

# STATE COLLEGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: CONFIDENTIAL  
COMMUNICATIONS OF  
STUDENTS

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207. CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OF STUDENTS	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that certain written and oral communications between students and school personnel must be confidential.
2. Authority	The Board directs school personnel to comply with all federal and state laws, regulations and Board policy concerning confidential communications of students.
3. Guidelines Title 22 Sec. 12.12	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.
Title 22 Sec. 12.12 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5945, 8337	Use of a student's confidential communications to school personnel in legal proceedings is governed by laws and regulations appropriate to the proceedings.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>Counselors have a responsibility to protect private information received through confidential relationships with students and private information they receive about students from parents or guardians, professionals outside of schools and other school staff members. Professional school counselors inform students of the limits of confidentiality such as the possible necessity for consulting with other professionals, privileged communication, and legal or authoritative restraints.</p> <p>In qualifying circumstances, a staff member may reveal confidential information to the building principal or principal designee and other appropriate authorities.</p> <p>In qualifying circumstances, the building principal or principal designee may reveal confidential information to a student's parent/guardian and other appropriate authorities, including law enforcement personnel.</p> <p>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 or Alcohol Abuse – 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8337</p>

