

## **Assurances of Equal Protection and Safety**

Middle College High School affirms that all school-aged children have a right to a public education. New Mexico law requires that all students and staff be afforded a safe and secure learning environment pursuant to the Safe Schools for All Students Act.

## Protected Information

Federal law restricts schools from sharing personal information contained in educational records. Under the Federal Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA), educational institutions shall not release educational records or students' personally identifying information without the written consent of the student's parents.

## **Protected Areas**

Adhering to guidance from the New Mexico State Attorney General's Office, while any portion of a school campus that is open and accessible to the general public also allows for the lawful presence of law enforcement personnel, non-public areas of a school may not be accessed unless invited in by a school administrator or unless there is a genuine public safety emergency creating an exigency to save the life or health of students or staff. Absent a genuine public safety emergency, it is only pursuant to a judicial warrant or court order that school officials would have an obligation to allow police officers or immigration officials into the non-public areas of the school.

Should any specific questions or concerns arise, please contact the administration of Middle College High School for additional information or resources.