Office of
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Exceptional Support Branch

Classroom Observations and Updates

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FERPA Review as it relates to Classroom Observations

- Protects interest of a child’s educational record
- Does not protect confidential information in general
- Applies to tangible records/information from tangible records
- Prohibits disclosure of personally identifiable information in educational records
Classroom Observations

- IDEA - no entitlement and no prohibition
- FERPA - no entitlement and no prohibition
- HIDOE Request for Observation Form
  - Purpose
  - Protect the rights of students
  - Third party observation requires parent consent
Classroom Observations

- Follow School’s visitor policy
- Accompany observer
- Protect PII (e.g. posted or discussed)
- Mutually agreed upon time
- Consider alternate or structured observations
Other Special Education Updates
ARP IDEA Projects

- 31 Projects
- All Districts
- Over $5 million allocated
Summer Learning Opportunities for SWD

- Access to 2022 Summer Learning Programs
- Funding to support access
- Extended School Year
- Specialized Support Programs to SWDs

[Hawaii DOE | 2021 Summer learning dashboard](#)
Review & Analysis - Dispute Resolution System

- WestEd Analysis
  - Review documents including website
  - Conduct surveys/interviews
  - Recommendations for improvements