

FERPA Posture Statement (public-ready)

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Encephlo and FERPA

FERPA (the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) governs how education records may be shared. There is no such thing as a "FERPA certification"; what matters is how a vendor actually handles education records. Here is how Encephlo does.

How data enters Encephlo. Professors adopt Encephlo course by course. Students create their own accounts using an invite code and generate their own tutoring conversations. Where a professor's adoption causes Encephlo to process education records, we operate as a **school official with a legitimate educational interest**, under the institution's direct control with respect to those records, and we will sign a Data Processing Addendum saying exactly that.

What we do with education records. We process them for one purpose: providing the tutoring service the professor configured. We do not sell them, do not use them for advertising, do not use them to train AI models, and do not redisclose them except as the institution directs or the law requires.

What professors see. Aggregated, class-level insights: topics students ask about, where the class is struggling, engagement over time. Professors do not read individual students' conversation transcripts. Students are told this too.

Student rights. Students (and institutions on their behalf) may request access to, correction of, or deletion of their data at any time by contacting the founder directly.

Questions. suraj@encephlo.com — you will reach the person who wrote the code, usually same day.