required to disclose information? |
| | before personally identifiable information is | section, prior parental consent must be | (a) The parent or eligible student shall provide |
| | disclosed to parties, other than officials of | obtained before personally identifiable | a signed and dated written consent before an |
| | participating agencies in accordance with | information is— | educational agency or institution discloses |
| | paragraph (b)(1) of this section, unless the | (1) Disclosed to anyone other than | personally identifiable information from the |
| | information is contained in education records, | authorized representatives, officials, or | student's education records, except as |
| | and the disclosure is authorized without | employees of participating agencies | provided in § 99.31. |
| | parental consent under 34 CFR part 99. | collecting, maintaining, or using the | |
| | | information under this part, subject to | |
| | (b)(2) Parental consent, or the consent of an | paragraph (b) of this section; or | |
| | eligible child who has reached the age of | (2) Used for any purpose other than meeting | |
| | majority under State law, must be obtained | a requirement of this part. | |
| | before personally identifiable information is | | |
| | released to officials of participating agencies | § 303.401 Confidentiality and opportunity to | |
| | providing or paying for transition services in | examine records. | |
| | accordance with § 300.321(b)(3). | (a) General. Each State must ensure that the | |
| | (3) If a child is enrolled, or is going | parents of a child referred under this part are | |
| | to enroll in a private school that is not | afforded the right to confidentiality of | |
| | located in the LEA [local educational agency] | personally identifiable information, including | |
| | of the parent's | the right to written notice of, and written | |
| | residence, parental consent must be | consent to, the exchange of that information | |
| | obtained before any personally | among agencies, consistent with Federal and | |
| | identifiable information about the child | State laws. | |
| | is released between officials in the LEA | | |
| | where the private school is located and | | |
| | officials in the LEA of the parent's residence. | | |
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| Exceptions to | § 300.622 Consent. | § 303.414 Consent prior to disclosure or | § 99.31 Under what conditions is prior |
| Consent | (a) Parental consent must be obtained | <u>use</u> . | consent not required to disclose information? |
| | before personally identifiable information is | (b) A lead agency or other | [Under FERPA, a school may not disclose |
| | disclosed to parties, other than officials of | participating agency may not disclose | personally identifiable information (PII) from a |
| | participating agencies in accordance with | personally identifiable information, as | student's education record unless the parent |
| | paragraph (b)(1) of this section, unless the | defined in § 303.29, to any party except | or eligible student has provided written |
| | information is contained in education records, | participating agencies (including the lead | consent, or unless the disclosure meets an |
| | and the disclosure is authorized without | agency and EIS providers [Early Intervention | exception to FERPA's general consent |

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| Exceptions to Consent | parental consent under 34 CFR part 99. (b)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (b)(2) | Services providers]) that are part of the State's part C system without, parental | requirement. These exceptions are found in FERPA § 99.31, and the Uninterrupted |
| Cont'd | and (b)(3) of this section, parental consent is not required before personally identifiable information is released to officials of participating agencies for purposes of meeting a requirement of this part. | consent unless authorized to do so under— (1) [Opt-Out Policy Exception—see below] Sections 303.401(d), 303.209(b)(1)(i) and (b)(1)(ii), and 303.211(b)(6)(ii)(A); or (2) [FERPA—see FERPA column] One of the exceptions enumerated in 34 CFR 99.31 | Scholars Act, and Secretary of Agriculture exceptions currently found only in the statute at 20 U.S.C. § 1232g. Listed below are the FERPA exceptions in § 99.31 that are generally applicable to children/students served under the IDEA regarding disclosures made. Exceptions have been summarized for |
| | | (where applicable to part C), which are expressly adopted to apply to part C through this reference. In applying the exceptions in 34 CFR 99.31 to this part, participating agencies must also comply with the pertinent conditions in 34 CFR 99.32, 99.33, 99.34, 99.35, 99.36, 99.38, and 99.39; ⁶ | brevity.] (1) To "school officials" who have been determined to have "legitimate educational interests" applying the criteria specified in the school's or school district's annual notification of FERPA rights; |
| | | Opt-Out Policy Exception: § 303.401 Confidentiality and opportunity to examine records. (d) Disclosure of information. (1) Subject to paragraph (e) of this section, the lead agency must disclose to the SEA and the LEA [State and local educational agency] where the child resides, in accordance with § 303.209(b)(1)(i) and (b)(1)(ii), the following personally identifiable information under the Act: (i) A child's name. (ii) A child's date of birth. (iii) Parent contact information | (2) To another school or school system in which the student seeks or intends to enroll provided certain notification requirements are met; (3) To "authorized representatives" of the U.S. Secretary of Education, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States, and State and local educational authorities for audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs (subject to the requirements of § 99.35); (4) To appropriate parties in connection with |

⁶ § 303.414(b)(2)(i)-(iv) applies FERPA to Part C with these translations terms: (1)"34 CFR 99.30(2)" = Sec 304.414(a); (2)"education records" = early intervention records; (3)"educational" = early intervention; (4)"educational agency or institution" = participating agency; (5)"school officials and officials of another school or school system" = qualified personnel or service coordinators; (6)"state and local authorities" = lead agency; and (7)"student" = child

