

## **The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Parent's Access to Student Records**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

Your rights to view your child's academic records are limited under federal law unless your child waives this right to privacy by completing a "FERPA" form.

Upon enrollment, your child is given a secure web-based portal that provides access to information about his or her financial aid packages, SAR, student account, and class

In an effort to keep all student information safe and secure, we require information from parents requesting information from the Financial Aid Office. Only those whose information is found on a student's current FAFSA will be able to attain student information from our office. When contacting our office, please make sure to have either the student's Stevenson University ID number or SSN, and the student's permanent mailing address. In addition, we will require confirmation of the last four digits of your SSN and full name.