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I. Policy

The Student Disability Resource Center communicates primarily with the student when the student is 18 years or older. In addition, colleges adhere to a legal requirement called FERPA which protects the rights of the student.

While students may choose to sign a waiver allowing the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) staff to speak with parents, our staff still communicates primarily with the student.

II. Procedure

SDRC communicates primarily with the student when the student is 18 years old or older. In addition, college adhere to a legal requirement called FERPA which protects the rights of the student. While parents or other advocates in a student's life may have communicated on the student's behalf in high school, college is a different environment in which each student needs to grow and develop their self-advocacy skills.

While students may choose to sign a waiver allowing SDRC staff to speak with your parents, a waiver does not affect how we communicate. We still communicate primarily with the student. We recommend that you discuss college life with your student if you are interested in knowing about his/ her/ their experiences. A student may sign a waiver by coming to 112A LeConte between the hours of 8:30am- 5:30pm and asking for a waiver. A waiver must be signed by the student for each separate instance of communicate with a parent or any party other than the student.

III. Reason for Revision

Policy was revised on February 8, 2019 in order to reflect changes in communication mediums and procedural changes.