
Kern Community College District
Board Policy
Chapter 5 – Student Services

BP 5040 Student Records Directory Information and Privacy

References:

Education Code Sections 66093.3, 66271.4 et seq. and 76200 et seq.:
Title 5 Sections 54600 et seq.:
20 U.S. Code Section 1232g subdivision (j);
ACCJC Accreditation Standard 2

The Chancellor or designee shall assure that student records are maintained in compliance with applicable federal and state laws relating to the privacy of student records.

The Chancellor or designee may direct the implementation of appropriate safeguards to assure that student records cannot be accessed or modified by any person not authorized to do so.

Any currently enrolled or former student of the District has a right of access to any and all student records relating to him/her/them maintained by the District. The Chancellor shall implement a system by which current students can declare an affirmed name, gender, or both name and gender identification to be used in their records where legal names are not required by law. Upon the request of a current student, the District shall update any records for the student to include the affirmed name, gender, or both name and gender identification. The records that shall be updated include, but are not limited to, District-issued email addresses, student identification cards, class rosters, unofficial and official transcripts, diplomas, certificates of completion of courses, or similar records. Upon request by a former student of the District, the District shall update and reissue student records to include an updated legal name or gender. These documents include but are not limited to transcripts or a diploma conferred by the institution.

The District cannot require a current student to provide legal documentation to demonstrate a legal name change or gender change in order to have the student's affirmed name listed on the student's records.

The District may use a student's gender or legal name as indicated in a government-issued identification document only if it is necessary to meet a legally mandated obligation, but otherwise shall identify the student in accordance with the student's gender identity and affirmed name.

No District representative shall release the contents of a student record to any member of the public without the prior written consent of the student, other than directory information as defined in this policy and information sought pursuant to a court order or lawfully issued subpoena, or as otherwise authorized by applicable federal and state laws.

Students shall be notified of their rights with respect to student records, including the definition of directory information contained here, and that they may limit the information.

Directory information shall include:

- Student name and dates of attendance;
- Student participation in officially recognized activities and sports including weight, height and high school of graduation of athletic team members; and
- Degrees and awards received by students, including honors, scholarship awards, athletic awards, and Dean's List recognition.