

Academic Privacy Rights
Birmingham-Southern College

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prevents the release of information about a student's performance in class. This includes any discussion of grades, as well as class attendance, by a professor or member of the administrative staff. The purpose of the law is to protect the privacy of students. (For more information, see www.ed.gov)

A student may sign the following release authorizing that academic information may be reported to his or her parents.

By completing this form, I authorize access to my academic information (transcript information, grades, class attendance, academic status, etc.) for the following individual(s) as a means of documenting my academic progress and status:

Name: _____

Relationship: Parent or Legal Guardian (please circle one)

Student's Printed Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Student #: _____

Date: _____

FERPA does allow the release of academic information to parents who claim their college-age child as a dependent for tax purposes. Parents may certify their student is a dependent by completing the following form.

By signing below, I certify that I claim my son or daughter as a dependent for tax purposes. I, therefore, have a right to see his or her academic information.

Parent's Printed Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Student's Printed Name: _____

Student #: _____

Date: _____

**Please print out form, complete, sign, and return to
Records Office, Birmingham-Southern College, Box 549018, Birmingham, AL 35254**