

## Fall 2020 WPU Pathways Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Did you have a system in high school where parents/guardians could check your grades and attendance? College is different – parents/guardians cannot access grading and attendance. There is no system for your parents/guardians to access your educational record. In fact, this information is protected by law.

**The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** is a Federal Law that protects the privacy of student education records. Go to the *Academic Catalog* (on the website) for details regarding WPU's FERPA policy.

If you would like your parents/guardians to have access to certain information or all information, WPU needs your written consent. When you grant consent, parents/guardians don't get a log-in to your information, but we can respond to their questions (calls/emails) about your information (or the information that you say is okay). You can discontinue this access at any time.

*For example, if you want a parent or guardian to be able to talk to the Student Accounts Office about your tuition bill, then check the box beside "Student Account Financial Information." If you want a parent or guardian to have access to your Financial Aid records and speak with the Office of Financial Aid, check that box. If you are fine with your parents/guardians have access to all items in your education record, simply check that box.*

The purple FERPA form provides you the opportunity to give and/or to revoke consent for individuals to have access to your academic record in correlation with FERPA guidelines. If you **don't want** anyone to have access, then you do not need to complete this form. If you **do want** parents/guardians to have access, then complete the front side of this form, check the appropriate box(es), provide the information on who gets access to your information, sign, date and return the form to the Office of the Registrar (Main 108) (or hand in to your instructor).

If you have questions about FERPA, please contact Dr. Melanie Fuller, Registrar in Main 108 or [mjfuller@peace.edu](mailto:mjfuller@peace.edu) or 919.508.2311.