

# IDEA and FERPA Crosswalk

A side-by-side comparison of the privacy provisions under Parts B and C of the IDEA and FERPA.

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1. **Applicability:** *IDEA* section 617(c) requires the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to adopt confidentiality provisions that are consistent with FERPA but also include additional protections under Parts B and C of the IDEA. These provisions are reflected in IDEA Part B in 34 CFR 300.610 through 300. 627 and IDEA Part C in 34 CFR 303.401 through 303.417. FERPA applies to educational agencies and institutions that receive funds from ED.

Applicability	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>1</sup>	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
Eligibility for	Sec. 617(c). Confidentiality.	Sec. 617(c) Confidentiality.	Sec. 1232g. Family educational and privacy
Specific Federal	The Secretary shall take appropriate action,	The Secretary shall take appropriate action,	<u>rights.</u>
Education	in accordance with the provisions of	in accordance with the provisions of section	(a) Conditions for availability of funds to
Funding	section 444 of the General Education	444 of the General Education Provisions Act	educational agencies or institutions;
	Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g), to assure	(20 U.S.C. 1232g), to assure the protection	inspection and review of education records;
	the protection of the confidentiality of any	of the confidentiality of any personally	specific information to be made available;
	personally identifiable data, information,	identifiable data, information, and records	procedure for access to education records;
	and records collected or maintained by the	collected or maintained by the Secretary	reasonableness of time for such access;
	Secretary and by State and local	and by State (lead agency) and early	hearings; written explanations by parents;
	educational agencies pursuant to the	intervention service providers pursuant to	definitions.
	provisions of this part.	the provisions of this part (as modified by	(1)(A) No funds shall be made available
		IDEA Section 642).	under any applicable program to any
	Sec. 612. State eligibility.		educational agency or institution which has
	(a) In General.—A State is eligible for	<u>Sec. 634. Eligibility.</u>	a policy of denying, or which effectively
	assistance under this part for a fiscal year if	In order to be eligible for a grant under	prevents, the parents of students who are
	the State submits a plan that provides	section 633, a State shall provide assurances	or have been in attendance at a school of
	assurances to the Secretary that the State	to the Secretary that the State—	such agency or at such institution, as the
	has in effect policies and procedures to	(1) has adopted a policy that appropriate	case may be, the right to inspect and
	ensure that the State meets each of the	early intervention services are available to	review the education records of their
	following conditions:	all infants and toddlers with disabilities in	children.
	(6) Procedural safeguards.—	the State and their families, including	(b) Release of education records; parental
	(A) In general.—Children with disabilities	Indian infants and toddlers with disabilities	consent requirement; exceptions;
	and their parents are afforded the	and their families residing on a reservation	compliance with judicial orders and
	procedural safeguards required by section	geographically located in the State, infants	subpoenas; audit and evaluation of
	615.	and toddlers with disabilities who are	federally-supported education programs;
		homeless children and their families, and	recordkeeping
		infants and toddlers with disabilities who	(1) No funds shall be made available under
		are wards of the State; and (2) has in effect	any applicable program to any educational

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Applicability	IDEA PART B 20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>1</sup>	IDEA PART C 20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	FERPA
	<ul> <li>(8) Confidentiality.—Agencies in the State comply with section 617(c) (relating to the confidentiality of records and information).</li> <li><u>Sec. 615. Procedural safeguards.</u></li> <li>(b) Types of Procedures.—The procedures required by this section shall include the following: <ol> <li>An opportunity for the parents of a child with a disability to examine all records relating to such child and to participate in meetings with respect to the identification, evaluation, and educational placement of the child, and the provision of a free appropriate public education to such child, and to obtain an independent educational evaluation of the child.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a statewide system that meets the requirements of section 635.</li> <li><u>Sec. 635. Requirements for statewide</u> <u>system.</u> <ul> <li>(a) In General. —A statewide system described in section 633 shall include, at a minimum, the following components:</li> <li>(13) Procedural safeguards with respect to programs under this part, as required by section 639.</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Sec. 639. Procedural safeguards.</u> <ul> <li>(a) Minimum Procedures. —The procedural safeguards required to be included in a statewide system under section 635(a)(13) shall provide, at a minimum, the following</li> <li>(2) The right to confidentiality of personally identifiable information, including the right of parents to written notice of and written consent to the exchange of such information among agencies consistent with Federal and State law</li> <li>(4) The opportunity for parents to examine records relating to assessment, screening, eligibility determinations, and the development and implementation of the individualized family service plan.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99 agency or institution which has a policy or practice of permitting the release of education records (or personally identifiable information contained therein other than directory information, as defined in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of this section) of students without the written consent of their parents to any individual, agency, or organization, other than to the following

2. Definitions: It is important to review the definitions under Parts B and C of the IDEA and FERPA because although conceptually there are similarities, there are also critical differences. For example, who must comply with the privacy provisions and whose rights are protected (such as child/student/parent). The definition of education record is the same under IDEA Part B and FERPA. The definition of a "participating agency" is different under the IDEA Part B and Part C regulations and applies differently in different States under IDEA Part C depending on how the State delivers IDEA Part C services. FERPA applies to an educational agency or institution to which funds have been made available under any program administered by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. The definitions of PII are generally the same across all three statutes; they are slightly different under IDEA Part B and Part C and the definition of PII under IDEA Part C is the same as FERPA.

Definitions	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>2</sup>	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
Child/Student/Parent <sup>3</sup>	§ 300.8 Child with a disability.	<u>§ 303.6 Child.</u>	§ 99.3 [Definitions. <sup>5</sup> ]
	(a) General. (1) Child with a disability	Child means an individual under the age	Student, except as otherwise specifically
	means a child evaluated in accordance	of six and may include an infant or	provided in this part, means any
	with §§ 300.304 through 300.311 as	toddler with a disability, as that term is	individual who is or has been in
	having mental retardation, a hearing	defined in § 303.21.	attendance at an educational agency or
	impairment (including deafness), a speech		institution and regarding whom the
	or language impairment, a visual	<u>§ 303.27 Parent.</u>	agency or institution maintains education
	impairment (including blindness), a serious	(a) Parent means—	records.
	emotional disturbance (referred to in this	(1) A biological or adoptive parent of a	
	part as "emotional disturbance"), an	child;	Eligible student means a student who has
	orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic	(2) A foster parent, unless State law,	reached 18 years of age or is attending an
	brain injury, another health impairment, a	regulations, or contractual obligations	institution of postsecondary education.
	specific learning disability, deaf-blindness,	with a State or local entity prohibit a	
	or multiple disabilities, and who, by reason	foster parent from acting as a parent;	Parent means a parent of a student and
	thereof, needs special education and	(3) A guardian generally authorized to	includes a natural parent, a guardian, or
	related services.	act as the child's parent, or authorized	an individual acting as a parent in the
	(2)(i) Subject to paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this	to make early intervention, educational,	absence of a parent or a guardian.
	section, if it is determined, through an	health or developmental decisions for	
	appropriate evaluation under §§ 300.304	the child (but not the State if the child is	Attendance includes, but is not limited
	through 300.311, that a child has one of	a ward of the State);	to—
	the disabilities identified in paragraph	(4) An individual acting in the place of a	(a) Attendance in person or by paper
	(a)(1) of this section, but only needs a	biological or adoptive parent (including a	correspondence, videoconference,
			satellite, Internet, or other electronic

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>The FERPA definitions included in this column of the document are those that have parallel definitions under IDEA Parts B and C.

