

Principles of Student Privacy Legislation

Restore and strengthen traditional FERPA protections

Consent is the foundation of the right to privacy.

Rights of inspection, copying, amendment are also diminished by sharing.

“Absent student consent, no individual information shall be shared outside local school or district staff except to the least degree strictly required by law.”

“Absent parental consent, no school official shall coerce a student into providing personal information about his/herself to any outside party, either in person, via a computer, or the Internet.”

Affirm traditional Vermont student privacy rights already codified in many Vermont school policies.

Individual student information belongs primarily to the student; the local school principal is the custodian of that information.

Require that student data be stored locally and shared only with local staff.

Ownership and control are empty symbolism when data is shared or stored remotely.

Dramatically reduced costs after transition.

Let voters choose.

Restrict Statewide Databases to statistical reporting only.

Prohibit retaining individual data for more than 30 days.

Prohibit any database access outside of AOE staff.

Individual data cannot be “anonymized” by random identifiers.

Bring tools and analysis to the data, not the other way around.

Protect Student Testing data.

No data should be retained by third-party test vendors for any purpose.

All data should be destroyed after the test is graded and results returned to the local school.

Bring the test to the student, not the other way around.

Vermont should be a leader in both education and educational privacy.