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| Exceptions to Consent Cont'd | | (including parents' names, addresses, and telephone numbers). (2) The information described in paragraph (d)(1) of this section is needed to enable the lead agency, as well as LEAs and SEAs under part B of the Act [IDEA], to identify all children potentially eligible for services under § 303.211 and part B of the Act. (e) Option to inform a parent about intended disclosure. (1) A lead agency, through its policies and procedures, may require EIS providers, prior to making the limited disclosure described in paragraph (d)(1) of this section, to inform parents of a toddler with a disability of the intended disclosure and allow the parents a specified time period to object to the disclosure in writing. (2) If a parent (in a State that has adopted the policy described in paragraph (e)(1) of this section) objects during the time period provided by the State, the lead agency and EIS provider are not permitted to make such a disclosure under paragraph (d) of this section and § 303.209(b)(1)(i) and (b)(1)(ii). | financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received; (5) To State and local authorities pursuant to a State statute concerning the juvenile justice system and the system's ability to effectively serve the student whose records are being disclosed; for state statutes adopted after November 19, 1974, the State statute must concern the juvenile justice system's ability to serve the student prior to the student's adjudication and the official and authorities to whom the records are disclosed must certify in writing that the records/information will not be disclosed to any other party, except as provided under State law, without the prior written consent of the parent of the student. (6) To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, educational agencies and institutions for the purposes of developing, validating, or administering predictive tests, administering student aid programs, or improving instruction; (7) To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions; (8) To the parents of an eligible student if the student is a "dependent student" as defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code; (9) To comply with a judicial order or a lawfully issued subpoena; (10) To appropriate parties in connection with a health or safety emergency; (11) "Directory information" provided the school gave public notice of the types of information it has designated as directory information, the parent or eligible student's right to restrict the disclosure of such |

