

**C. PRIVACY, SECURITY AND RETENTION  
OF PUBLIC SCHOOL  
AUTOMATED STUDENT RECORDS**

## **Privacy, Security and Retention of Public School Automated Student Records**

The following procedures shall be implemented by the Florida Department of Education for the privacy, security and retention of public school student records collected, maintained and utilized at the state level.

### **Privacy of Student Records**

Individual, personally identifiable student records collected and maintained by the Florida Department of Education shall be accessible only to authorized state education officials for the purposes of auditing, monitoring and evaluation of state and federal education programs, or for the completing of federal or state mandated activities requiring access to such records, as prescribed by Section 1002.22, F.S., 20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99. The Florida Department of Education shall not disclose personally identifiable, individual student records to any person, institution, agency or organization except as authorized by 20 U.S.C. 1232g, 34 CFR Part 99 and Section 1002.22, F.S. Personally identifiable, individual student records shall be utilized by the Florida Department of Education to only prepare and publish aggregate reports and analyses, and such personally identifiable, individual student records shall be destroyed in accordance with the records retention procedure prescribed below.

### **Data Security**

Access to individual student records will be stringently controlled through technical security conventions and procedures established by Northwest Regional Data Center. Appropriate computer passwords and Logon ID's shall be assigned to users in order to establish each user's data access authority only to the records or data elements required to complete federal or state mandated activities.

### **Records Retention**

Individual, personally identifiable student records shall be destroyed according to a records retention schedule established by the Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, Records Management Program, consistent with the requirements of Section 257.36, F.S. Personally identifiable student records shall be maintained for five years or until applicable federal or state audit functions have been completed, at which time all such records shall be destroyed except for those required for the evaluation of state or federal education programs. Personally identifiable, individual student records maintained for the evaluation of state or federal education programs shall be destroyed when no longer required.