

SUBJECT
**Student Academic Records
(Freedom of Information)**
BACKGROUND

Northern College must respect the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), last amended April 19, 2021. The purpose of this legislation is both to open a window on government and to ensure that the privacy of all residents is protected.

The Act has two main objectives:

1. It provides all persons with a legal right of access to information contained in the records of government ministries, agencies, boards, commissions and corporations.
2. It sets out the standards of privacy protection that must be met by all of these institutions when they collect, use and disclose information of a personal nature.

The Act, therefore, provides a balance between allowing the widest possible access to government information and respecting the right of each individual to personal privacy.

POLICY

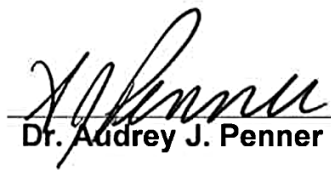
Information is collected from applicants and students by Northern College under the legal authority of the Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Act (ONCAAT Act), 2002 and Ontario Regulation 34/03. The information is used for the administration and statistical purposes of the College and/or the ministries and agencies of the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada.

SCOPE

For students, the purpose of FIPPA is to protect the privacy of individuals with respect to personal information about themselves held by institutions and to provide individuals with a right of access to that information.

Information published by Northern College in brochures, information booklets and manuals does not fall under the Act and can be publicly distributed.

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APPROVED BY PRESIDENT

 Dr. Audrey J. Penner


 Date

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Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), R.S.O. 1990, and amendments, published by the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Ministry of Colleges and Universities Act R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 272, S.5, Regulation 640.

Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Act (ONCAAT Act), 2002 and Ontario Regulation 34/03

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