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| Exceptions to | | | information, and the period of time within |
| Consent | | | which a parent or eligible student has to |
| Cont'd | | | notify the school that he or she does not want |
| | | | any or all of those types of information |
| | | | designated as directory information; and |
| | | | (12) To the parent of a student who is not an |
| | | | eligible student or to the student. |
| Inspection and | § 300.613 Access rights. | § 303.405 Access rights. | § 99.10 What rights exist for a parent or |
| <u>Review</u> | (a) Each participating agency must permit | (a) Each participating agency must permit | eligible student to inspect and review |
| Access Rights | parents to inspect and review any education | parents to inspect and review any early | education records? |
| | records relating to their children that are | intervention records relating to their children | (a) Except as limited under § 99.12, a parent |
| | collected, maintained, or used by the agency | that are collected, maintained, or used by the | or eligible student must be given the |
| | under this part. The agency must comply with | agency under this part. The agency must | opportunity to inspect and review the |
| | a request without unnecessary delay and | comply with a parent's request to inspect | student's education records. This provision |
| | before any meeting regarding an IEP, or any | and review records without unnecessary | applies to— |
| | hearing pursuant to § 300.507 or §§ 300.530 | delay and before any meeting regarding an | (1) Any educational agency or institution; and |
| | through 300.532, or resolution session | IFSP, or any hearing pursuant to §§ | (2) Any State educational agency (SEA) and its |
| | pursuant to | 303.430(d) and 303.435 through 303.439, | components. |
| | § 300.510, and in no case more than 45 days | and in no case more than 10 days after the | (i) For the purposes of subpart B of this part, |
| | after the request has been made. | request has been made. | an SEA and its components constitute an |
| | (b) The right to inspect and review education | (b) The right to inspect and review early | educational agency or institution. |
| | records under this section includes— | intervention records under this section | (ii) An SEA and its components are subject to |
| | (1) The right to a response from the | includes— | subpart B of this part if the SEA maintains |
| | participating agency to reasonable requests | (1) The right to a response from the | education records on students who are or |
| | for explanations and interpretations of the records; | participating agency to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of the | have been in attendance at any school of an educational agency or institution subject to |
| | (2) The right to request that the agency | early intervention records; | the Act and this part. |
| | provide copies of the records containing the | (2) The right to request that the participating | (b) The educational agency or institution, or |
| | information if failure to provide those copies | agency provide copies of the early | SEA or its component, shall comply with a |
| | would effectively prevent the parent from | intervention records containing the | request for access to records within a |
| | exercising the right to inspect and review the | information if failure to provide those copies | reasonable period of time, but not more than |
| | records; and | would effectively prevent the parent from | 45 days after it has received the request. |
| | (3) The right to have a representative of the | exercising the right to inspect and review the | (c) The educational agency or institution, or |
| | parent inspect and review the records. | records; and | SEA or its component shall respond to |
| | (c) An agency may presume that the parent | (3) The right to have a representative of the | reasonable requests for explanations and |
| | has authority to inspect and review records | parent inspect and review the early | interpretations of the records. |
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| Access Rights | relating to his or her child unless the agency | intervention records. | (d) If circumstances effectively prevent the |
| Cont'd | has been advised that the parent does not | (c) An agency may presume that the parent | parent or eligible student from exercising the |
| | have the authority under applicable State law | has authority to inspect and review records | right to inspect and review the student's |
| | governing such matters as guardianship, | relating to his or her child unless the agency | education records, the educational agency or |
| | separation, and divorce. | has been provided documentation that the | institution, or SEA or its component, shall— |
| | | parent does not have the authority under | (1) Provide the parent or eligible student with |
| | | applicable State laws governing such matters | a copy of the records requested; or |
| | | as custody, foster care, guardianship, | (2) Make other arrangements for the parent |
| | | separation, and divorce. | or eligible student to inspect and review the |
| | | | requested records. |
| | | § 303.401 Confidentiality and opportunity to | (e) The educational agency or institution, or |
| | | examine records. | SEA or its component shall not destroy any |
| | | (b)(2) The parents of infants or toddlers | education records if there is an outstanding |
| | | who are referred to, or receive services | request to inspect and review the records under this section. |
| | | under this part, are afforded the | |
| | | opportunity to inspect and review all part C early intervention records about | (f) While an education agency or institution is not required to give an eligible student access |
| | | the child and the child's family that are | to treatment records under paragraph (b)(4) |
| | | collected, maintained, or used under | of the definition of <i>Education records</i> in |
| | | this part, including records related to | § 99.3, the student may have those records |
| | | evaluations and assessments, screening, | reviewed by a physician or other appropriate |
| | | eligibility determinations, development | professional of the student's choice. |
| | | and implementation of IFSPs, provision | processional or the estate in a since |
| | | of early intervention services, | § 99.32 What recordkeeping requirements |
| | | individual complaints involving the child, or | exist concerning requests and disclosures? |
| | | any part of the child's early intervention | (c) The following parties may inspect the |
| | | record under this part. | record relating to each student: |
| | | · | (1) The parent or eligible student. |
| | | | (2) The school official or his or her assistants |
| | | | who are responsible for the custody of the |
| | | | records. |
| | | | (3) Those parties authorized in § 99.31(a)(1) |
| | | | and (3) for the purposes of auditing the |
| | | | recordkeeping procedures of the educational |
| | | | agency or institution. |
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| Opportunity for Hearing | § 300.619 Opportunity for a hearing. The agency must, on request, provide an opportunity for a hearing to challenge information in education records to ensure that it is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the child. | § 303.411 Opportunity for a hearing. The participating agency must, on request, provide parents with the opportunity for a hearing to challenge information in their child's early intervention records to ensure that it is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the child or parents. A parent may request a due process hearing under the procedures in § 303.430(d)(1) provided that such hearing procedures meet the requirements of the hearing procedures in § 303.413 or may request a hearing directly under the State's procedures in § 303.413 (i.e., procedures that are consistent with the FERPA hearing requirements in 34 CFR 99.22). | § 99.21 Under what conditions does a parent or eligible student have the right to a hearing? (a) An educational agency or institution shall give a parent or eligible student, on request, an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of the student's education records on the grounds that the information contained in the education records is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy rights of the student. |
| Result of Hearing | § 300.620 Result of hearing. (a) If, as a result of the hearing, the agency decides that the information is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the child, it must amend the information accordingly and so inform the parent in writing. (b) If, as a result of the hearing, the agency decides that the information is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the child, it must inform the parent of the parent's right to | § 303.412 Result of hearing. (a) If, as a result of the hearing, the participating agency decides that the information is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the privacy or other rights of the child or parent, it must amend the information accordingly and so inform the parent in writing. (b) If, as a result of the hearing, the agency decides that the information is not inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy or other rights of the child or parent, | § 99.21 Under what conditions does a parent or eligible student have the right to a hearing? (b)(1) If, as a result of the hearing, the educational agency or institution decides that the information is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of the student, it shall: (i) Amend the record accordingly; and (ii) Inform the parent or eligible student of the amendment in writing. (2) If, as a result of the hearing, the educational agency or institution decides that |

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| Result of Hearing Cont'd | place in the records the agency maintains on the child a statement commenting on the information or setting forth any reasons for disagreeing with the decision of the agency. (c) Any explanation placed in the records of the child under this section must— (1) Be maintained by the agency as part of the records of the child as long as the record or contested portion is maintained by the agency; and (2) If the records of the child or the contested portion is disclosed by the agency to any party, the explanation must also be disclosed to the party. | it must inform the parent of the right to place in the early intervention records it maintains on the child a statement commenting on the information or setting forth any reasons for disagreeing with the decision of the agency. (c) Any explanation placed in the early intervention records of the child under this section must— (1) Be maintained by the agency as part of the early intervention records of the child as long as the record or contested portion is maintained by the agency; and (2) If the early intervention records of the child or the contested portion are disclosed by the agency to any party, the explanation must also be disclosed to the party. | the information in the education record is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of the student, it shall inform the parent or eligible student of the right to place a statement in the record commenting on the contested information in the record or stating why he or she disagrees with the decision of the agency or institution, or both. (c) If an educational agency or institution places a statement in the education records of a student under paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the agency or institution shall: (1) Maintain the statement with the contested part of the record for as long as the record is maintained; and (2) Disclose the statement whenever it discloses the portion of the record to which the statement relates. |
| Hearing Procedures | § 300.621 Hearing procedures. A hearing held under § 300.619 must be conducted according to the procedures in 34 CFR 99.22. | § 303.413 Hearing procedures. A hearing held under § 303.411 must be conducted according to the procedures under 34 CFR 99.22. | § 99.22 What minimum requirements exist for the conduct of a hearing? The hearing required by § 99.21 must meet, at a minimum, the following requirements: (a) The educational agency or institution shall hold the hearing within a reasonable time after it has received the request for the hearing from the parent or eligible student. (b) The educational agency or institution shall give the parent or eligible student notice of the date, time, and place, reasonably in advance of the hearing. (c) The hearing may be conducted by any individual, including an official of the educational agency or institution, who does not have a direct interest in the outcome of |