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	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>2</sup>	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
	related service and not special education,	grandparent, stepparent, or other	information and telecommunications
	the child is not a child with a disability	relative) with whom the child lives, or an	technologies for students who are not
	under this part.	individual who is legally responsible for	physically present in the classroom; and
	(ii) If, consistent with § 300.39(a)(2), the	the child's welfare; or	(b) The period during which a person is
	related service required by the child is	(5) A surrogate parent who has been	working under a work-study program.
	considered special education rather than a	appointed in accordance with § 303.422	
	related service under State standards, the	or section 639(a)(5) of the Act [IDEA].	Dates of attendance.
	child would be determined to be a child	(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph	(a) The term means the period of time
	with a disability under paragraph (a)(1) of	(b)(2) of this section, the biological or	during which a student attends or
	this section.	adoptive parent, when attempting to act	attended an educational agency or
	-	as the parent under this part and when	institution. Examples of dates of
	<u>§ 300.30 Parent.</u>	more than one party is qualified under	attendance include an academic year, a
	(a) Parent means—	paragraph (a) of this section to act as a	spring semester, or a first quarter.
	(1) A biological or adoptive parent of a	parent, must be presumed to be the	(b) The term does not include specific
	child;	parent for purposes of this section	daily records of a student's attendance at
	(2) A foster parent, unless State law,	unless the biological or adoptive parent	an educational agency or institution.
	regulations, or contractual obligations with	does not have legal authority to make	
	a State or local entity prohibit a foster	educational or early intervention service	
	parent from acting as a parent;	decisions for the child.	
	(3) A guardian generally authorized to act	(2) If a judicial decree or order identifies	
	as the child's parent, or authorized to	a specific person or persons under	
	make educational decisions for the child	paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(4) of this	
	(but not the State if the child is a ward of	section to act as the "parent" of a child	
	the State);	or to make educational or early	
	(4) An individual acting in the place of a	intervention service decisions on behalf	
	biological or adoptive parent (including a	of a child, then the person or persons	
	grandparent, stepparent, or other relative)	must be determined to be the "parent"	
	with whom the child lives, or an individual	for purposes of part C of the Act [IDEA],	
	who is legally responsible for the child's	except that if an EIS provider <sup>4</sup> or a public	
	welfare; or	agency provides any services to a child	
	(5) A surrogate parent who has been	or any family member of that child, that	
	appointed in accordance with § 300.519 or		
	section 639(a)(5) of the Act [IDEA].		

<sup>4&</sup>quot;EIS provider" refers to the early intervention service provider under Part C of the IDEA and is defined in 34 CFR § 303.12.

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	<ul> <li>(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph</li> <li>(b)(2) of this section, the biological or adoptive parent, when attempting to act as the parent under this part and when more than one party is qualified under paragraph (a) of this section to act as a parent, must be presumed to be the parent for purposes of this section unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child.</li> <li>(2) If a judicial decree or order identifies a specific person or persons under paragraphs (a)(1) through (4) of this section to act as the "parent" of a child or to make educational decisions on behalf of a child, then such person or persons shall be determined to be the "parent" for purposes of this section.</li> </ul>	EIS provider or public agency may not act as the parent for that child.	
Education Record	<ul> <li>§ 300.611 Definitions.</li> <li>(b) Education records means the type of records covered under the definition of "education records" in 34 CFR part 99 (the regulations implementing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g (FERPA)).</li> </ul>	§ 303.403 Definitions. (b) Early intervention records mean all records regarding a child that are required to be collected, maintained, or used under part C of the Act [IDEA] and the regulations in this part.	<ul> <li>§ 99.3 [Definitions.] Education records.</li> <li>(a) The term means those records that are:</li> <li>(1) Directly related to a student; and</li> <li>(2) Maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution.</li> <li>(b) The term does not include:</li> <li>(1) Records that are kept in the sole possession of the maker, are used only as a personal memory aid, and are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a temporary substitute for the maker of the record.</li> </ul>

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			<ul> <li>(2) Records of the law enforcement unit of an educational agency or institution, subject to the provisions of § 99.8.</li> <li>(3)(i) Records relating to an individual who is employed by an educational agency or institution, that:</li> <li>(A) Are made and maintained in the normal course of business; Record means any information recorded in any way, including, but not limited to, handwriting, print, computer media, video or audio tape, film, microfilm, and microfiche.</li> </ul>
Participating Agency/ Educational Agency or Institution	<u>§ 300.611 Definitions.</u> (c) Participating agency means any agency or institution that collects, maintains, or uses personally identifiable information, or from which information is obtained, under Part B of the Act [IDEA].	<ul> <li>§ 303.403 Definitions.</li> <li>(c) Participating agency means any individual, agency, entity, or institution that collects, maintains, or uses personally identifiable information to implement the requirements in part C of the Act [IDEA] and the regulations in this part with respect to a particular child. A participating agency includes the lead agency and EIS [early intervention service] providers and any individual or entity that provides any part C services (including service coordination, evaluations and assessments, and other part C services), but does not include primary referral sources, or public agencies (such as the State Medicaid or CHIP [Children's Health Insurance Program]) or private entities (such as private insurance companies) that act</li> </ul>	<u>§ 99.3 [Definitions.]</u> Educational agency or institution means any public or private agency or institution to which this part applies under § 99.1(a).

Definitions	IDEA PART B 20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>2</sup>	IDEA PART C 20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303 solely as funding sources for part C services.	FERPA 20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
Personally Identifiable Information (PII)	<ul> <li>§ 300.32 Personally identifiable. Personally identifiable means information that contains— <ul> <li>(a) The name of the child, the child's parent, or other family member;</li> <li>(b) The address of the child;</li> <li>(c) A personal identifier, such as the child's social security number or student number; or</li> <li>(d) A list of personal characteristics or other information that would make it possible to identify the child with reasonable certainty.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	§ 303.29 Personally identifiable information Personally identifiable information means personally identifiable information as defined in 34 CFR 99.3 [See FERPA column], as amended, except that the term "student" in the definition of personally identifiable information in 34 CFR 99.3 means "child" as used in this part and any reference to "school" means "EIS [early intervention service] provider" as used in this part.	<ul> <li>(e) Other indirect identifiers, such as the student's date of birth, place of birth, and mother's maiden name;</li> <li>(f) Other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty; or</li> <li>(g) Information requested by a person who the educational agency or institution reasonably believes knows the identity of the student to whom the education record relates.</li> <li>Disclosure means to permit access to or the release, transfer, or other communication of personally identifiable information contained in education records by any means, including oral, written, or electronic means, to any party except the party identified as the party that provided or created the record.</li> </ul>

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Confidentiality	Sec. 617. Administration.	Sec. 617. Administration.	§ 99.2 What is the purpose of these
	(c) Confidentiality.—	(c) Confidentiality.—	regulations?
	The Secretary shall take appropriate action, in	The Secretary shall take appropriate	The purpose of this part is to set out
	accordance with section 444 of the General	action, in accordance with section 444 of	requirements for the protection of
	Education Provisions Act [GEPA], to ensure the	the General Education Provisions Act	privacy of parents and students under
	confidentiality of any personally identifiable	[GEPA], to ensure the protection of the	section 444 of the General Education
	data, information, and records collected or	confidentiality of any personally	Provisions Act, as amended.
	maintained by the Secretary and by State	identifiable data, information, and	
	educational agencies [SEAs] and local	records collected or maintained by the	
	educational agencies [LEAs] pursuant to this	Secretary and by State	
	part.	educational agencies [SEAs] and local	
		educational agencies [LEAs] pursuant to	
	§ 300.610 Confidentiality.	this part. <sup>7</sup>	
	The Secretary takes appropriate		
	action, in accordance with section 444 of GEPA,	§ 303.402 Confidentiality.	
	to ensure the protection of the confidentiality of	The Secretary takes appropriate action,	
	any personally identifiable data, information,	in accordance with section 444 of GEPA,	
	and records collected or maintained by the	to ensure the protection of the	
	Secretary and by SEAs and LEAs pursuant to Part	confidentiality of any personally	
	B of the Act [IDEA], and consistent with §§	identifiable data, information, and	
	300.611 through 300.627.	records collected, maintained, or used	
		by the Secretary and by lead agencies	
		and EIS [early intervention service]	
		providers pursuant to part C of the Act	
		[IDEA], and consistent with §§ 303.401	

