

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

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The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. Students acquire these rights upon attendance at Wilkes University. Attendance at Wilkes University begins with either the first day of class or the date the student moves into student housing, whichever is earlier. Wilkes University has chosen to assume that all students have reached the age of legal majority (18) as stated in the document.

In accordance with the provisions of The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, students, upon request, will be given access to all their evaluative or opinion records that have been established by Wilkes. Such records might typically include those maintained by the Career Services Office, Health Services, Registrar, and the Office of Student Affairs. These records will be open to inspection in the presence of the appropriate University official. Procedurally, appointments must be made by students in advance to review their file, and the University has a maximum of 45 days following the request to produce the records.

For complete information about The Family Educational Rights Act of 1974 and the implementation of this act at Wilkes University, see the Wilkes University Student Handbook.