



## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### STUDENT PRIVACY POLICY OFFICE

# New Student Privacy Resources in Spanish

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SPPO is pleased to announce the launch of a new Spanish Language Home Page, which provides student privacy resources and best practices in Spanish. Making this information available in Spanish will help to ensure that more communities can meaningfully understand and engage in discussion about student privacy laws and policies. Visit our [Spanish Language Home Page](#) to learn more.

## Student Privacy Policy Office

The U.S. Department of Education's Student Privacy Policy Office (SPPO) is responsible for the administration and enforcement of federal laws relating to the privacy of students' education records, and for the provision of technical assistance on student privacy issues for the broader education community. For more information about the office's other functions, please visit [SPPO's page on ED.gov](#). Among other things, SPPO is responsible for:

- Enforcing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). SPPO's enforcement role includes investigating complaints from parents and eligible students and other alleged violations of FERPA and PPRA, providing intermediation assistance to complainants, and providing technical assistance to parents and students who feel their rights under FERPA or PPRA may have been violated.
- Developing regulations, guidance, and best practices on student privacy issues, and providing general and targeted technical assistance to educational agencies and institutions and the broader education community on issues related to student privacy.

## Privacy Technical Assistance Center

SPPO's Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) was established in 2010 as a one-stop resource for education stakeholders to learn about privacy, confidentiality, and security practices related to student-level data systems and other uses of student data. Among other things, PTAC:

- operates a Student Privacy Help Desk, offering assistance on student privacy issues to the education community via phone or email;
- develops privacy and security training materials for States, districts, schools, and postsecondary institutions;
- conducts technical assistance webinars and site visits to State educational agencies and local educational agencies; and
- hosts privacy-focused regional meetings and forums for education stakeholders.

## Resources

To learn more about federal student privacy laws and your rights, please explore these resources:

[A Parent Guide to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\) \[In Spanish\]](#)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act or FERPA provides certain rights for parents regarding their children's education records. This guide provides general information on a parent's rights under FERPA. (In Spanish)

[An Eligible Student Guide to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\) \[In Spanish\]](#)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act or FERPA provides certain rights for parents regarding their children's education records. When a student reaches 18 years of age or attends an institution of postsecondary education at any age, the student becomes an "eligible student," and all rights under FERPA transfer from the parent to the student. This guide provides general information on an eligible student's rights under FERPA. (In Spanish)

[Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment \(PPRA\) General Guidance \[In Spanish\]](#)

This guidance document reviews parents' rights under the PPRA and education officials' obligations in implementing the PPRA. The PPRA applies to the programs and activities of a State educational agency (SEA), local educational agency (LEA), or other recipient of funds under any program funded by the U.S. Department of Education (20 U.S.C. § 1232h, 34 CFR Part 98). (In Spanish)

[Frequently Asked Questions on Photos and Videos \[In Spanish\]](#)

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