

# STUDENT GUIDE TO FERPA

What you need to know



## EVER HEARD OF FERPA?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law.

## HOW DOES IT BENEFIT STUDENTS?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that gives you the right to have access to your education records, the right to seek to have the records amended, and the right to have some control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the education records.



## WHAT INFORMATION DOES IT PROTECT?

Information such as financial aid, final grades, unofficial transcript, and accounts.

## WHAT IF A FAMILY MEMBER NEEDS TO ACCESS MY RECORD OR CONTACT A UNIVERSITY OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT MY RECORD?

1. Guest Access - [registrar.vt.edu/Guest-Access.html](https://registrar.vt.edu/Guest-Access.html)

You can create an account and give specific access for as many individuals as you want.

2. Create a FERPA passcode  
[hokiespa.vt.edu](https://hokiespa.vt.edu) > Hokie Spa tab > FERPA

In addition to creating a passcode for your family members, you should also create a self-passcode.

## WHAT IF I HAVE A QUESTION OR WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Contact the Office of the University Registrar. You can visit the [website](#), email, call, or stop by the office.

[registrar@vt.edu](mailto:registrar@vt.edu)  
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