

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), as amended prohibits us from sharing information about you with other individuals unless the College has certified proof that the individual inquiring on your behalf is your legal guardian, and that you are financially dependent upon that individual.

We cannot tell third parties the balance of any monies owed to the College or the amount of your financial aid checks. We cannot tell third parties if you have paid your fees, or the amount and date of any payments.

Grades and information concerning your enrollment status cannot be released except to state and federal agencies requesting specific information necessary to service you appropriately. Transcripts are only released under your explicit written authorization.

We recognize that this limitation may cause occasional inconvenience to you, your family, and other interested parties, but we are bound by law to protect your rights to privacy. You of course, can secure this information by visiting our office or calling, when a visit is not possible. However, information such as "grade(s) earned" will not be given over the telephone and transcript requests must be in writing with signature.

You may choose to restrict further access to your records, such as "directory information". See the online printable *"Request to Prevent Disclosure of Directory Information"* Form. For further information regarding this or other concerns with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, contact:

Admission & Records Office
Palo Verde College
One College Drive
Blythe CA 92225
(760) 921-5500

The Family Policy Compliance Office of the U.S. Department of Education has jurisdiction over the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.