



Privacy Notice & Request for Confidential Status of Directory Information

In accordance with institutional policy and the U.S. Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Western Nevada College vigorously protects the privacy of student educational records. The institution does not release the records of individual students, such as grades and class schedules, without prior written consent of the student. WNC does not release information to parents of students regardless of dependence status without prior written consent of the student. A student is defined as an individual who has applied to WNC and who is or has been in attendance at WNC.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

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considered to be public in nature and not generally deemed to be an invasion of privacy. The institution has designated the following information as directory information: student name, address including city and state, telephone number, Email address, full-time/part-time status, graduation date, major/field of study, degrees, honors and awards received, dates of attendance and whether currently enrolled, most recent educational agency or institutions attended, weight and height of members of athletic teams, and photographs from college sanctioned events.

Students have the right to refuse to let WNC and NSHE designate this information as directory information and have until the end of the first six weeks of the fall or spring semester to submit a request for non-disclosure of the above items. A request for non-disclosure submitted at one NSHE institution will apply to all NSHE institutions.

- (4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the institution to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-5901

It is important to consider carefully the potential consequences of restricting the release of directory information. If a student restricts release for non-commercial educational purposes, the institution will be

graduation and dates of attendance to potential employers; or to verify enrollment w