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		through 303.417. The regulations in §§	
		303.401 through 303.417 ensure the	
		protection of the confidentiality of any	
		personally identifiable data, information,	
		and records collected or maintained	
		pursuant to this part by the Secretary	
		and by participating agencies, including	
		the State lead agency and EIS providers,	
		in accordance with the Family	
		Educational Rights and Privacy Act	
		(FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and 34 CFR	
		part 99.	
		§ 303.401 Confidentiality and opportunity	
		to examine records.	
		(a) General. Each State must ensure that	
		the parents of a child referred under this	
		part are afforded the right to	
		confidentiality of personally identifiable	
		information, including the right to	
		written notice of, and written consent	
		to, the exchange of that information	
		among agencies, consistent with Federal	
		and State laws.	
		(b) Confidentiality procedures. As	
		required under sections 617(c) and 642	
		of the Act [IDEA], the regulations in §§	
		303.401 through 303.417 ensure the	
		protection of the confidentiality of any	
		personally identifiable data, information,	
		and records collected or maintained	
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		in accordance with the protections	
		under [FERPA] in 20 U.S.C.	
		<u>1232g and 34 CFR part 99.</u>	
		Each State must have procedures in	
		effect to ensure that—	
		(1) Participating agencies (including the	
		lead agency and EIS providers) comply	
		with the part C confidentiality	
		procedures in §§ 303.401 through	
		303.417; and	
		(c) Applicability and timeframe of	
		procedures. The confidentiality	
		procedures described in paragraph (b) of	
		this section apply to the personally	
		identifiable information of a child and	
		the child's family that—	
		(d) Is contained in early intervention	
		records collected, used, or maintained	
		under this part by the lead agency or an	
		EIS provider; and	
		(e) Applies from the point in time when	
		the child is referred for early	
		intervention services under this part	
		until the later of when the participating	
		agency is no longer required to maintain	
		or no longer maintains that information	
		under applicable Federal and State laws.	

## IDEA/FERPA Confidentiality Side by Side

4. **Consent** under Parts B and C of the IDEA and FERPA requires that the consent be prior, written parental consent where for consent to disclose of PII from records, the records must be identified. The definition of consent under Parts B and C of the IDEA have broader applicability than the definition of consent under FERPA which applies only to disclosure of PII from education records. Consent under Parts B and C of the IDEA must be informed and the definition of consent under second consent under Parts B and C of the IDEA must be informed and the definition of consent applies to other areas of IDEA (e.g. service provision, use of insurance, etc.).

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	the private school is located and officials in the LEA of the parent's residence.		
Exceptions to Consent	<ul> <li>§ 300.622 Consent.</li> <li>(a) Parental consent must be obtained before personally identifiable information is disclosed to parties, other than officials of participating agencies in accordance with paragraph (b)(1) of this section, unless the information is contained in education records, and the disclosure is authorized without parental consent under 34 CFR part 99. (b)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this section, parental consent is not required before personally identifiable information is released to officials of participating agencies for purposes of meeting a requirement of this part.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>§ 303.414 Consent prior to disclosure or use.</li> <li>(b) A lead agency or other participating agency may not disclose personally identifiable information, as defined in § 303.29, to any party except participating agencies (including the lead agency and EIS providers [early intervention services providers]) that are part of the State's part C system without, parental consent unless authorized to do so under— <ol> <li>[Opt-Out Policy Exception—see below]</li> <li>Sections 303.401(d), 303.209(b)(1)(i) and</li> <li>(b)(1)(ii), and 303.211(b)(6)(ii)(A); or</li> <li>[FERPA—see FERPA column] One of the exceptions enumerated in 34 CFR 99.31</li> <li>(where applicable to part C), which are expressly adopted to apply to part C through this reference. In applying the exceptions in 34 CFR 99.31 to this part, participating agencies must also comply with the pertinent conditions in 34 CFR 99.32, 99.33,99.34, 99.35, 99.36, 99.38, and 99.39;<sup>9</sup></li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>§ 99.31 Under what conditions is prior consent not required to disclose information?</li> <li>[Under FERPA, a school may not disclose personally identifiable information (PII) from a student's education record unless the parent or eligible student has provided written consent, or unless the disclosure meets an exception to FERPA's general consent requirement. These exceptions are found in FERPA § 99.31, and the Uninterrupted Scholars Act, and Secretary of Agriculture exceptions currently found only in the statute at 20 U.S.C. § 1232g. Listed below are the FERPA exceptions in § 99.31 that are generally applicable to children/students served under the IDEA regarding disclosures made. Exceptions have been summarized for brevity.]</li> <li>(1) To "school officials" who have been determined to have "legitimate educational interests" applying the criteria specified in the school's or school district's annual notification of FERPA rights;</li> <li>(2) To another school or school system in which the student seeks or intends to enroll</li> </ul>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> § 303.414(b)(2)(i)-(iv) applies FERPA to Part C with these translations terms: (1)"34 CFR 99.30(2)" = Sec 304.414(a); (2)"education records" = early intervention records; (3)"educational" = early intervention; (4)"educational agency or institution" = participating agency; (5)"school officials and officials of another school or school system" = qualified personnel or service coordinators; (4)"educational agency or institution" = participating agency; (5)"school officials of another school or school system" = qualified personnel or service coordinators; (6)"state and local authorities" = lead agency; and (7)"student" = child

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	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>8</sup>	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
		Opt-Out Policy Exception:	provided certain notification requirements
		§ 303.401 Confidentiality and opportunity to	are met;
		examine records.	(3) To "authorized representatives" of the
		(d) Disclosure of information.	U.S. Secretary of Education, the
		(1) Subject to paragraph (e) of this section,	Comptroller General of the United States,
		the lead agency must disclose to the SEA	the Attorney General of the United States,
		and the LEA [State and local educational	and State and local educational authorities
		agency] where the child resides, in	for audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-
		accordance with § 303.209(b)(1)(i) and	supported education programs, or for the
		(b)(1)(ii), the following personally	enforcement of or compliance with Federal
		identifiable information under the Act:	legal requirements that relate to those
		(i) A child's name.	programs (subject to the requirements of §
		(ii) A child's date of birth.	99.35);
		(iii) Parent contact information (including	(4) To appropriate parties in connection
		parents' names, addresses, and telephone	with financial aid for which the student has
		numbers).	applied or which the student has received;
		3. The information described in paragraph	(5) To State and local authorities pursuant
		(d)(1) of this section is needed to enable the	to a State statute concerning the juvenile
		lead agency, as well as LEAs and SEAs under	justice system and the system's ability to
		part B of the Act [IDEA], to identify all	effectively serve the student whose records
		children potentially eligible for services	are being disclosed; for state statutes
		under § 303.211 and part B of the Act.	adopted after November 19, 1974, the
		(e) Option to inform a parent about	State statute must concern the juvenile
		intended disclosure. (1) A lead agency,	justice system's ability to serve the student
		through its policies and procedures, may	prior to the student's adjudication and the
		require EIS providers, prior to making the	official and authorities to whom the records
		limited disclosure described in paragraph	are disclosed must certify in writing that the
		(d)(1) of this section, to inform parents of a	records/information will not be disclosed to
		toddler with a disability of the intended	any other party, except as provided under
		disclosure and allow the parents a specified	State law, without the prior written consent
		time period to object to the disclosure in	of the parent of the student.
		writing.	(6) To organizations conducting studies for,
		(2) If a parent (in a State that has adopted	or on behalf of, educational agencies and
		(the policy described in paragraph (e)(1) of	institutions for the purposes of developing,
		this section) objects during the time period	validating, or administering predictive tests,

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		provided by the State, the lead agency and	administering student aid programs, or
		EIS provider are not permitted to make	improving instruction;
		such a disclosure under paragraph (d) of	(7) To accrediting organizations to carry out
		this section and § 303.209(b)(1)(i) and	their accrediting functions;
		(b)(1)(ii).	(8) To the parents of an eligible student if
			the student is a "dependent student" as
			defined in Section 152 of the Internal
			Revenue Code;
			(9) To comply with a judicial order or a
			lawfully issued subpoena;
			(10) To appropriate parties in connection
			with a health or safety emergency;
			(11) "Directory information" provided the
			school gave public notice of the types of
			information it has designated as directory
			information, the parent or eligible student's
			right to restrict the disclosure of such
			information, and the period of time within
			which a parent or eligible student has to
			notify the school that he or she does not
			want any or all of those types of
			information designated as directory
			information; and
			(12) To the parent of a student who is not
			an eligible student or to the student.

