Parental Notification Policy

1. The University of San Francisco understands that parents and guardians play a central role in the continuing development and education of their college students and hopes to work in partnership with them in this essential enterprise. We also recognize that students have specific rights and expectations in terms of their privacy. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the University has established the following guidelines for notifying parents or legal guardians when there is concern for the health and welfare of the student, including situations involving medical transportation and treatment, and serious or repeated violations of alcohol and/or drug policies.

2. The Vice Provost for Student Development or designee has the authority to determine when and by what means to notify parents or legal guardians without a student’s consent when a student under the age of 21 is found to have violated any law or University rule or policy related to the possession, use, sale, or distribution of alcohol or illicit drugs.

3. Nothing in these guidelines shall prevent University officials from notifying parents or legal guardians of students under the age of 21 of health or safety emergencies, including situations requiring medical transport and treatment, regardless of the disciplinary status of the student. When the University intends to contact a student’s parents, it will first attempt to notify the student of its intent.

4. The Vice Provost for Student Development or designee reserves the right to notify a parent or legal guardian without a student’s consent under the following circumstances:
   a. The violation involved harm or threat of harm to the student, other persons, or campus property;
   b. The student has shown a pattern of behavior or violations that indicate a potential physical or psychological problem;
   c. The student who committed the violation required medical attention as a result of the consumption of alcohol and/or illicit drugs.