Learning Genie is FERPA-compliant

Services Learning Genie Provides

Learning Genie provides an online service through mobile app and a web portal for teachers to document, store, organize observation notes of children which may associate with developmental domains and other specific measures. It also facilitates teachers to directly assess or rate children’s development outcomes based on the data teachers collected. Teachers could selectively share those observations including descriptive words, pictures, video and other information with parents. Furthermore, Learning Genie provides a dashboard for teachers, and school district administrators to monitor the progress of the assessment from a class to the entire school district, make modifications and view general statistics of the aggregated data.

What is FERPA?

FERPA stands for Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. It is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. Basically, subject to exceptions, schools cannot share student information without parent written consent. There are two common exceptions: the “Directory Information” and the “School Official exceptions”.

How does Learning Genie maintain FERPA-compliance?

Under FERPA, schools or school districts can use the “School Official” exception to share some information with third party providers as long as the provider:

1. Performs an institutional service or function for which the school or district would otherwise use its own employee;

2. Has been determined to meet the criteria set forth in the school’s or districts annual notification of FERPA rights for being a school official with a legitimate educational interest in the education records;

3. Is under the direct control of the school or district with regard to the use and maintenance of education records; and

4. Uses education records only for authorized purposes and may not re-disclose PII from education records to other parties.

Learning Genie’s Term of Use and Private Policy support all the above. Learning Genie aims to help schools and educators improve productivity in conducting teaching activities and provides a legitimate educational function. Student’s academic education data will be stored in our system according to the license and/or DOE regulations and will be destroyed after the required storage period. In addition, our policies confirm that no personally identifiable information will be shared with any other third parties unless they support the Learning Genie operations and service to our customers. Learning Genie provides a secure online environment and puts privacy and data integrity and security as top priority.

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