5. **Inspection and Review:** Generally, under all three statutory/regulatory frameworks, Parts B and C of the IDEA and FERPA all provide parents the right to access and amend records and dispute resolution provisions. While Parts B and C of the IDEA require parents be provided copies of certain records, generally, FERPA does not require parents to be provided copies of records.

Inspection and	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
Review	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>10</sup>	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
Access Rights	§ 300.613 Access rights.	§ 303.405 Access rights.	§ 99.10 What rights exist for a parent or
	(a) Each participating agency must permit	(a) Each participating agency must permit	eligible student to inspect and review
	parents to inspect and review any	parents to inspect and review any early	education records?
	education records relating to their children	intervention records relating to their	(a) Except as limited under § 99.12, a parent
	that are collected, maintained, or used by	children that are collected, maintained, or	or eligible student must be given the
	the agency under this part. The agency	used by the agency under this part. The	opportunity to inspect and review the
	must comply with a request without	agency must comply with a parent's request	student's education records. This provision
	unnecessary delay and before any meeting	to inspect and review records without	applies to—
	regarding an IEP, or any hearing pursuant	unnecessary delay and before any meeting	(1) Any educational agency or institution;
	to § 300.507 or §§ 300.530 through	regarding an IFSP, or any hearing pursuant	and
	300.532, or resolution session pursuant to	to §§ 303.430(d) and 303.435 through	(2) Any State educational agency (SEA) and
	§ 300.510, and in no case more than 45	303.439, and in no case more than 10 days	its components.
	days after the request has been made.	after the request has been made.	(i) For the purposes of subpart B of this
	(b) The right to inspect and review	(b) The right to inspect and review early	part, an SEA and its components constitute
	education records under this section	intervention records under this section	an educational agency or institution.
	includes—	includes—	(ii) An SEA and its components are subject
	(1) The right to a response from the	(1) The right to a response from the	to subpart B of this part if the SEA
	participating agency to reasonable requests	participating agency to reasonable requests	maintains education records on students
	for explanations and interpretations of the	for explanations and interpretations of the	who are or have been in attendance at any
	records;	early intervention records;	school of an educational agency or
	(2) The right to request that the agency	(2) The right to request that the	institution subject to the Act and this part.
	provide copies of the records containing	participating agency provide copies of the	(b) The educational agency or institution, or
	the information if failure to provide those	early intervention records containing the	SEA or its component, shall comply with a
	copies would effectively prevent the parent	information if failure to provide those	request for access to records within a
	from exercising the right to inspect and	copies would effectively prevent the parent	reasonable period of time, but not more
	review the records; and	from exercising the right to inspect and	than 45 days after it has received the
	(3) The right to have a representative of the	review the records; and	request.
	parent inspect and review the records.		

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	(c) An agency may presume that the parent	(3) The right to have a representative of the	(c) The educational agency or institution, or
	has authority to inspect and review records	parent inspect and review the early	SEA or its component shall respond to
	relating to his or her child unless the	intervention records.	reasonable requests for explanations and
	agency has been advised that the parent	(c) An agency may presume that the parent	interpretations of the records.
	does not have the authority under	has authority to inspect and review records	(d) If circumstances effectively prevent the
	applicable State law governing such	relating to his or her child unless the agency	parent or eligible student from exercising
	matters as guardianship, separation, and	has been provided documentation that the	the right to inspect and review the
	divorce.	parent does not have the authority under	student's education records, the
		applicable State laws governing such	educational agency or institution, or SEA or
		matters as custody, foster care,	its component, shall—
		guardianship, separation, and divorce.	(1) Provide the parent or eligible student
		§ 303.401 Confidentiality and opportunity to	with a copy of the records requested; or
		examine records.	(2) Make other arrangements for the
		(b)(2) The parents of infants or toddlers	parent or eligible student to inspect and
		who are referred to, or receive services	review the requested records.
		under this part, are afforded the	(e) The educational agency or institution, or SEA or its component shall not destroy any
		opportunity to inspect and review all part C	education records if there is an outstanding
		early intervention records about the child	request to inspect and review the records
		and the child's family that are collected,	under this section.
		maintained, or used under this part,	(f) While an education agency or institution
		including records related to evaluations and	is not required to give an eligible student
		assessments, screening, eligibility	access to treatment records under
		determinations, development and	paragraph (b)(4) of the definition of
		implementation of IFSPs, provision of early	Education records in § 99.3, the student
		intervention services, individual complaints	may have those records reviewed by a
		involving the child, or any part of the child's	physician or other appropriate professional
		early intervention record under this part.	of the student's choice.
			§ 99.32 What recordkeeping requirements
			exist concerning requests and disclosures?
			(c) The following parties may inspect the
			record relating to each student:
			(1) The parent or eligible student.

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			<ul> <li>(2) The school official or his or her assistants who are responsible for the custody of the records.</li> <li>(3) Those parties authorized in § 99.31(a)(1) and (3) for the purposes of auditing the recordkeeping procedures of the educational agency or institution.</li> </ul>
Fees for Records	<ul> <li>§ 300.617 Fees.</li> <li>(a) Each participating agency may charge a fee for copies of records that are made for parents under this part if the fee does not effectively prevent the parents from exercising their right to inspect and review those records. (b) A participating agency may not charge a fee to search for or to retrieve information under this part.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>§ 303.409 Fees for records.</li> <li>(a) Each participating agency may charge a fee for copies of records that are made for parents under this part if the fee does not effectively prevent the parents from exercising their right to inspect and review those records, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section.</li> <li>(b) A participating agency may not charge a fee to search for or to retrieve information under this part.</li> <li>(c) A participating agency must provide at no cost to parents, a copy of each evaluation, assessment of the child, family assessment, and IFSP [Individualized Family Service Plan] as soon as possible after each IFSP meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>§ 99.11 May an educational agency or institution charge a fee for copies of education records?</li> <li>(a) Unless the imposition of a fee effectively prevents a parent or eligible student from exercising the right to inspect and review the student's education records, an educational agency or institution may charge a fee for a copy of an education record which is made for the parent or eligible student.</li> <li>(b) An educational agency or institution may not charge a fee to search for or to retrieve the education records of a student.</li> </ul>
Amendment of	§ 300.618 Amendment of records at	§ 303.410 Amendment of records at a	§ 99.20 How can a parent or eligible student
Record at	parent's request.	parent's request.	request amendment of the student's
Parent's Request	A parent who believes that information in	A parent who believes that information in	education records?
	the education records collected,	the early intervention records collected,	(a) If a parent or eligible student believes
	maintained, or used under this part is	maintained, or used under this part is	the education records relating to the
	inaccurate or misleading or violates the	inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of the child or parent	student contain information that is
	privacy or other rights of the child may request the participating agency that	may request that the participating agency	inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's rights of privacy, he or she may
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Review	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>10</sup> maintains the information to amend the information. (a) The agency must decide whether to amend the information in accordance with the request within a reasonable period of time of receipt of the request. If the agency decides to refuse to amend the information in accordance with the request, it must inform the parent of the refusal and advise the parent of the right to a hearing under§ 300.619.	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303 that maintains the information amend the information. The participating agency must decide whether to amend the information in accordance with the request within a reasonable period of time of receipt of the request. If the participating agency refuses to amend the information in accordance with the request, it must inform the parent of the refusal and advise the parent of the right to a hearing under § 303.411.	<ul> <li>20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99</li> <li>ask the educational agency or institution to amend the record.</li> <li>(b) The educational agency or institution shall decide whether to amend the record as requested within a reasonable time after the agency or institution receives the request.</li> <li>(c) If the educational agency or institution decides not to amend the record as requested, it shall inform the parent or eligible student of its decision and of his or her right to a hearing under § 99.21.</li> </ul>
Opportunity for Hearing	§ 300.619 Opportunity for a hearing. The agency must, on request, provide an opportunity for a hearing to challenge information in education records to ensure that it is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the child.	§ 303.411 Opportunity for a hearing. The participating agency must, on request, provide parents with the opportunity for a hearing to challenge information in their child's early intervention records to ensure that it is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the child or parents. A parent may request a due process hearing under the procedures in § 303.430(d)(1) provided that such hearing procedures meet the requirements of the hearing procedures in § 303.413 or may request a hearing directly under the State's procedures in § 303.413 (i.e., procedures that are consistent with the FERPA hearing requirements in 34 CFR 99.22).	<ul> <li>§ 99.21 Under what conditions does a parent or eligible student have the right to a hearing?</li> <li>(a) An educational agency or institution shall give a parent or eligible student, on request, an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of the student's education records on the grounds that the information contained in the education records is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy rights of the student.</li> </ul>
Result of Hearing	<ul> <li>§ 300.620 Result of hearing.</li> <li>(a) If, as a result of the hearing, the agency decides that the information is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the</li> </ul>	§ 303.412 Result of hearing. (a) If, as a result of the hearing, the participating agency decides that the information is inaccurate, misleading or in	§ 99.21 Under what conditions does a parent or eligible student have the right to a hearing?

