

## **FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACTS (FERPA)**

The school guarantees the right of the student to gain access to their financial and academic files. An appointment should be scheduled with a school official. This school official will be present to provide supervision and interpretation of the records when reviewed. No information about the student will be released to third parties unless authorized in writing by the student.

Under FERPA, PJ's College affords students who are 18 years or over, or attending a postsecondary institution: access to their education records, an opportunity to seek to have the records amended and some control over the disclosure of information from the records.

### **Access to Education Records**

PJ's College of Cosmetology will provide a student with an opportunity to inspect and review his or her education records within 45 days of the receipt of a request, provide a student with copies of education records or otherwise make the records available to the student if the student, for instance, lives outside of commuting distance of the school and redact the names and other personally identifiable information about other students that may be included in the student's education records.

Schools are not required by FERPA to: Create or maintain education records; Provide students with calendars, notices, or other information which does not generally contain information directly related to the student; and respond to questions about the student.

### **Amendment of Education Records**

PJ's College of Cosmetology will consider a request from a student to amend inaccurate or misleading information in the student's education records; Offer the student a hearing on the matter if it decides not to amend the records in accordance with the request; Offer the student a right to place a statement to be kept and disclosed with the record if as a result of the hearing the school still decides not to amend the record.

A school is not required to consider requests for amendment under FERPA that: Seek to change a grade or disciplinary decision; Seek to change the opinions or reflections of a school official or other person reflected in an education record.

## **Disclosure of Education Records**

PJ's College of Cosmetology must:

- Have a student's consent prior to the disclosure of education records;
- Ensure that the consent is signed and dated and states the purpose of the disclosure.

PJ's College of Cosmetology MAY disclose education records without consent when:

- The disclosure is to school officials who have been determined to have legitimate educational interests as set forth in the institution's annual notification of rights to students;
- The student is seeking or intending to enroll in another school;
- The disclosure is to state or local educational authorities auditing or enforcing Federal or State supported education programs or enforcing Federal laws which relate to those programs;
- The disclosure is to the parents of a student who is a dependent for income tax purposes;
- The disclosure is in connection with determining eligibility, amounts, and terms for financial aid or enforcing the terms and conditions of financial aid;
- The disclosure is pursuant to a lawfully issued court order or subpoena; or
- The information disclosed has been appropriately designated as directory information by the school.
- Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. PJ's College of Cosmetology considers "directory" information to include a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards and dates of attendance. Parents and eligible students may notify the school if they wish to not have this information disclosed. The release of directory information allows the students to book clients for appointments and has notice of awards on the school web site and local publications.

## **Annual Notification**

PJ's College of Cosmetology will annually notify students in attendance that they may: Inspect and review their education records; Seek amendment of inaccurate or misleading information in their education records; Consent to most disclosures of personally identifiable information from education records. Annual notification is posted on the school's bulletin board.

PJ's College of Cosmetology also complies with the FTC standards for safeguarding customer information. These standards apply to all customer information in the school's possession, regardless of whether such information pertains to students, parents or clients. Administrative, technical and physical safeguards that are appropriate are in place to insure the security and confidentiality of customer information, protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such information and protect against unauthorized access to or use of such information that could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to any customer.

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