

A. W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

SECTION: PUPILS
 TITLE: CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OF STUDENTS
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207. Confidential Communications of Students

1. Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee recognizes that certain written and oral communications between students and school personnel are required by law to be maintained as confidential.

2. Authority

The Joint Operating Committee directs school personnel to comply with all federal and state laws, regulations and Joint Operating Committee 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, certified building administration 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 statutes and regulations appropriate to the proceedings of each student.

4. (Delegation of) Responsibility

In qualifying circumstances, a staff member may reveal confidential information to the certified building administration.

In qualifying circumstances, the certified administrator or designee may reveal confidential information to a student's parent or legal 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 SA. Sec 5945

PA Civil Immunity of School Officers/Employees relating to drug or alcohol abuse. - 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8337