POLICY NO. 207
CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OF STUDENTS

Section 1 Purpose
The Board recognizes that certain written and oral communications between students and school personnel are required by law to be maintained as confidential.

Section 2 Authority
The Board directs school personnel to comply with all federal and state laws, regulations and Board policy concerning confidential communications with students.

Section 3 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.

Use of a student's confidential communications to school personnel in legal proceedings is governed by laws and regulations appropriate to the proceedings.

Title 22 Sec. 12.12
42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5945, 8337
### 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