

# Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (Handbook)

**(Buckley Amendment, 20 U.S.C. 1230, 1232G)**

Annually, Coastal Alabama Community College informs students of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. This Act, with which the institution fully complies, was designed to protect the privacy of education records, to establish the right of students to inspect and review their education records, and to provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through informal and formal hearings. Also, students have the right to file complaints with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Office (FERPA) concerning alleged failures by the institution to comply with the Act.

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, students under the age of 21 who commit a violation of drug and alcohol policies and laws will have such violation(s) reported to their parents/guardians.

Local policy explains in detail the procedures to be used by the institution for compliance with the provisions of the Act. Copies of the policy are available to students in the Registrar's Office. Questions concerning the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act may be referred to the office of the Registrar.