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| Hearing Procedures Cont'd | | | the hearing. (d) The educational agency or institution shall give the parent or eligible student a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issues raised under § 99.21. The parent or eligible student may, at their own expense, be assisted or represented by one or more individuals of his or her own choice, including an attorney. (e) The educational agency or institution shall make its decision in writing within a reasonable period of time after the hearing. (f) The decision must be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing, and must include a summary of the evidence and the reasons for the decision. |
| Retention of Records Record of Access | § 300.614 Record of access. Each participating agency must keep a record of parties obtaining access to education records collected, maintained, or used under Part B of the Act [IDEA] (except access by parents and authorized employees of the participating agency), including the name of the party, the date access was given, and the purpose for which the party is authorized to use the records. | § 303.406 Record of access. Each participating agency must keep a record of parties obtaining access to early intervention records collected, maintained, or used under part C of the Act [IDEA] (except access by parents and authorized representatives and employees of the participating agency), including the name of the party, the date access was given, and the purpose for which the party is authorized to use the early intervention records. | § 99.32 What recordkeeping requirements exist concerning requests and disclosures? (a)(1) An educational agency or institution must maintain a record of each request for access to and each disclosure of personally identifiable information from the education records of each student, as well as the names of State and local educational authorities and Federal officials and agencies listed in § 99.31(a)(3) that may make further disclosures of personally identifiable information from the student's education records without consent under § 99.33(b). (2) The agency or institution shall maintain the record with the education records of the student as long as the records are maintained. (3) For each request or disclosure the record must include: (i) The parties who have requested or |

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| Record of | | | received personally identifiable information |
| Access Cont'd | | | from the education records; and |
| | | | (ii) The legitimate interests the parties had in |
| | | | requesting or obtaining the information. |
| | | | (4) An educational agency or institution must |
| | | | obtain a copy of the record of further |
| | | | disclosures maintained under paragraph (b)(2) |
| | | | of this section and make it available in |
| | | | response to a parent's or eligible student's |
| | | | request to review the record required under |
| | | | paragraph (a)(1) of this section. |
| | | | (5) An educational agency or institution must |
| | | | record the following information when it |
| | | | discloses personally identifiable information |
| | | | from education records under the health or |
| | | | safety emergency exception in § 99.31(a)(10) and § 99.36: |
| | | | (i) The articulable and significant threat to the |
| | | | health or safety of a student or other |
| | | | individuals that formed the basis for the |
| | | | disclosure; and |
| | | | (ii) The parties to whom the agency or |
| | | | institution disclosed the information. |
| | | | (b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) |
| | | | of this section, if an educational agency or |
| | | | institution discloses personally identifiable |
| | | | information from education records with the |
| | | | understanding authorized under § 99.33(b), |
| | | | the record of the disclosure required under |
| | | | this section must include: |
| | | | (i) The names of the additional parties to |
| | | | which the receiving party may disclose the |
| | | | information on behalf of the educational |
| | | | agency or institution; and |
| | | | (ii) The legitimate interests under § 99.31 |
| | | | which each of the additional parties has in |

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| Record of | | | requesting or obtaining the information. |
| Access Cont'd | | | (2)(i) A State or local educational authority or |
| | | | Federal official or agency listed in § |
| | | | 99.31(a)(3) that makes further disclosures of |
| | | | information from education records under § |
| | | | 99.33(b) must record the names of the |
| | | | additional parties to which it discloses |
| | | | information on behalf of an educational |
| | | | agency or institution and their legitimate |
| | | | interests in the information under § 99.31 if |
| | | | the information was received from: |
| | | | (A) An educational agency or institution that |
| | | | has not recorded the further disclosures |
| | | | under paragraph (b)(1) of this section; or |
| | | | (B) Another State or local educational |
| | | | authority or Federal official or agency listed in |
| | | | § 99.31(a)(3). |
| | | | (ii) A State or local educational authority or |
| | | | Federal official or agency that records further |
| | | | disclosures of information under paragraph |
| | | | (b)(2)(i) of this section may maintain the |
| | | | record by the student's class, school, district, |
| | | | or other appropriate grouping rather than by the name of the student. |
| | | | (iii) Upon request of an educational agency or |
| | | | institution, a State or local educational |
| | | | authority or Federal official or agency listed in |
| | | | § 99.31(a)(3) that maintains a record of |
| | | | further disclosures under paragraph (b)(2)(i) |
| | | | of this section must provide a copy of the |
| | | | record of further disclosures to the |
| | | | educational agency or institution within a |
| | | | reasonable period of time not to exceed 30 |
| | | | days. |
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| | | | (d) Paragraph (a) of this section does not |
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| Record of Access Cont'd | | | apply if the request was from, or the disclosure was to: (1) The parent or eligible student; (2) A school official under § 99.31(a)(1); (3) A party with written consent from the parent or eligible student; (4) A party seeking directory information; or (5) A party seeking or receiving records in accordance with § 99.31(a)(9)(ii)(A) through (C). |
| Records on More Than One child | § 300.615 Records on more than one child. If any education record includes information on more than one child, the parents of those children have the right to inspect and review only the information relating to their child or to be informed of that specific information. | § 303.407 Records on more than one child. If any early intervention record includes information on more than one child, the parents of those children have the right to inspect and review only the information relating to their child or to be informed of that specific information. | § 99.12 What limitations exist on the right to inspect and review records? (a) If the education records of a student contain information on more than one student, the parent or eligible student may inspect and review or be informed of only the specific information about that student. |
| Types and Locations of Information | § 300.616 List of types and locations of information. Each participating agency must provide parents on request a list of the types and locations of education records collected, maintained, or used by the agency. | § 303.408 List of types and locations of information. Each participating agency must provide parents, on request, a list of the types and locations of early intervention records collected, maintained, or used by the agency. | |
| Safeguards | § 300.623 Safeguards. (a) Each participating agency must protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information at collection, storage, disclosure, and destruction stages. (b) One official at each participating agency must assume responsibility for ensuring the confidentiality of any personally identifiable information. (c) All persons collecting or using personally | § 303.415 Safeguards. (a) Each participating agency must protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information at the collection, maintenance, use, storage, disclosure, and destruction stages. (b) One official at each participating agency must assume responsibility for ensuring the confidentiality of any personally identifiable information. | |

