



# **STUDENT PRIVACY COMPASS**

## **Student Privacy 101**

# FERPA: Legal Compliance Overview



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## STUDENT PRIVACY 101: LEGAL COMPLIANCE

# Privacy & Security Risks



# Transparency and Trust



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## STUDENT PRIVACY 101: TRANSPARENCY

# Activity



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# What is PII?



FERPA defines PII as “information that, alone or in combination is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty.”

Any information that is linked or linkable back to a particular student.

This can include:

- **Information that is directly about the student**, like their full name, student ID number, or social security number.
- **Information that is indirectly about the student**, like their date of birth, their ethnicity, or extracurricular activities.

Basically, if you can fairly accurately guess or figure out who the student is, than the information is PII.

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## **Instructions:**

**Go to this Google sheet:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rXFViG10lYbArYUcoaXvbTHX467qlXFkj3XlVj4E7uQ/copy>

**Delete the PII!**

# Reflection



1. How is your school or school district doing complying with privacy laws? Are they going beyond what laws require to address privacy and security risks, or to be transparent and built trust? Talk with a colleague and compare your opinions.
2. What can you do to help your school go beyond compliance?