



SECTION: STUDENTS

POLICY: 207

**TITLE: CONFIDENTIAL
COMMUNICATIONS OF STUDENTS**

ORIGINAL: April 23, 2007

CURRENT REVISION: April 5, 2021

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COMMITTEE:**

I. PURPOSE

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

II. DEFINITIONS

Confidential communication is information revealed during a private conference/conversation that the student does not appear to want revealed to others.

III. POLICY

- A. The Board directs school personnel to comply with all federal and state laws, regulations and Board policy concerning confidential communications of students.
- B. 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.
- C. Use of a student's confidential communications to school personnel in legal proceedings is governed by statutes and regulations appropriate to the proceedings.

IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

- A. In qualifying circumstances, a staff member may reveal confidential information to the building principal and other appropriate authorities.
- B. In qualifying circumstances, the building principal, Superintendent, or designated administrator may reveal confidential information to a student's parent/guardian and other appropriate authorities, including law enforcement personnel.

V. REFERENCES

42 Pa. C.S.A. 5945
42 Pa. C.S.A. 8337
22 PA Code 12.12