



Title: **Confidential Communications of Students**

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Purpose

The Board recognizes that some written and oral communications between students and school personnel are confidential.

Authority

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

Guidelines

Information received in confidence from a student may be revealed 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 statutes 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, Superintendent or designee may reveal confidential information to a student's parents or legal guardians and other appropriate authorities, including law enforcement personnel.

Adopted: **July 23, 2002**

Legal References:

- [1. 22 PA Code 12.12](#)
 - [2. 42 Pa. C.S.A. 5945](#)
 - [3. 42 Pa. C.S.A. 8337](#)
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