

Book	Policy Manual
Section	200 Pupils
Title	Confidential Communications of Students
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### **Purpose**

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

### **Authority**

The Joint Operating Committee directs personnel to comply with all federal and state laws and regulations and Joint Operating Committee policy and administrative regulations concerning confidential communications of students.[\[1\]](#)

### **Guidelines**

Information received in confidence from a student may be revealed to the student's parent/guardian, building administrator 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.[\[2\]](#)

Use of a student's confidential communications to school personnel in legal proceedings is governed by laws and regulations appropriate to the proceedings.[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

In qualifying circumstances, a staff member may reveal confidential information to the Administrative Director and other appropriate authorities.

In qualifying circumstances, the Administrative Director may reveal confidential information to a student's parent/guardian and other appropriate authorities, including law enforcement personnel.

Legal	1. 24 P.S. 1850.1
	2. 22 PA Code 12.12
	3. 42 Pa. C.S.A. 5945
	4. 42 Pa. C.S.A. 8337