

Student Access to Educational Records

All students have the right to review their educational records with the following exceptions as outlined by FERPA:

1. Financial information submitted by parents.
2. Confidential letters and recommendations placed in student files prior to January 1, 1975, provided these letters were collected under established policies of confidentiality and were used only for the purposes for which they were specifically collected.
3. Confidential letters and statements of recommendation, placed in the records after January 1, 1975, to which the students have waived their right to inspect and review and that are related to the students' admission, application for employment or job placement, or receipt of honors.
4. Educational records containing information about more than one student; however, in such cases the College must allow access to that part of the record that pertains only to the inquiring student. Wallace Community College does not provide copies of educational records, except transcripts, unless geographic distance precludes students from effectively having access to their educational records.

To review records, students and former students may go to the Admissions and Records Office, present a valid photo identification card, and ask to review the record. If it is an inappropriate time to retrieve the record or is short notice, students may be requested to complete a Request to Review Educational Records form in the Admissions and Records Office. Because of various circumstances, the College may delay, up to a maximum of 45 days, release of the records for review. The College is not required to provide access to records of applicants for admission who are denied acceptance or, if accepted, do not attend. Wallace Community College does not provide copies of the contents of student records unless a student is not within commuting distance of the College and is, therefore, physically unable to be present to view the records on campus. A photocopying fee of \$.25 per sheet will be assessed.