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| Book    | Policy Manual                           |
| Section | 200 Pupils                              |
| Title   | Confidential Communications of Students |
| Code    | 207                                     |
| Status  | Draft                                   |

### **Purpose**

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

### **Authority**

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

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

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| Legal | <a href="#">1. 22 PA Code 12.12</a>   |
|       | <a href="#">2. 42 Pa. C.S.A. 5945</a> |
|       | <a href="#">3. 42 Pa. C.S.A. 8337</a> |