

Safeguarding the Confidentiality of Student Records and Information

The parties acknowledge that Sections 1002.022, 1002.221 and 1002.222, Fla. Stat. and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g) and its implementing regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 99), protect the privacy rights of students and their parents with respect to information and records created and/or maintained by public schools. The student personally identifiable information (PII) may be disclosed only in compliance with FERPA. Pursuant to FERPA, the information provided by SBBC shall be limited to that which is necessary to effectively serve the student.

Each party participating in this Agreement further agrees to:

(1) Hold the student records and information in strict confidence and not use or disclose except as required by this Agreement or as required or permitted by law unless the parent of a student provides prior written consent for their release. All shared student records will be disclosed only to those who have a need to access the information in order to perform their assigned duties in the performance of this Agreement. Absent consent from the parent or eligible student, student records and information will not be disclosed except as allowed by the aforementioned laws.

(2) Safeguard the student records through administrative, physical and technological safety standards to ensure adequate controls are in place to protect the student information in accordance with FERPA's privacy requirements.

(3) Continually monitor its operations and take all actions necessary to assure that the student information and records are safeguarded in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, and

(4) Ensure that all employees, appointees or agents of each party to this Agreement who are granted access to shared student records will have successfully completed (a) the background screening requirements under Section 435.04, Florida Statutes, under Level 2 screening standards and (b) a FERPA training webinar, as it may become available, at the U.S. Department of Education, Privacy Technical Assistance Center website:

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/ptac/index.html>, <http://ptac.ed.gov/> including, but not limited to, <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/ptac/pdf/slides.pdf>

Each party to this Agreement agrees to notify the other party immediately upon discovery of a breach of confidentiality of student information and to take all necessary notification steps as may be required by federal and Florida law. A breach of the confidentiality requirements shall constitute grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement without advance notice. Any provisions within this Agreement concerning the resolution of disputes shall not be applicable to a breach of the requirements of this **Attachment A**.

This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such student records are returned to The School Board of Broward County, Florida ("SBBC") or disposed of in compliance with the applicable Florida Retention Schedules and a written acknowledgment of said disposition is provided to SBBC.