



Academic Assessment and FERPA at Palm Beach State College

Assessment is vital to the College's continuous improvement, and student input is an important part of the assessment process. All academic programs, including General Education, have student learning outcomes which are assessed periodically. Student work in various classes may be used for such an assessment. Student anonymity is assured and grades will not be affected. In addition, students may be asked to participate in focus groups, complete questionnaires, or contribute in some other way to the assessment process. Students may contact the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness at ire@palmbeachstate.edu with questions, concerns, and comments about the use of academic work in assessment activities. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) authorizes the use of student records for internal assessment purposes.