

HIGHER EDUCATION FACTSHEET

There are many regulatory requirements that institutions of higher education must meet to ensure the privacy, security, and confidentiality of PII and information security in general, including:

- + **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**. It prevents institutions from disclosing education records or student PII without written consent; It can become incredibly challenging to identify where data needs to be protected because of the large number of applications that must integrate into your student record management system.
- + **Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA 2014)**. Requires Federal data to be secure; this is especially important for research institutions performing research on behalf of the federal government.
- + **Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA)**. Requires “financial institutions,” including colleges and universities, to ensure the security and confidentiality of customer(Student) PII; unlike violations to FERPA, the Department of Education has restricted institutional access to federal financial aid where egregious violations have occurred.
- + **Payment Card Industry (PCI)** compliance requires “merchants,” protect cardholder data and ensure the security of the entire payment pipeline.
- + **Privacy requirements such as HIPAA, COPPA, CCPA, GDPR, LGPD**, and many other state and country-specific requirements may apply depending on the type of data the institution stores or processes and the residence of the data subject for which institution is storing and or processing that data.

Modus Create can help you navigate the complex regulatory environment in which higher education institutions must abide by holistically reviewing the security of processes, people, and technology that enable modern pedagogy.

We do this by identifying how data is used by the institution, identifying what specific requirements apply, what gaps exist, then provide you with a prioritized recommendation report guiding your institution to reduce risk, prevent data breaches, and achieve compliance.