

Newman Connection and FERPA

Here's What You Need To Know

We hear it all the time, “This sounds great, but I can’t share students’ information without a signed form, according to FERPA.” To this, we ask the school to confirm whether FERPA applies to their particular school.

If it does apply, here is some information that may be helpful to know about FERPA:

1. The type of information we share is categorized as “directory” information by FERPA ([see the last paragraph here](#)).
2. This means Newman Connection is simply a conduit of any information from your school to the campus minister.
3. Only two people will have access to your “directory” information: the campus minister and (potentially) a diocesan representative.

The only caveat? Schools must tell parents and students about “directory information” and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them.

[Here's an email template](#) you can use to send to your parents and students, giving them the opportunity to opt out of the program.

As always, please let me know if you need a hand with anything, and you are encouraged to confirm the approach outlined in this communication with your school legal counsel.

God Bless,

The Newman Connection Team

