What is FERPA?

FERPA stands for Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. This law, passed by US Congress, protects your right of privacy regarding education records. This means that others can NOT access your personal information without permission, unless it is considered “directory information.” For more details, please click here.

These rights belong to you, not your parents. However, if you were claimed as a dependent on your parents’ income taxes last year, then BYU MAY release information to them with proper documentation. The best option is to give your parents guest access to your records.

Guest Access

Guest Access allows you to give another person proxy access to your BYU information. You can grant access to selected information including your Financial and Personal information, so your proxy may conduct business on your behalf, such as:

- Housing/meal plan payments
- Updating contact information
- Discussing class schedule with an academic advisor

To grant guest access, the person will need to create a Net ID and then you can follow the directions on the Guest Access website.

For more questions, visit the "Help" tab at guestaccess.byu.edu.