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The [Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#) (FERPA) provides students with certain rights regarding their educational records. In addition, parents/guardians are not able to obtain information regarding their participant's academic performance or standing without prior authorization from the participant. Verto requests that all participants sign our [Academic Provider's FERPA waiver](#) as part of their onboarding paperwork, in order for Verto staff to be able to engage parents/guardians in discussions around individual financial needs, performance, and success during the study abroad experience. Participants have the right not to sign this waiver. Verto will respect participants' FERPA rights where permission to share information has not been obtained. Verto reserves the right to connect with a participant's listed Emergency Contact(s) if a significant event arises that jeopardizes their physical or emotional safety and well-being.