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	privacy or other rights of the child, it must amend the information accordingly and so inform the parent in writing. (b) If, as a result of the hearing, the agency decides that the information is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of the child, it must inform the parent of the parent's right to place in the records the agency maintains on the child a statement commenting on the information or setting forth any reasons for disagreeing with the decision of the agency. (c) Any explanation placed in the records of the child under this section must— (1) Be maintained by the agency as part of the record or contested portion is maintained by the agency; and (2) If the records of the child or the contested portion is disclosed by the agency to any party, the explanation must also be disclosed to the party.	<ul> <li>violation of the privacy or other rights of the child or parent, it must amend the information accordingly and so inform the parent in writing.</li> <li>(b) If, as a result of the hearing, the agency decides that the information is not inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy or other rights of the child or parent, it must inform the parent of the right to place in the early intervention records it maintains on the child a statement commenting on the information or setting forth any reasons for disagreeing with the decision of the agency.</li> <li>(c) Any explanation placed in the early intervention records of the child under this section must—</li> <li>(1) Be maintained by the agency as part of the early intervention records of the child as long as the record or contested portion is maintained by the agency; and</li> <li>(2) If the early intervention records of the child as long as the record or contested portion is maintained by the agency; and</li> <li>(2) If the early intervention records of the child as long as the record or contested portion is maintained by the agency; and</li> <li>(2) If the early intervention records of the child as long as the record or contested portion is maintained by the agency; and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(b) (1) If, as a result of the hearing, the educational agency or institution decides that the information is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of the student, it shall:</li> <li>(i) Amend the record accordingly; and</li> <li>(ii) Inform the parent or eligible student of the amendment in writing.</li> <li>(2) If, as a result of the hearing, the educational agency or institution decides that the information in the education record is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of the student, it shall inform the parent or eligible student of the right to place a statement in the record commenting on the contested information in the record or stating why he or she disagrees with the decision of the agency or institution places a statement in the education records of a student under paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the agency or institution shall:</li> <li>(1) Maintain the statement with the contested part of the record for as long as the record is maintained; and</li> <li>(2) Disclose the statement whenever it discloses the portion of the record to which the statement relates.</li> </ul>

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Hearing	§ 300.621 Hearing procedures.	§ 303.413 Hearing procedures.	§ 99.22 What minimum requirements exist
Procedures	A hearing held under § 300.619 must be	A hearing held under § 303.411 must be	for the conduct of a hearing?
	conducted according to the procedures in	conducted according to the procedures	The hearing required by § 99.21 must meet,
	34 CFR 99.22.	under 34 CFR 99.22.	at a minimum, the following requirements:
			(a) The educational agency or institution
			shall hold the hearing within a reasonable
			time after it has received the request for
			the hearing from the parent or eligible
			student.
			(b) The educational agency or institution
			shall give the parent or eligible student
			notice of the date, time, and place,
			reasonably in advance of the hearing.
			(c) The hearing may be conducted by any
			individual, including an official of the
			educational agency or institution, who does
			not have a direct interest in the outcome of
			the hearing.
			(d) The educational agency or institution
			shall give the parent or eligible student a
			full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issues raised under
			§ 99.21. The parent or eligible student may,
			at their own expense, be assisted or
			represented by one or more individuals of
			his or her own choice, including an
			attorney.
			(e) The educational agency or institution
			shall make its decision in writing within a
			reasonable period of time after the hearing.
			The decision must be based solely on the
			evidence presented at the hearing, and
			must include a summary of the evidence
			and the reasons for the decision.

6. **Retention of Records**: While IDEA includes provisions for retention and destruction of records and record of access, FERPA has a recordation requirement concerning requests to access. Parts B and C of the IDEA (unlike FERPA) contain express provisions regarding the retention and destruction of records.

Retention of	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
Records	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>11</sup>	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
Record of Access	§ 300.614 Record of access. Each participating agency must keep a record of parties obtaining access to education records collected, maintained, or used under Part B of the Act [IDEA] (except access by parents and authorized employees of the participating agency), including the name of the party, the date access was given, and the purpose for which the party is authorized to use the records.	§ 303.406 Record of access. Each participating agency must keep a record of parties obtaining access to early intervention records collected, maintained, or used under part C of the Act [IDEA] (except access by parents and authorized representatives and employees of the participating agency), including the name of the party, the date access was given, and the purpose for which the party is authorized to use the early intervention records.	<ul> <li>§ 99.32 What recordkeeping requirements exist concerning requests and disclosures?</li> <li>(a)(1) An educational agency or institution must maintain a record of each request for access to and each disclosure of personally identifiable information from the education records of each student, as well as the names of State and local educational authorities and Federal officials and agencies listed in § 99.31(a)(3) that may make further disclosures of personally identifiable information from the student's education records without consent under § 99.33(b).</li> <li>(2) The agency or institution shall maintain the record with the education records of the student as long as the records are maintained.</li> <li>(3) For each request or disclosure the record must include:</li> <li>(i) The parties who have requested or</li> <li>(ii) received personally identifiable information from the education records; and</li> <li>(iii) The legitimate interests the parties had in requesting or obtaining the information.</li> <li>(4) An educational agency or institution must obtain a copy of the record of further disclosures maintained under paragraph</li> </ul>

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Retention of Records	IDEA PART B 20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>11</sup>	IDEA PART C 20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	<ul> <li>20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99</li> <li>(b)(2) of this section and make it available in response to a parent's or eligible student's request to review the record required under paragraph (a)(1) of this section.</li> <li>(5) An educational agency or institution must record the following information when it discloses personally identifiable information from education records under the health or safety emergency exception in § 99.31(a)(10) and § 99.36:</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>(i) The articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals that formed the basis for the disclosure; and</li> <li>(ii) The parties to whom the agency or institution disclosed the information.</li> <li>(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph</li> <li>(b)(2) of this section, if an educational agency or institution discloses personally identifiable information from education records with the understanding authorized under § 99.33(b), the record of the disclosure required under this section must</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>include:</li> <li>(ii) The names of the additional parties to which the receiving party may disclose the information on behalf of the educational agency or institution; and</li> <li>(iii) The legitimate interests under § 99.31 which each of the additional parties has in requesting or obtaining the information.</li> <li>(2)(i) A State or local educational authority or Federal official or agency listed in § 99.31(a)(3) that makes further disclosures</li> </ul>

Retention of	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
Records	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>11</sup>	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99 of information from education records under § 99.33(b) must record the names of the additional parties to which it discloses information on behalf of an educational agency or institution and their legitimate interests in the information under § 99.31 if the information was received from: (d) An educational agency or institution that has not recorded the further disclosures under paragraph (b)(1) of this section; or (e) Another State or local educational authority or Federal official or agency listed in § 99.31(a)(3). (1) A State or local educational authority or Federal official or agency that records further disclosures of information under paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section may maintain the record by the student's class, school, district, or other appropriate grouping rather than by the name of the student. (2) Upon request of an educational agency or institution, a State or local educational authority or Federal official or agency listed in § 99.31(a)(3) that maintains a record of further disclosures under paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section must provide a copy of the record of further disclosures to the educational agency or institution within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 30 days. 

