



Parental Access to Student Information

Merit Preparatory Academy

Purpose:

Merit Preparatory Academy recognizes the fundamental parental right and primary responsibility to direct the education of their child, including access to information regarding their child's education, as outlined in state law **S.B. 100 School Gender Identity Policies**.

Definitions:

- **Education Record:** Refers to any records directly related to a student and maintained by the school, including but not limited to academic records, disciplinary records, and health records.
- **Parent:** Refers to a parent or legal guardian with legal custody of the student.
- **Gender Identity:** “A person's gender identity can be shown by providing evidence, including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender identity, or other evidence that the gender identity is sincerely held, part of a person's core identity, and not being asserted for an improper purpose.” -as defined in the Utah State Code [Section 34A-5-102](#).

Policy:

Parental Access to Student Information:

- **Access to Education Record:** Merit Preparatory Academy ensures that no policy or action operates to shield a student's education record from their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), except as provided by law.
- **Interference with Parental Rights:** The school shall not interfere with a parent's fundamental parental right and primary responsibility to direct the education of their child, including their freedom of access to information regarding their child's education.
- **Prohibition of Restrictions:** Merit Preparatory Academy prohibits any policy or action that prohibits a parent from accessing their child's education record, except where such access is restricted by law or with written parental consent.
- **Changes to Student's Education Record:** Any changes made to a student's education record regarding their gender identity must conform with the student's sex assigned at birth, unless written parental consent is obtained.

Implementation and Compliance:

- The Director, in consultation with relevant school staff, shall ensure that this policy is effectively implemented and complied with.
- All staff members shall receive training on this policy to ensure proper understanding and adherence.

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