

STUDENT GRADING

The Board of Education of South Colonie Central School District recognizes the problems associated with student grading and seeks to provide an environment that respects the privacy rights of students with respect to their educational records. Therefore, the District, through this policy, restricts the practice of student grading to prevent violations of the privacy rights of its students.

FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects the rights of students to have their educational records kept private, and prohibits school districts and its employees from releasing a student's educational records without parental consent.

Policy

The District restricts the practice of student grading as the release of a student's grade, an educational record, without parental consent constitutes a violation of FERPA. Whether a student's grade is reported aloud or confidentially, another student's knowledge of the grade constitutes an impermissible release of an educational record.

Exceptions

Student grading is permissible only if a teacher, or teaching assistant, obtains parental consent, or if he or she is certain that a student will be unable to identify the student whose work they are grading.

Reference: Falvo v. Owasso Independent School District No. I-011, 233 F.3d 1201 (10th Cir. 2000).

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