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| Safeguards Cont'd | identifiable information must receive training or instruction regarding the State's policies and procedures under § 300.123 and 34 CFR part 99. (d) Each participating agency must maintain, for public inspection, a current listing of the names and positions of those employees within the agency who may have access to personally identifiable information. | (c) All persons collecting or using personally identifiable information must receive training or instruction regarding the State's policies and procedures under §§ 303.401 through 303.417 and 34 CFR part 99. (d) Each participating agency must maintain, for public inspection, a current listing of the names and positions of those employees within the agency who may have access to personally identifiable information. | |
| Destruction of Information | § 300.611 Definitions. (a) Destruction means physical destruction or removal of personal identifiers from information so that the information is no longer personally identifiable. § 300.624 Destruction of information. (a) The public agency must inform parents when personally identifiable information collected, maintained, or used under this part is no longer needed to provide educational services to the child. (b) The information must be destroyed at the request of the parents. However, a permanent record of a student's name, address, and phone number, his or her grades, attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed may be maintained without time limitation. | § 303.403 Definitions. (a) Destruction means physical destruction of the record or ensuring that personal identifiers are removed from a record so that the record is no longer personally identifiable under § 303.29. § 303.416 Destruction of information. (a) The participating agency must inform parents when personally identifiable information collected, maintained, or used under this part is no longer needed to provide services to the child under part C of the Act [IDEA], the GEPA [General Education Provisions Act] provisions in 20 U.S.C. 1232f, and EDGAR, 34 CFR parts 76 and 80. (b) Subject to paragraph (a) of this section, the information must be destroyed at the request of the parents. However, a permanent record of a child's name, date of birth, parent contact information (including address and phone number), names of service coordinator(s) and EIS [Early Intervention Services] provider(s), and exit data (including year and age upon exit, and | See above under "Access Rights" the reference to 34 CFR § 99.10(e) (prohibition on destroying education record if there is an outstanding request to inspect and review the records). See also destruction requirements related to specific FERPA exceptions in 34 CFR § 99.31(a)(6)(iii)(B) regarding the studies exception and 34 CFR §99.35(b)(2) regarding the "authorized representatives" exception in 34 CFR § 99.31(a)(3). |

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| Destruction of | | any programs entered into upon exiting) may | |
| Information | | be maintained without time limitation. | |
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| <u>Procedural</u> | Sec. 612. STATE ELIGIBILITY. | Sec. 635. REQUIREMENTS FOR STATEWIDE | |
| Safeguards | (a)(6) Procedural safeguards.— | SYSTEM. | |
| | (A) In general.—Children with disabilities and | (a) In General.—A statewide system | |
| | their parents are afforded the procedural | described in section 633 shall include, at a | |
| | safeguards required by section 615. | minimum, the following components: | |
| | | (13) Procedural safeguards with respect to | |
| | § 300.626 Enforcement. | programs under this part, as required by | |
| | The SEA must have in effect the policies and | section 639. | |
| | procedures, including sanctions that the State | | |
| | uses, to ensure that its policies and | § 303.417 Enforcement. | |
| | procedures consistent with §§ 300.611 | The lead agency must have in effect | |
| | through 300.625 are followed and that the | the policies and procedures, including | |
| | requirements of the Act [IDEA] and the | sanctions and the right to file a | |
| | regulations in this part are met. | complaint under §§ 303.432 through | |
| | | 303.434, that the State uses to ensure that | |
| | | its policies and procedures, consistent with | |
| | | §§ 303.401 through 303.417, are followed | |
| | | and that the requirements of the Act [IDEA] | |
| | | and the regulations in this part are met. | |
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| | Parents have the right to file a state complaint, | , request mediation or request a due process hea | aring. This chart only covers state complaints |
| | (see below). For mediation, see IDEA Part B reg | gulation in 34 CFR § 300.506 and IDEA Part C reg | ulation in 34 CFR § 303.431. For due process |
| | hearings, see IDEA Part B regulations in 34 CFR §§ 300.507 through 300.518 and IDEA Part C regulations referenced in 34 CFR § 303.430. | | |
| Notice to | § 300.612 Notice to parents. | § 303.404 Notice to parents. | § 99.7 What must an educational agency or |
| Parents | (a) The SEA [State educational agency] must | The lead agency must give notice when a | institution include in its annual notification? |
| | give notice that is adequate to fully inform | child is referred under part C of the Act | (a)(1) Each educational agency or institution |
| | parents about the requirements of § 300.123, | [IDEA] that is adequate to fully inform | shall annually notify parents of students |
| | including— | parents about the requirements in § 303.402, | currently in attendance, or eligible students |
| | (1) A description of the extent that the | including— | currently in attendance, of their rights under |
| | notice is given in the native languages | (a) A description of the children on whom | the Act [FERPA] and this part. |
| | of the various population groups in the | personally identifiable information is | (2) The notice must inform parents or eligible |
| | | | |

