

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

Student Name:

Date of Birth: Year of Graduation:

High School: ☐ Argosy Collegiate ☐ Durfee ☐ New Bedford High School

STUDENT CERTIFICATION

As an Early student, I understand that it is my responsibility to:

- abide by all program rules and regulations including Bristol Community College's Student Code of Conduct
- maintain a GPA of 2.0 at BRISTOL to continue in the Early College program

I certify that I have read the Early College Acknowledgment Form and assume the responsibilities set forth as an Early College student. Further, by signing this form, I consent to the reproduction and/or use of photographs of me in all forms of media and in all manners including display, editorial, art and exhibition unless the "NO" box is checked. ☐ NO

FERPA Acknowledgment

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) serves to protect the privacy of students' educational records. By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the information regarding FERPA on page two of this form and I understand what it means for me as a Bristol Early College student.

By typing my name below as follows (/s/ Full Name), I understand and agree that my electronic signature is the legal equivalent of my handwritten signature on this document. I further agree that my signature on this document is as valid as if I signed the document in writing.

Student Signature Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION

As the parent/guardian of the Early College student named above:

- I acknowledge that college course content may include information intended for mature individuals, of a graphic or explicit nature, or otherwise not suitable for young students. I give permission for my student to be exposed to such material and to hold Bristol harmless and not at fault.
- I acknowledge that Bristol Community College faculty do not have the same state-mandated reporting requirements as K-12 teachers.
- I understand that some courses will be held on a Bristol campus and may require the arrangement of transportation.
- I approve my student to participate in the Early College program and acknowledge that my student must abide by all program rules and regulations, including Bristol Community College's Student Code of Conduct.

By typing my name below as follows (/s/ Full Name), I understand and agree that my electronic signature is the legal equivalent of my handwritten signature on this document. I further agree that my signature on this document is as valid as if I signed the document in writing.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date



Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

What Educational Records Are

Under FERPA, education records are defined as records that are directly related to a student and are maintained by an educational agency or institution, or by a party acting for the agency or institution. They can exist in any medium, including: typed, handwritten, digital, computer-generated, videotape, audiotape, film, microfilm, microfiche, and email, among others.

Disclosure of Education Records

Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):

- School officials with legitimate educational interest
- Other schools to which a student is transferring
- Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school
- Accrediting organizations
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena
- Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies
- State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law

Bristol does not usually disclose information from education records to a student's parents or guardians unless the student requests or consents to the disclosure. A student can consent to disclose records to parents or other parties by completing a [Student Education Record Disclosure](#) found under the student services tab in AccessBCC. In certain situations, appropriate Bristol officials may disclose information when such disclosure seems important for the well-being of the student or others (e.g., in a health or safety emergency).

Dual Enrollment/Early College Students

If a student is attending a post-secondary institution - at any age - the rights under FERPA have transferred to the student. However, in a situation where a student is enrolled in both a high school and a post-secondary institution, the two schools may exchange information on that student. If the student is under 18, the parents still retain the rights under FERPA at the high school and may inspect and review any records sent by the post-secondary institution to the high school.

For more information about FERPA, please click here:

<https://bristolcc.edu/learnatbristol/academicresources/registrarrecords/ferpa/index.html>

