

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy - Huron University FAQ for Parents

1. What is FIPPA?

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act is provincial legislation composed of equal weight:

- **Transparency:** Access to information is an essential value
- **Privacy:** Personal information and privacy must be protected and doing so is vital to the dignity and the integrity of the individual

2. What does FIPPA cover in terms of your student's personal information?

Personal information means recorded information about an identifiable individual including an individual's home address, home telephone number, student number and educational history, including grades, attendance and information about course progression. It also includes information such as age, gender, race and health concerns as well as evaluative opinions.

3. What is the minimum age for giving consent for the use of personal information?

The minimum age for consent under FIPPA is sixteen (16) years.

4. Under FIPPA, what information can/must the institution share with a parent?

Parents are not entitled to the personal information of their children where a child is over the age of sixteen. Personal information may only be disclosed to a parent in accordance with the provisions of the Act which includes situations involving compelling circumstances affecting the personal health or safety of the student.

5. If your child chooses to waive their right to privacy they must:

- Provide consent in writing from their UWO.ca email address
- Specify the exact information that is to be shared. Students can not give blanket permission for faculty or staff to share personal information with a parent with the exception of invoicing and accounts summary information.
- Please be aware that all correspondence resulting from the disclosure request will include the student.