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| Notice to | State; | maintained, the types of information sought, | students that they have the right to— |
| Parents Cont'd | (2) A description of the children on whom | the methods the State intends to use in | (i) Inspect and review the student's education |
| | personally identifiable information is | gathering the information (including the | records; |
| | maintained, the types of information sought, | sources from whom information is gathered), | (ii) Seek amendment of the student's |
| | the methods the State intends to use in | and the uses to be made of the information; | education records that the parent or eligible |
| | gathering the information (including the | (b) A summary of the policies and procedures | student believes to be inaccurate, misleading, |
| | sources from whom information is gathered), | that participating agencies must follow | or otherwise in violation of the student's |
| | and the uses to be made of the information; | regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, | privacy rights; |
| | (3) A summary of the policies and procedures | retention, and destruction of personally | (iii) Consent to disclosures of personally |
| | that participating agencies must follow | identifiable information; (c) A description of | identifiable information contained in the |
| | regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, | all the rights of parents and children | student's education records, except to the |
| | retention, and destruction of personally identifiable information; and | regarding this information, including their rights under the part C confidentiality | extent that the Act and § 99.31 authorize disclosure without consent; and |
| | (4) A description of all of the rights of parents | provisions in §§ 303.401 through 303.417; | (iv) File with the Department a complaint |
| | and children regarding this information, | and | under §§ 99.63 and 99.64 concerning alleged |
| | including the rights under FERPA and | (d) A description of the extent that the | failures by the educational agency or |
| | implementing regulations in 34 CFR part 99. | notice is provided in the native languages of | institution to comply with the requirements of |
| | (b) Before any major identification, location, | the various population groups in the State. | the Act [FERPA] and this part. |
| | or evaluation activity, the notice must be | and the control of th | (3) The notice must include all of the |
| | published or announced in newspapers or | | following: |
| | other media, or both, with circulation | | (i) The procedure for exercising the right to |
| | adequate to notify parents throughout the | | inspect and review education records. |
| | State of the activity. | | (ii) The procedure for requesting amendment |
| | | | of records under § 99.20. |
| | | | (iii) If the educational agency or institution has |
| | | | a policy of disclosing education records under |
| | | | § 99.31(a)(1), a specification of criteria for |
| | | | determining who constitutes a school official |
| | | | and what constitutes a legitimate educational |
| | | | interest. |
| | | | (b) An educational agency or institution may |
| | | | provide this notice by any means that are |
| | | | reasonably likely to inform the parents or |
| | | | eligible students of their rights. |
| | | | (1) An educational agency or institution shall effectively notify parents or eligible students |
| | | | enectively notify parents of eligible students |

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| Notice to | | | who are disabled. |
| Parents Cont'd | | | (2) An agency or institution of elementary or |
| | | | secondary education shall effectively notify |
| | | | parents who have a primary or home |
| | | | language other than English. |
| | | | |
| <u>Dispute</u> | § 300.151 Adoption of State complaint | § 303.432 Adoption of State complaint | |
| Resolution | procedures. | procedures. | |
| State | (a) General. Each SEA [State educational | (a) General. Each lead agency must adopt | |
| Complaint | agency] must adopt written procedures for— | written procedures for— | |
| -Adopting | (1) Resolving any complaint, including a | (1) Resolving any complaint, including a | |
| Procedures | complaint filed by an organization or | complaint filed by an organization or | |
| Troccaures | individual from another State, that meets the | individual from another State, that meets the | |
| | requirements of § 300.153 by— | requirements in § 303.434 by providing for | |
| | (i) Providing for the filing of a complaint with | the filing of a complaint with the lead | |
| | the SEA; and | agency; and | |
| | (ii) At the SEA's discretion, providing for the | (2) Widely disseminating to parents and | |
| | filing of a complaint with a public agency and | other interested individuals, including parent | |
| | the right to have the SEA review the public | training and information centers, Protection | |
| | agency's decision on the complaint; and | and Advocacy (P&A) agencies, and other | |
| | (2) Widely disseminating to parents and other | appropriate entities, the State procedures | |
| | interested individuals, including parent | under §§ 303.432 through 303.434. | |
| | training and information centers, protection | (b) Remedies for denial of appropriate | |
| | and advocacy agencies, independent living | services. In resolving a complaint in which | |
| | centers, and other appropriate entities, the | the lead agency has found a failure to | |
| | State procedures under §§ 300.151 through | provide appropriate services, the lead | |
| | 300.153. | agency, pursuant to its general supervisory | |
| | (b) Remedies for denial of appropriate | authority under part C of the Act [IDEA], | |
| | services. In resolving a complaint in which the | must address— | |
| | SEA has found a failure to provide appropriate | (1) The failure to provide appropriate | |
| | services, an SEA, pursuant to its general | services, including corrective actions | |
| | supervisory authority under Part B of the Act | appropriate to address the needs of the | |
| | [IDEA], must address— | infant or toddler with a disability who is the | |
| | (1) The failure to provide appropriate services, | subject of the complaint and the infant's or | |
| | including corrective action appropriate to | toddler's family (such as compensatory | |
| | address the needs of the child (such as | services or monetary reimbursement); and | |

