

STUDENT RECORDS

A confidential, permanent record for each student in the Topeka Public Schools shall be maintained in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations, and information from that record shall be released only in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.

Information concerning a student's eligibility for free or reduced lunch status is not considered a student record for Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) purposes. Records pertaining to eligibility for free or reduced lunch status shall be maintained and released in compliance with federal and state law or regulations governing the National School Lunch Program.

For purposes of the FERPA, the Topeka School Police Department is designated a law enforcement unit. Records made, kept and maintained by the Topeka School Police Department for law enforcement purposes are not considered to be education records of a student under FERPA.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for the release of student records under this policy.