

FERPA

Summary

Regulation: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Abbreviation: FERPA

Governs these parties: all educational institutions that receive funding from the U.S. Department of Education

Enforced by: U.S. Department of Education. Specifically, the Family Policy Compliance Office (FPCO)

Details

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student's educational records. FERPA applies to all educational institutions that receive funding from the U.S. Department of Education, including public schools, private schools, and post-secondary institutions. The law provides students with the right to access their own educational records and requires educational institutions to obtain written permission from students before releasing any information from their educational records.

FERPA also requires educational institutions to keep educational records confidential and secure. Parents or guardians of a student who is under 18 years old may access their child's educational records, but the student has the right to opt-out of having their directory information disclosed. Additionally, educational institutions may disclose educational records without consent in certain circumstances, such as to comply with a court order or to protect the health and safety of students.

The rest of this document is designed to help our community understand FERPA better by outlining the following information.

- **How it Relates to Cybersecurity**
- **How Coro Handles Compliance for You**

How it Relates to Cybersecurity

FERPA mandates that educational institutions must keep educational records confidential and secure. This essentially means that educational institutions must take appropriate cybersecurity measures to ensure that the sensitive information contained in students' educational records is protected from unauthorized access, theft, or data breaches.

Educational institutions must implement security measures such as firewalls, intrusion detection and prevention systems, and encryption to safeguard student records. They must also have procedures in place to detect, respond to,