

Policy Guide



Policy No. 207

Section PUPILS

Title CONFIDENTIAL
COMMUNICATIONS OF
STUDENTS

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POLICY NO. 207 CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OF STUDENTS	
Section 1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>The Board recognizes that certain written and oral communications between students and school personnel are required by law to be maintained as confidential.</p>
Section 2	<p><u>Authority</u></p> <p>The Board directs school personnel to comply with all federal and state laws, regulations and Board policy concerning confidential communications with students.</p>
Section 3	<p><u>Guidelines</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Use of a student's confidential communications to school personnel in legal proceedings is governed by laws and regulations appropriate to the proceedings.</p>
	<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.12</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.12 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5945, 8337</p>

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Section 4

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/guardian and other appropriate authorities, including law enforcement personnel.

References:

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.12

Confidential Communications to School Personnel – 42 Pa.
C.S.A. Sec. 5945

PA Civil Immunity of School Officers/Employees Relating to
Drug and Alcohol Abuse – 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec 8337