

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Book	Policy Manual
Section	200 Pupils
Title	Confidential Communications of Students
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Purpose

The Board recognizes that certain written and oral communications between students and school personnel must be kept confidential.

Authority

The Board directs school personnel to comply with all federal and state laws, regulations and Board policy concerning confidential communications of students.

Guidelines

Information received in confidence from a student may be revealed to the student's parent/guardian, building principal or other appropriate authority by the staff member who received the information when the health, welfare or safety of the student or other persons clearly is in jeopardy.[\[1\]](#)

Use of a student's confidential communications to school personnel in legal proceedings is governed by laws and regulations appropriate to the proceedings.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

In qualifying circumstances, a staff member may reveal confidential information to the building principal and other appropriate authorities.

In qualifying circumstances, the building principal may reveal confidential information to a student's parent or legal guardian and other appropriate authorities, including law enforcement personnel.

Legal	1. 22 PA Code 12.12
	2. 42 Pa. C.S.A. 5945
	3. 42 Pa. C.S.A. 8337