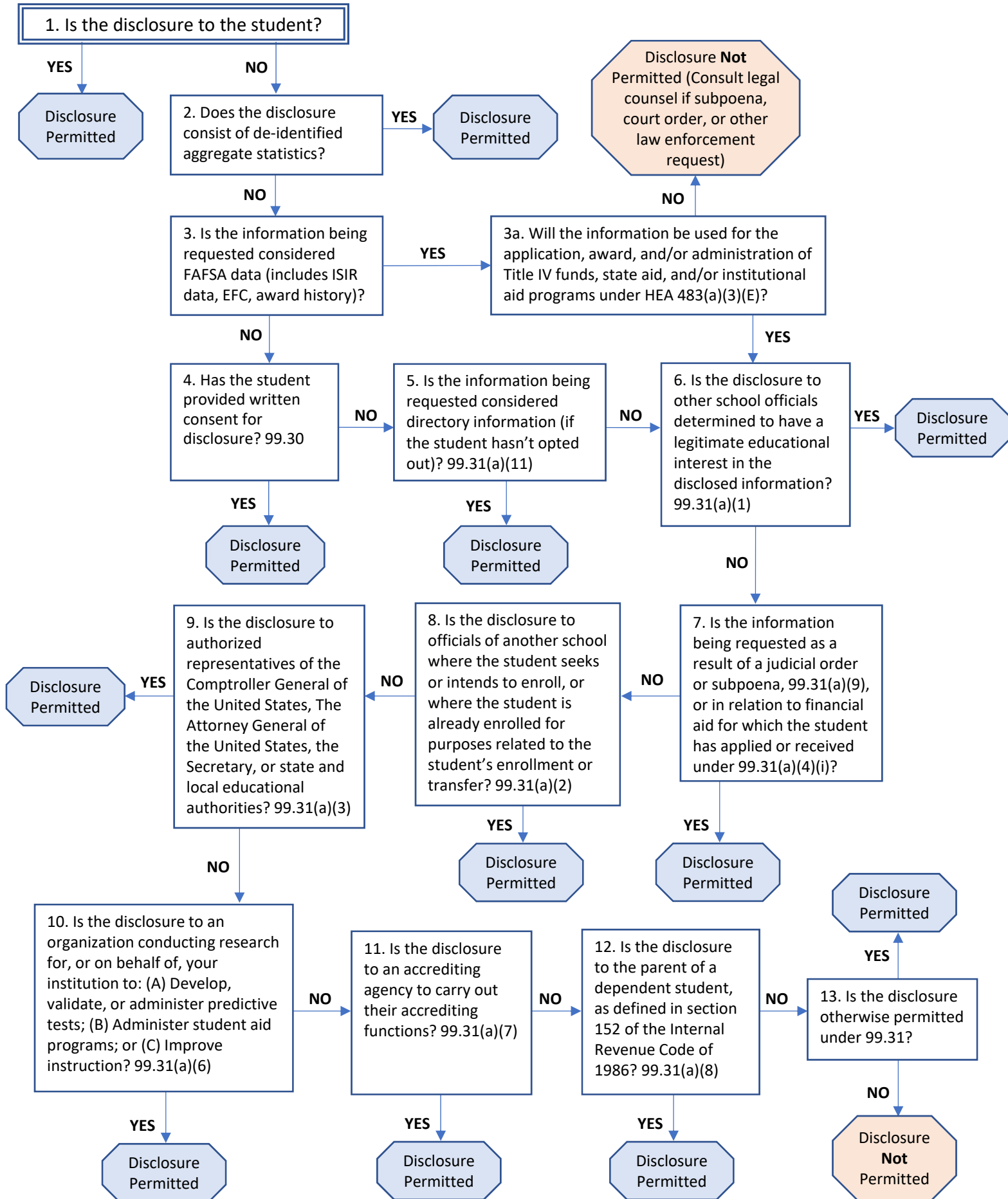


Data Sharing Decision Tree





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This decision tree is intended to assist financial aid administrators in their evaluation of the permissibility of common data requests under HEA 483(a)(3)(E) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. It does not include data requests under 485B(d)(2) of the HEA, which prohibits the use of NSLDS data for non-governmental research and marketing purposes, or the Privacy Act, which applies to the Department's student records to prevent the improper release of government-held student personally-identifiable information.

For further discussion and references, please see NASFAA's white paper [Financial Aid Data Sharing](#) and the Department of Education's paper [Guidance on the Use of Financial Aid Information for Program Evaluation and Research](#).