The Virtual Classroom and FERPA FAQs

Q1: What is FERPA?

A: FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, is a federal law passed in 1974 and codified as $20\,U.S.C.$ § 1232g. The law protects the privacy of personally identifiable information in

Q4e: If I want to share a recording created by students as a course assignment where student images and voices are recorded and/or student-created project materials are displayed, do I need FERPA consent from each student to do so?

A: If the recording will be made available ONLY to the students in the class to watch or re-watch, a FERPA consent from each student is not required. However, instructors are strongly encouraged specifically note in the course syllabus that recordings will be shared with the class.

The CSU FERPA Consent and Permission Related to Classroom Recordings and Project Materials is available here:

To ensure compliance with FERPA, instructors are strongly encouraged to place recordings of virtual

accordance with the Code.

Q8. Are there any settings in Zoom that allow an instructor to limit screen-sharing capabilities? A: Yes, the Zoom screen-sharing setting within the account is automatically defaulted to This setting gives the host sole ability to share content within their class/meeting by default.

Q9. Can I give my students the