**MSU Course Grouping FERPA Release**

The [Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act](http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html) (FERPA) was passed in 1974. Generally, it is: "A federal law 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 and misleading data through informal and formal hearings."

Two key components of the law include:

* College students must be permitted to inspect their own education records
* School officials may not disclose personally identifiable information about students, nor permit inspection of their records, without **written permission** unless such action is covered by exceptions permitted by the Act. A notable exception is disclosing information to **school officials** determined by the institution to have a **legitimate educational interest.**

For this course, the instructor wishes to combine two course sections of XXX-123 into one Moodle course shell so that as questions and concerns on the homework problems are posted into the course forum, the students enrolled in both section have an opportunity to see and respond to the materials posted. In allowing this to occur students from one section will be able to see the names, locations, and e-mail addresses of students enrolled in the other section of this course.\*

* I have read the paragraph above and I consent to being grouped in Moodle with students in the other section of the class.
* I have read the paragraph above and I **do not** consent to being grouped in Moodle with students in the other section of the class.

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\* Each faculty member that wishes to group course sections needs to edit this paragraph to cover the details involved in their specific course.