Retention of	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
Records	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>11</sup>	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
			<ul> <li>(d) Paragraph (a) of this section does not apply if the request was from, or the disclosure was to:</li> <li>(1) The parent or eligible student;</li> <li>(2) A school official under § 99.31(a)(1);</li> <li>(3) A party with written consent from the parent or eligible student;</li> <li>(4) A party seeking directory information; or</li> <li>(5) A party seeking or receiving records in accordance with § 99.31(a)(9)(ii)(A) through (C).</li> </ul>
Records on More Than One Child	§ 300.615 Records on more than one child. If any education record includes information on more than one child, the parents of those children have the right to inspect and review only the information relating to their child or to be informed of that specific information.	§ 303.407 Records on more than one child. If any early intervention record includes information on more than one child, the parents of those children have the right to inspect and review only the information relating to their child or to be informed of that specific information.	<ul> <li>§ 99.12 What limitations exist on the right to inspect and review records?</li> <li>(a) If the education records of a student contain information on more than one student, the parent or eligible student may inspect and review or be informed of only the specific information about that student.</li> </ul>
Types and	§ 300.616 List of types and locations of	§ 303.408 List of types and locations of	
Locations of	information.	information.	
Information	Each participating agency must provide parents on request a list of the types and locations of education records collected,	Each participating agency must provide parents, on request, a list of the types and locations of early intervention records	
	maintained, or used by the agency.	collected, maintained, or used by the agency.	
Safeguards	<ul> <li>§ 300.623 Safeguards.</li> <li>(a) Each participating agency must protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information at collection, storage, disclosure, and destruction stages.</li> <li>(b) One official at each participating agency must assume responsibility for ensuring the</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>§ 303.415 Safeguards.</li> <li>(a) Each participating agency must protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information at the collection, maintenance, use, storage, disclosure, and destruction stages.</li> </ul>	

Retention of	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
Records	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>11</sup>	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
	confidentiality of any personally	(b) One official at each participating agency	
	identifiable information.	must assume responsibility for ensuring the	
	(c) All persons collecting or using personally	confidentiality of any personally identifiable	
	identifiable information must receive	information.	
	training or instruction regarding the State's	(c) All persons collecting or using personally	
	policies and procedures under § 300.123	identifiable information must receive	
	and 34 CFR part 99.	training or instruction regarding the State's	
	(d) Each participating agency must	policies and procedures under §§ 303.401	
	maintain, for public inspection, a current	through 303.417 and 34 CFR part 99.	
	listing of the names and positions of those	(d) Each participating agency must	
	employees within the agency who may	maintain, for public inspection, a current	
	have access to personally identifiable	listing of the names and positions of those	
	information.	employees within the agency who may	
		have access to personally identifiable	
		information.	
Destruction of	§ 300.611 Definitions.	§ 303.403 Definitions.	See above under "Access Rights" the
Information	(a) Destruction means physical destruction	(a) Destruction means physical destruction	reference to 34 CFR § 99.10(e) (prohibition
	or removal of personal identifiers from	of the record or ensuring that personal	on destroying education record if there is
	information so that the information is no	identifiers are removed from a record so	an outstanding request to inspect and
	longer personally identifiable.	that the record is no longer personally	review the records).
		identifiable under § 303.29.	See also destruction requirements related
	§ 300.624 Destruction of information.		to specific FERPA exceptions in 34 CFR §
	(a) The public agency must inform parents	§ 303.416 Destruction of information.	99.31(a)(6)(iii)(B) regarding the studies
	when personally identifiable information	(a) The participating agency must inform	exception and 34 CFR §99.35(b)(2)
	collected, maintained, or used under this	parents when personally identifiable	regarding the "authorized representatives"
	part is no longer needed to provide	information collected, maintained, or used	exception in 34 CFR § 99.31(a)(3).
	educational services to the child.	under this part is no longer needed to	
	(b) The information must be destroyed at	provide services to the child under part C of	
	the request of the parents. However, a	the Act [IDEA], the GEPA [General	
	permanent record of a student's name,	Education Provisions Act] provisions in 20	
	address, and phone number, his or her	U.S.C. 1232f, and EDGAR, 34 CFR parts 76,	
	grades, attendance record, classes	and 2 CFR part 200, as adopted in 2 CFR part 3474.	
	attended, grade level completed, and year	(b) Subject to paragraph (a) of this section,	
		the information must be destroyed at the	

Retention of	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
Records	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>11</sup>	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
	completed may be maintained without	request of the parents. However, a	
	time limitation.	permanent record of a child's name, date of	
		birth, parent contact information (including	
		address and phone number), names of	
		service coordinator(s) and EIS [early	
		intervention services] provider(s), and exit	
		data (including year and age upon exit, and	
		any programs entered into upon exiting)	
		may be maintained without time limitation.	

7. **Procedural Safeguards:** Parts B and C of IDEA and FERPA all require notice of privacy rights to be provided to parents, but the content of the notice and when it must be provided, vary across the three statutory/regulatory frameworks.

Parents have the right to file a state complaint, request mediation or request a due process hearing under IDEA. This chart only covers state complaints (see below). For mediation, see IDEA Part B regulation in 34 CFR § 300.506 and IDEA Part C regulation in 34 CFR § 303.431. For due process hearings, see IDEA Part B regulations in 34 CFR §§ 300.507 through 300.518 and IDEA Part C regulations referenced in 34 CFR § 303.430.

Procedural	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
Safeguards	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>12</sup>	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
Safeguards	<ul> <li><u>Sec. 612. State eligibility.</u> <ul> <li>(a) (6) Procedural safeguards.—</li> <li>(A) In general.—Children with disabilities and their parents are afforded the procedural safeguards required by section 615.</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>§ 300.626 Enforcement.</u> <ul> <li>The SEA must have in effect the policies and procedures, including sanctions that the State uses, to ensure that its policies and procedures consistent with §§ 300.611 through 300.625 are followed and that the requirements of the Act [IDEA] and the regulations in this part are met.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Sec. 635. Requirements for statewide system.(a) In General.—A statewide systemdescribed in section 633 shall include, at aminimum, the following components:(13) Procedural safeguards with respect toprograms under this part, as required bysection 639.§ 303.417 Enforcement.The lead agency must have in effect thepolicies and procedures, including sanctionsand the right to file a complaint under §303.432 through 303.434, that the Stateuses to ensure that its policies andprocedures, consistent with§§ 303.401 through 303.417, are followedand that the requirements of the Act [IDEA]and the regulations in this part are met.	
Notice to Parents	<ul> <li>§ 300.612 Notice to parents.</li> <li>(a) The SEA [State educational agency] must give notice that is adequate to fully inform parents about the requirements of § 300.123, including—</li> </ul>	§ 303.404 Notice to parents. The lead agency must give notice when a child is referred under part C of the Act [IDEA] that is adequate to fully inform parents about the requirements in §	<ul> <li>§ 99.7 What must an educational agency or institution include in its annual notification?</li> <li>(a) (1) Each educational agency or institution shall annually notify parents of students currently in attendance, or eligible</li> </ul>
	(1) A description of the extent that the notice is given in the native languages	303.402, including— (a) A description of the children on whom	students currently in attendance, of their rights under the Act [FERPA] and this part.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>The IDEA statute is codified at 20 U.S.C. 1401 *et seq.* and the IDEA statute is cited above by its public law sections (i.e., Sec. 612 is 20 U.S.C. 1412). The IDEA regulations are codified in 34 CFR Part 300 (for the 2006 IDEA Part B regulations) and 34 CFR Part 303 (for the IDEA Part C regulations). The FERPA statute is at 20 U.S.C. 1232g and the FERPA regulations are in 34 CFR Part 99.