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| -Adopting | compensatory services or monetary | (2) Appropriate future provision of services | |
| Procedures | reimbursement); and | for all infants and toddlers with disabilities | |
| Cont'd | (2) Appropriate future provision of services | and their families. | |
| | for all children with disabilities. | | |
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| -Minimum | § 300.152 Minimum State complaint | § 303.433 Minimum State complaint | |
| Procedures | procedures. | procedures. | |
| | (a) Time limit; minimum procedures. Each SEA | (a) Time limit; minimum procedures. Each | |
| | [State educational agency] must include in its | lead agency must include in its complaint | |
| | complaint procedures a time limit of 60 days | procedures a time limit of 60 days after a | |
| | after a complaint is filed under § 300.153 to— | complaint is filed under § 303.434 to— | |
| | (1) Carry out an independent on-site | (1) Carry out an independent on-site | |
| | investigation, if the SEA determines that an | investigation, if the lead agency determines | |
| | investigation is necessary; | that an investigation is necessary; | |
| | (2) Give the complainant the opportunity to | (2) Give the complainant the opportunity to | |
| | submit additional information, either orally or | submit additional information, either orally | |
| | in writing, about the allegations in the | or in writing, about the allegations in the | |
| | complaint; | complaint; | |
| | (3) Provide the public agency with the | (3) Provide the lead agency, public agency, or | |
| | opportunity to respond to the complaint, | EIS [Early intervention service] provider with | |
| | including, at a minimum— | an opportunity to respond to the complaint, | |
| | (i) At the discretion of the public agency, a | including, at a minimum— | |
| | proposal to resolve the complaint; and | (i) At the discretion of the lead agency, a | |
| | (ii) An opportunity for a parent who has filed a | proposal to resolve the complaint; and | |
| | complaint and the public agency to voluntarily | (ii) An opportunity for a parent who has filed | |
| | engage in mediation consistent with § | a complaint and the lead agency, public | |
| | 300.506; | agency, or EIS provider to voluntarily engage | |
| | (4) Review all relevant information and make | in mediation, consistent with §§ 303.430(b) | |
| | an independent determination as to whether | and 303.431; | |
| | the public agency is violating a requirement of | (4) Review all relevant information and make | |
| | Part B of the Act [IDEA] or of this part; and | an independent determination as to whether | |
| | (5) Issue a written decision to the complainant | the lead agency, public agency, or EIS | |
| | that addresses each allegation in the | provider is violating a requirement of part C | |
| | complaint and contains— | of the Act [IDEA] or of this part; and | |
| | (i) Findings of fact and conclusions; and | (5) Issue a written decision to the | |
| | (ii) The reasons for the SEA's final decision. | complainant that addresses each allegation | |

