

First-Year Parent

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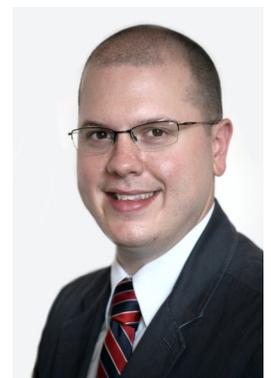
We made it past the midpoint of the semester. Your student's instructors have posted their mid-term grades for their courses. All first-year students are able to access their midterm grades through WebAdvisor. So please ask how your student is doing this semester.

One of the reasons we do not send student's grades home (midterm and final grades) is because the student is protected by FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act). One of the most significant changes a parent or family member experiences in sending their student to college is the different privacy standards. With that being said, this issue will provide you with some information so that you can better understand FERPA.

Registration for spring semester is right around the corner. This issue will also contain questions and talking points so that you are able to make sure your student is ready to go when registration opens.



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FERPA Student's Right to Privacy

- The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) was first enacted in 1974.
- FERPA's purpose was to set out requirements for the protection of privacy of parents and the students by determining how educational institutions were to collect and disseminate educational information.
- Under FERPA the ownership of the right to access a student record changes from parent to the student when the student is over the age of 18 or is enrolled in a postsecondary institution such as Capital University.

Q. Where can I find out more information about FERPA?

A. FERPA is enforced by the U.S. Department of Education. The department maintains a FERPA website at: <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>

Q. What records does FERPA cover?

A. The privacy FERPA gives students is very broad. With limited exceptions, the FERPA regulations give privacy protection to all student's education records. Education records are defined as those records that are directly related to a student and are maintained by an educational agency. Examples of student records entitled to FERPA privacy are grade reports, transcripts and disciplinary files.

Q. Will I be notified if my son or daughter is placed on academic probation?

A. No. Information about grades and academic standing is sent directly to students. You can, of course, ask your student to keep you informed about their academic performance.

Is Your Student Ready for Registration?

Has your student met with their academic adviser? All students must meet with their adviser to get cleared for registration.

Does your student have their balance from fall semester paid off? Students with a balance on their student account from fall semester, will not be able to register until it is paid off.

Does your student have outstanding library fines? Students who owe library fines may not be able to register.



Your student will receive an email notifying them of the day and time of their registration.