Procedural	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
Safeguards	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>12</sup>	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
	of the various population groups in the	personally identifiable information is	(2) The notice must inform parents or
	State;	maintained, the types of information	eligible students that they have the right
	(2) A description of the children on whom	sought, the methods the State intends to	to—
	personally identifiable information is	use in gathering the information (including	(i) Inspect and review the student's
	maintained, the types of information	the sources from whom information is	education records;
	sought, the methods the State intends	gathered), and the uses to be made of the	(ii) Seek amendment of the student's
	to use in gathering the information	information;	education records that the parent or
	(including the sources from whom	(b) A summary of the policies and	eligible student believes to be inaccurate,
	information is gathered), and the uses	procedures that participating agencies must	misleading, or otherwise in violation of the
	to be made of the information;	follow regarding storage, disclosure to third	student's privacy rights;
	(3) A summary of the policies and	parties, retention, and destruction of	(iii) Consent to disclosures of personally
	procedures that participating agencies	personally identifiable information; (c) A	identifiable information contained in the
	must follow regarding storage,	description of all the rights of parents and	student's education records, except to the
	disclosure to third parties, retention,	children regarding this information,	extent that the Act and § 99.31 authorize
	and destruction of personally identifiable information; and	including their rights under the part C	disclosure without consent; and
	(4) A description of all of the rights of	confidentiality provisions in §§ 303.401 through 303.417; and	(iv) File with the Department a complaint under §§ 99.63 and 99.64 concerning
	parents and children regarding this	(d) A description of the extent that the	alleged failures by the educational agency
	information, including the rights under	notice is provided in the native languages of	or institution to comply with the
	FERPA and implementing regulations in	the various population groups in the State.	requirements of the Act [FERPA] and this
	34 CFR part 99.		part.
	(b) Before any major identification,		(3) The notice must include all of the
	location, or evaluation activity, the notice		following:
	must be published or announced in		(i) The procedure for exercising the right to
	newspapers or other media, or both, with		inspect and review education records.
	circulation adequate to notify parents		(ii) The procedure for requesting
	throughout the State of the activity.		amendment of records under § 99.20.
			(iii) If the educational agency or institution
			has a policy of disclosing education records
			under § 99.31(a)(1), a specification of
			criteria for determining who constitutes a
			school official and what constitutes a
			legitimate educational interest.
			(b) An educational agency or institution
			may provide this notice by any means that

Procedural	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
Safeguards	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 300 <sup>12</sup>	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
			are reasonably likely to inform the parents or eligible students of their rights. (1) An educational agency or institution
			shall effectively notify parents or eligible students
			who are disabled. (2) An agency or institution of elementary or secondary education shall effectively notify parents who have a primary or home language other than English.

8. **Dispute Resolution**: While Parts B and C of the IDEA and FERPA all require some form of dispute resolution, IDEA focuses on the role of the State agency and FERPA permits complaints to be filed at the federal level with the U.S. Department of Education. The term dispute resolution is a term under IDEA which provides for three different options.

Parents have the right to file a state complaint, request mediation or request a due process hearing under IDEA. This chart only covers state complaints (see below). For mediation, see IDEA Part B regulation in 34 CFR § 300.506 and IDEA Part C regulation in 34 CFR § 303.431. For due process hearings, see IDEA Part B regulations in 34 CFR § 300.507 through 300.518 and IDEA Part C regulations referenced in 34 CFR § 303.430.

Dispute	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
Resolution	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 30013	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
State Complaint—	§ 300.151 Adoption of State complaint	§ 303.432 Adoption of State complaint	
Adopting	procedures.	procedures.	
Procedures	(a) General. Each SEA [State educational	(a) General. Each lead agency must adopt	
	agency] must adopt written procedures	written procedures for—	
	for—	(1) Resolving any complaint, including a	
	(1) Resolving any complaint, including a	complaint filed by an organization or	
	complaint filed by an organization or	individual from another State, that meets	
	individual from another State, that meets	the requirements in § 303.434 by providing	
	the requirements of § 300.153 by—	for the filing of a complaint with the lead	
	(i) Providing for the filing of a complaint	agency; and	
	with the SEA; and	(2) Widely disseminating to parents and	
	(ii) At the SEA's discretion, providing for the	other interested individuals, including	
	filing of a complaint with a public agency	parent training and information centers,	
	and the right to have the SEA review the	Protection and Advocacy (P&A) agencies,	
	public agency's decision on the complaint;	and other appropriate entities, the State	
	and	procedures under §§ 303.432 through	
	(2) Widely disseminating to parents and	303.434.	
	other interested individuals, including	(b) Remedies for denial of appropriate	
	parent training and information centers,	services. In resolving a complaint in which	
	protection and advocacy agencies,	the lead agency has found a failure to	
	independent living centers, and other	provide appropriate services, the lead	
	appropriate entities, the State procedures	agency, pursuant to its general supervisory	
	under §§ 300.151 through 300.153.		

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Dispute	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
Resolution	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 30013	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
	(b) Remedies for denial of appropriate	authority under part C of the Act [IDEA],	
	services. In resolving a complaint in which	must address—	
	the SEA has found a failure to provide	(1) The failure to provide appropriate	
	appropriate services, an SEA, pursuant to	services, including corrective actions	
	its general supervisory authority under Part	appropriate to address the needs of the	
	B of the Act [IDEA], must address—	infant or toddler with a disability who is the	
	(1) The failure to provide appropriate	subject of the complaint and the infant's or	
	services, including corrective action	toddler's family (such as compensatory	
	appropriate to address the needs of the	services or monetary reimbursement); and	
	child (such as	(2) Appropriate future provision of services	
	compensatory services or monetary	for all infants and toddlers with disabilities	
	reimbursement); and	and their families.	
	(2) Appropriate future provision of services		
	for all children with disabilities.		
Minimum	§ 300.152 Minimum State complaint	§ 303.433 Minimum State complaint	
Procedures	procedures.	procedures.	
	(a) Time limit; minimum procedures. Each	(a) Time limit; minimum procedures. Each	
	SEA [State educational agency] must	lead agency must include in its complaint	
	include in its complaint procedures a time	procedures a time limit of 60 days after a	
	limit of 60 days after a complaint is filed	complaint is filed under § 303.434 to—	
	under § 300.153 to—	<ol> <li>Carry out an independent on-site</li> </ol>	
	(1) Carry out an independent on-site	investigation, if the lead agency determines	
	investigation, if the SEA determines that an	that an investigation is necessary;	
	investigation is necessary;	(2) Give the complainant the opportunity to	
	(2) Give the complainant the opportunity	submit additional information, either orally	
	to submit additional information, either	or in writing, about the allegations in the	
	orally or in writing, about the allegations in	complaint;	
	the complaint;	(3) Provide the lead agency, public agency,	
	(3) Provide the public agency with the	or EIS [early intervention service] provider	
	opportunity to respond to the complaint,	with an opportunity to respond to the	
	including, at a minimum—	complaint, including, at a minimum—	
	(i) At the discretion of the public agency, a	(i) At the discretion of the lead agency, a	
	proposal to resolve the complaint; and	proposal to resolve the complaint; and	

