The Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), as amended, states that when a student begins attending a college or university, the rights previously accorded to the parents shall be accorded to the student. While a student is in secondary school, the parents of that student have generally free access to information about their child. However, once a child reaches the age of 18 or goes to college, the rights of the parents to the information are passed to the student.

The University may release information to the parents of a student, without the student’s written consent, only if the student is a dependent as defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. The payment of a student’s tuition by the parent does not, by itself, give the parent the right of access to a student’s record.

The faculty, staff, or administration of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg may disclose information to parents of dependent children (or other parties as indicated) by one of the following procedures:

1. **By obtaining the student’s written consent.** The completion of the “Student Information Release” form will allow faculty, staff, or administration of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg to disclose copies of scholastic and other records to those parties listed by the student. This form will be kept on file in the Registrar’s Office.

2. **By submission of a copy of the first page of a parent’s income tax return which shows that the requesting parent has indeed claimed the student as a dependent on the most recent tax return.** The Registrar’s Office requires only the front page of the return and the parents may delete the actual financial information. Where the parents are divorced, we will accept a copy of a court decree (or a Settlement Agreement incorporated into the court decree) which gives one party or the other the right to claim a certain child as a dependent for income tax purposes.

Federal law clearly states that the student must be **claimed as a dependent** and not just that a parent is assisting in the costs of education of the student.

Parents complying with one of the above procedures may have access to the records of their dependent children.
Student Information Release

I grant permission for members of the Greensburg faculty, staff, and administration to release information pertaining to my academic, billing, financial aid, or disciplinary status to those person(s) listed below. This includes information pertaining to student classification, grades, and compliance with academic and institutional policies and procedures. This release remains effective as long as I am enrolled as a student at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg or until I otherwise notify the Registrar’s Office.

________________________________________  ______________________________________
Student’s Name                        Student ID

________________________________________  _________________________________
Signature of Student                        Date

Name(s) of individual(s) who may receive information pertaining to the above-mentioned student:

1.____________________________________________________________________

2.____________________________________________________________________

Address

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If this form is not received in the Registrar’s Office within two (2) weeks of the beginning of the semester, it will be assumed that only the student will receive information pertaining to his/her academic, billing, financial aid, and disciplinary status sent to the student’s mailing address of record.

Return completed form to: Office of the Registrar-120 Millstein Library
University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, 150 Finoli Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

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