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| -Minimum | (b) Time extension; final decision; | in the complaint and contains— | |
| Procedures | implementation. The SEA's procedures | (i) Findings of fact and conclusions; and | |
| Cont'd | described in paragraph (a) of this section also | (ii) The reasons for the lead agency's final | |
| | must— | decision. | |
| | (1) Permit an extension of the time limit | (b) Time extension; final decision; | |
| | under paragraph (a) of this section only if— | implementation. The lead agency's | |
| | (i) Exceptional circumstances exist with | procedures described in paragraph (a) of this | |
| | respect to a particular complaint; or | section also must— | |
| | (ii) The parent (or individual or organization, if | (1) Permit an extension of the time limit | |
| | mediation or other alternative means of | under paragraph (a) of this section only if— | |
| | dispute resolution is available to the | (i) Exceptional circumstances exist with | |
| | individual or organization under State | respect to a particular complaint; or | |
| | procedures) and the public agency involved | (ii) The parent (or individual or organization, | |
| | agree to extend the time to engage in | if mediation is available to the individual or | |
| | mediation pursuant to paragraph (a)(3)(ii) of | organization under State procedures) and the | |
| | this section, or to engage in other alternative | lead agency, public agency or EIS provider | |
| | means of dispute resolution, if available in the | involved agree to extend the time to engage | |
| | State; and | in mediation pursuant to paragraph (a)(3)(ii) | |
| | (2) Include procedures for effective | of this section; and | |
| | implementation of the SEA's final decision, if | (2) Include procedures for effective | |
| | needed, including— | implementation of the lead agency's final | |
| | (i) Technical assistance activities; | decision, if needed, including— | |
| | (ii) Negotiations; and | (i) Technical assistance activities; | |
| | (iii) Corrective actions to achieve compliance. | (ii) Negotiations; and | |
| | (c) Complaints filed under this section and due | (iii) Corrective actions to achieve compliance. | |
| | process hearings under § 300.507 or §§ | (c) Complaints filed under this section and | |
| | 300.530 through 300.532. | due process hearings under § 303.430(d). (1) | |
| | (1) If a written complaint is received that is | If a written complaint is received that is also | |
| | also the subject of a due process hearing | the subject of a due process hearing under § | |
| | under § 300.507 or §§ 300.530 through | 303.430(d), or contains multiple issues of | |
| | 300.532, or contains multiple issues of which | which one or more are part of that hearing, | |
| | one or more are part of that hearing, the | the State must set aside any part of the | |
| | State must set aside any part of the complaint | complaint that is being addressed in the due | |
| | that is being addressed in the due process | process hearing until the conclusion of the | |
| | hearing until the conclusion of the hearing. | hearing. However, any issue in the complaint | |
| | However, any issue in the complaint that is | that is not a part of the due process hearing | |

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| -Minimum Procedures Cont'd | not a part of the due process action must be resolved using the time limit and procedures described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section. (2) If an issue raised in a complaint filed under this section has previously been decided in a due process hearing involving the same parties— (i) The due process hearing decision is binding on that issue; and (ii) The SEA must inform the complainant to that effect. (3) A complaint alleging a public agency's failure to implement a due process hearing decision must be resolved by the SEA. | must be resolved using the time limit and procedures described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section. (2) If an issue raised in a complaint filed under this section has previously been decided in a due process hearing involving the same parties— (i) The due process hearing decision is binding on that issue; and (ii) The lead agency must inform the complainant to that effect. (3) A complaint alleging a lead agency, public agency, or EIS provider's failure to implement a due process hearing decision must be resolved by the lead agency. | |
| -Filing Complaint | § 300.153 Filing a complaint. (a) An organization or individual may file a signed written complaint under the procedures described in §§ 300.151 through 300.152. (b) The complaint must include— (1) A statement that a public agency has violated a requirement of Part B of the Act [IDEA] or of this part; (2) The facts on which the statement is based; (3) The signature and contact information for the complainant; and (4) If alleging violations with respect to a specific child— (i) The name and address of the residence of the child; (ii) The name of the school the child is attending; (iii) In the case of a homeless child or youth (within the meaning of section 725(2) of the | § 303.434 Filing a complaint. (a) An organization or individual may file a signed written complaint under the procedures described in §§ 303.432 and 303.433. (b) The complaint must include— (1) A statement that the lead agency, public agency, or EIS [Early intervention service] provider has violated a requirement of part C of the Act [IDEA]; (2) The facts on which the statement is based; (3) The signature and contact information for the complainant; and (4) If alleging violations with respect to a specific child— (i) The name and address of the residence of the child; (ii) The name of the EIS provider serving the child; | § 99.64 What is the investigation procedure? (a) A complaint must contain specific allegations of fact giving reasonable cause to believe that a violation of the Act [FERPA] or this part has occurred. A complaint does not have to allege that a violation is based on a policy or practice of the educational agency or institution, other recipient of Department funds under any program administered by the Secretary, or any third party outside of an educational agency or institution. |

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| -Filing Complaint Cont'd | McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)), available contact information for the child, and the name of the school the child is attending; (iv) A description of the nature of the problem of the child, including facts relating to the problem; and (v) A proposed resolution of the problem to the extent known and available to the party at the time the complaint is filed. | (iii) A description of the nature of the problem of the child, including facts relating to the problem; and (iv) A proposed resolution of the problem to the extent known and available to the party at the time the complaint is filed. | |
| -Timeline for Filing Complaint | § 300.153 Filing a complaint. (c) The complaint must allege a violation that occurred not more than one year prior to the date that the complaint is received in accordance with § 300.151. | § 303.434 Filing a complaint. (c) The complaint must allege a violation that occurred not more than one year prior to the date that the complaint is received in accordance with § 303.432. | § 99.64 What is the investigation procedure? (c) A timely complaint is defined as an allegation of a violation of the Act [FERPA] that is submitted to the Office within 180 days of the date of the alleged violation or of the date that the complainant knew or reasonably should have known of the alleged violation. (d) The Office may extend the time limit in this section for good cause shown. |
| -Who Gets Complaint? | § 300.153 Filing a complaint. (d) The party filing the complaint must forward a copy of the complaint to the LEA or public agency serving the child at the same time the party files the complaint with the SEA. | § 303.434 Filing a complaint. (d) The party filing the complaint must forward a copy of the complaint to the public agency or EIS [Early intervention service] provider serving the child at the same time the party files the complaint with the lead agency. | § 99.63 Where are complaints filed? A parent or eligible student may file a written complaint with the Office regarding an alleged violation under the Act and this part. The Office's address is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202. |