Dispute	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
Resolution	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 30013	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
	(ii) An opportunity for a parent who has	(ii) An opportunity for a parent who has	
	filed a complaint and the public agency to	filed a complaint and the lead agency,	
	voluntarily engage in mediation consistent	public agency, or EIS provider to voluntarily	
	with § 300.506;	engage in mediation, consistent with §§	
	(4) Review all relevant information and	303.430(b) and 303.431;	
	make an independent determination as to	(4) Review all relevant information and	
	whether the public agency is violating a	make an independent determination as to	
	requirement of Part B of the Act [IDEA] or	whether the lead agency, public agency, or	
	of this part; and	EIS provider is violating a requirement of	
	(5) Issue a written decision to the	part C of the Act [IDEA] or of this part; and	
	complainant that addresses each allegation	(5) Issue a written decision to the	
	in the complaint and contains—	complainant that addresses each allegation	
	(i) Findings of fact and conclusions; and	in the complaint and contains—	
	(ii) The reasons for the SEA's final decision.	(i) Findings of fact and conclusions; and	
	(b) Time extension; final decision;	(ii) The reasons for the lead agency's final	
	implementation. The SEA's procedures	decision.	
	described in paragraph (a) of this section	(b) Time extension; final decision;	
	also must—	implementation. The lead agency's	
	(1) Permit an extension of the time limit	procedures described in paragraph (a) of	
	under paragraph (a) of this section only if—	this section also must—	
	(i) Exceptional circumstances exist with	(1) Permit an extension of the time limit	
	respect to a particular complaint; or	under paragraph (a) of this section only if—	
	(ii) The parent (or individual or	(i) Exceptional circumstances exist with	
	organization, if mediation or other	respect to a particular complaint; or	
	alternative means of dispute resolution is	(ii) The parent (or individual or	
	available to the individual or organization	organization, if mediation is available to the	
	under State procedures) and the public	individual or organization under State	
	agency involved agree to extend the time	procedures) and the lead agency, public	
	to engage in mediation pursuant to	agency or EIS provider involved agree to	
	paragraph (a)(3)(ii) of this section, or to	extend the time to engage in mediation	
	engage in other alternative means of	pursuant to paragraph (a)(3)(ii) of this	
	dispute resolution, if available in the State;	section; and	
	and	(2) Include procedures for effective	
		implementation of the lead agency's final	
		decision, if needed, including—	

Dispute	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
Resolution	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 30013	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
	(2) Include procedures for effective	(i) Technical assistance activities;	
	implementation of the SEA's final decision,	(ii) Negotiations; and	
	if needed, including—	(iii) Corrective actions to achieve	
	(i) Technical assistance activities;	compliance.	
	(ii) Negotiations; and	(c) Complaints filed under this section and	
	(iii) Corrective actions to achieve	due process hearings under § 303.430(d).	
	compliance.	(1) If a written complaint is received that is	
	(c) Complaints filed under this section and	also the subject of a due process hearing	
	due process hearings under § 300.507 or §	under § 303.430(d), or contains multiple	
	300.530 through 300.532.	issues of which one or more are part of that	
	(1) If a written complaint is received that is	hearing, the State must set aside any part of	
	also the subject of a due process hearing	the complaint that is being addressed in the	
	under § 300.507 or §§ 300.530 through	due process hearing until the conclusion of	
	300.532, or contains multiple issues of	the hearing. However, any issue in the	
	which one or more are part of that hearing,	complaint that is not a part of the due	
	the State must set aside any part of the	process hearing must be resolved using the	
	complaint that is being addressed in the	time limit and procedures described in	
	due process hearing until the conclusion of	paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.	
	the hearing. However, any issue in the	(2) If an issue raised in a complaint filed	
	complaint that is not a part of the due	under this section has previously been	
	process action must be resolved using the time limit and procedures described in	decided in a due process hearing involving	
		the same parties—	
	paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section. (2) If an issue raised in a complaint filed	<ul> <li>(i) The due process hearing decision is binding on that issue; and</li> </ul>	
	under this section has previously been	(ii) The lead agency must inform the	
	decided in a due process hearing involving	complainant to that effect.	
	the same parties—	(3) A complaint alleging a lead agency,	
	(i) The due process hearing decision is	public agency, or EIS provider's failure to	
	binding on that issue; and	implement a due process hearing decision	
	(ii) The SEA must inform the complainant	must be resolved by the lead agency.	
	to that effect.	mast be resolved by the lead agency.	
	(3) A complaint alleging a public agency's		
	failure to implement a due process hearing		
	decision must be resolved by the SEA.		

Dispute	IDEA PART B	IDEA PART C	FERPA
Resolution	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 30013	20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303	20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99
Filing a Complaint	§ 300.153 Filing a complaint.	§ 303.434 Filing a complaint.	§ 99.64 What is the investigation procedure?
	(a) An organization or individual may file a	(a) An organization or individual may file a	(a) A complaint must contain specific
	signed written complaint under the	signed written complaint under the	allegations of fact giving reasonable cause
	procedures described in §§ 300.151	procedures described in §§ 303.432 and	to believe that a violation of the Act
	through 300.152.	303.433.	[FERPA] or this part has occurred. A
	(b) The complaint must include—	(b) The complaint must include—	complaint does not have to allege that a
	(1) A statement that a public agency has	(1) A statement that the lead agency, public	violation is based on a policy or practice of
	violated a requirement of Part B of the Act	agency, or EIS [early intervention service]	the educational agency or institution, other
	[IDEA] or of this part;	provider has violated a requirement of part	recipient of Department funds under any
	(2) The facts on which the statement is	C of the Act [IDEA];	program administered by the Secretary, or
	based;	(2) The facts on which the statement is	any third party outside of an educational
	(3) The signature and contact information	based;	agency or institution.
	for the complainant; and	(3) The signature and contact information	
	(4) If alleging violations with respect to a	for the complainant; and	
	specific child—	(4) If alleging violations with respect to a	
	(i) The name and address of the residence	specific child—	
	of the child;	(i) The name and address of the residence	
	(ii) The name of the school the child is	of the child;	
	attending;	(ii) The name of the EIS provider serving the	
	(iii) In the case of a homeless child or youth	child;	
	(within the meaning of section 725(2) of	(iii) A description of the nature of the	
	the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance	problem of the child, including facts relating	
	Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)), available contact	to the problem; and	
	information for the child, and the name of	(iv) A proposed resolution of the problem	
	the school the child is attending;	to the extent known and available to the	
	(iv) A description of the nature of the	party at the time the complaint is filed.	
	problem of the child, including facts		
	relating to the problem; and		
	(v) A proposed resolution of the problem to the extent known and available to the		
	party at the time the complaint is filed.		
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Dispute Resolution Timeline for Filing Complaint	IDEA PART B 20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 30013 § 300.153 Filing a complaint. (c) The complaint must allege a violation that occurred not more than one year prior to the date that the complaint is received in accordance with § 300.151.	IDEA PART C 20 U.S.C. 1400 and 34 CFR Part 303 § 303.434 Filing a complaint. (c) The complaint must allege a violation that occurred not more than one year prior to the date that the complaint is received in accordance with § 303.432.	<ul> <li>FERPA</li> <li>20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99</li> <li>§ 99.64 What is the investigation procedure?</li> <li>(c) A timely complaint is defined as an allegation of a violation of the Act [FERPA] that is submitted to the Office within 180 days of the date of the alleged violation or of the date that the complainant knew or reasonably should have known of the alleged violation.</li> <li>(d) The Office may extend the time limit in this section for good cause shown.</li> </ul>
Who Gets Complaint?	<ul> <li>§ 300.153 Filing a complaint.</li> <li>(c) The party filing the complaint must forward a copy of the complaint to the LEA or public agency serving the child at the same time the party files the complaint with the SEA.</li> <li>Parents have the right to file a state complaint, request mediation or request a due process hearing under IDEA. This chart only covers state complaints (see below).</li> <li>For mediation, see IDEA Part B regulation in 34 CFR § 300.506 and IDEA Part C regulation in 34 CFR § 303.431. For due process hearings, see IDEA Part B regulations in 34 CFR § 300.507 through 300.518 and IDEA Part C regulations referenced in 34 CFR § 303.430.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>§ 303.434 Filing a complaint.</li> <li>(c) The party filing the complaint must forward a copy of the complaint to the public agency or EIS [early intervention service] provider serving the child at the same time the party files the complaint with the lead agency.</li> <li>Parents have the right to file a state complaint, request mediation or request a due process hearing under IDEA. This chart only covers state complaints (see below).</li> <li>For mediation, see IDEA Part B regulation in 34 CFR § 300.506 and IDEA Part C regulation in 34 CFR § 303.431. For due process hearings, see IDEA Part B regulations in 34 CFR §§ 300.507 through 300.518 and IDEA Part C regulations referenced in 34 CFR § 303.430.</li> </ul>	<u>§ 99.63 Where are complaints filed?</u> A parent or eligible student may file a written complaint with the Office regarding an alleged violation under the Act and this part. The Office's address is: Student Privacy Policy Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.