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(1) through (8) No change.

(9) School board and charter school governing board policies for required use of online educational services by students and parents. In order to protect a student’s PII from potential misuse and in order to protect students from data mining or targeting for marketing or other commercial purposes, school boards and charter school governing boards must adopt policies that provide for review and approval of any online educational service that students or their parents are required to use as part of a school activity. These policies are required whether or not there is a written agreement governing student use, and whether or not the online educational service is free. These policies are required even if the use of the online educational service is unique to specific classes or courses.

(a) These policies must include the following:

1. Review of the online educational service’s terms of service and privacy policy to ensure compliance with state and federal privacy laws, including FERPA and its implementing regulations, the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), 15 U.S.C. ss. 6501-6506, and Section 1002.22, F.S.;
2. Designation of a person or persons responsible for the review and approval of online educational services that will be required for students to use and the procedure for seeking such approval;
3. Procedures for notifying parents and eligible students if student PII will be collected by the online educational service;
4. Where student PII will be collected by the online educational service, procedures for notifying parents and eligible students of information that will be collected, how it will be used, when and how it will be destroyed, and the terms of re-disclosure, if any; and
5. An explicit prohibition against using any online educational service that will share or sell a student’s PII for commercial purposes without providing parents a means to either consent or disapprove. This disclosure prohibition does not prevent the purchase, merger, or other type of acquisition of a third party provider or online educational service by another entity, provided that the successor entity continues to be subject to the provisions of this rule with respect to previously acquired PII.

(b) For any online educational service that a student is required to use, a district must provide notice on its website of the PII information that may be collected, how it will be used, when it will be destroyed and the terms of re-disclosure. This notice must include a link to the online educational service’s terms of service and privacy policy, if publicly available.

(10) Procedures for transfer of education records.

(a) The transfer of records must be made immediately upon written request of an eligible student, a parent or a receiving school. The principal or designee must transfer a copy of all Category A and Category B information and must retain a copy of Category A information; however, student records which are required for audit purposes for programs listed in Section 1010.305, F.S., must be maintained in the district for the time period indicated in Rule 6A-1.0453, F.A.C.

(b) The transfer of education records must not be delayed for nonpayment of a fee or fine assessed by the school.

(c) The transfer of records of students who transfer from school to school must occur within five (5) school days of receipt of the request for records from the new school or district, or receipt of the identity of the new school and district of enrollment, whichever occurs first. Student records must contain verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns, including substantive and transient threat assessments and intervention services, and psychological evaluations, including psychological treatment plans and therapy progress notes created or maintained by district or charter school staff. Non-threats as described in subsection (6) must not be transferred with a student’s educational record unless one of the conditions described in subparagraphs (6)(b)1. and 2. are met.

(11) School district and charter school contracts or agreements with third-party vendors.

(a) All contracts or agreements executed by or on behalf of a school district or charter school with a third-party vendor or a third-party service provider must protect the privacy of education records and student PII contained therein. Any agreement that provides for the disclosure or use of student PII must:

1. Require compliance with FERPA, its implementing regulations, and Section 1002.22, F.S.;
3. Ensure that only the PII necessary for the service being provided will be disclosed to the third party; and
4. Prohibit disclosure or re-disclosure of student PII unless one of the conditions set forth in paragraph (11)(b) has been met.

(b) Contracts or agreements with a third-party vendor or third-party service provider may permit the disclosure of PII to the third party only where one or more of the following conditions has been met:

1. The disclosure is authorized by FERPA and 34 C.F.R. §99.31;
2. The disclosure is authorized by the school board or charter governing board’s directory information policy implemented in
accordance with FERPA and 34 CFR §99.37; or

3. The disclosure is authorized by written consent of an eligible student or parent. Consent must include, at a minimum, an explanation of who the PII would be disclosed to, how it would be used, and whether re-disclosure is permitted. Any re-disclosure must meet the requirements of paragraph (11)(b) and must be authorized by the school board or charter school governing board.

(12) Security of education records.
   (a) The school principal or designee must be responsible for the privacy and security of all student records maintained in the school.
   (b) The superintendent of schools or designee must be responsible for the privacy and security of all student records that are not under the supervision of a school principal.
   (c) Institutions and agencies that are not part of a school district must designate the office or position responsible for the privacy and security of all student records.

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