



**NORTH ALLEGHENY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SECTION:	PUPILS
TITLE:	CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENTS' COMMUNICATIONS
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207 - CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENTS' COMMUNICATIONS

Section 1. Purpose

The Board recognizes that particular written and oral communications between students and North Allegheny School District personnel must be confidential.

Section 2. Authority

The Board directs the personnel of the North Allegheny School District to comply with all federal and state laws, regulations and Board policy concerning confidential communications of students.

Section 3. Guidelines

- a. Information acquired from a student in confidence by a counselor, school nurse, or school psychologist, while in the course of his/her professional duties shall be considered privileged information to the extent that it cannot be divulged in any legal proceeding without the consent of the student if the student is eighteen (18) years of age or over, or without the consent of the student's parents if the student is under the age of eighteen (18) years of age.
- b. Information received in confidence from a student may be revealed without the student's consent to the student's parents, teachers or principals when the health, welfare, or safety of the student or other person clearly is in jeopardy.
- c. An exception to the above is information revealed by the student concerning child abuse, neglect, or injury, which the recipient is under legal duty to report to the authorities.
- d. Use of a student's confidential communications to school personnel in legal proceeding is governed by statues and regulations appropriate to the proceedings.

Section 4. Delegation of Authority

- a. In qualifying circumstances, as listed in the guidelines above, a school

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personnel may reveal confidential information to the building principal and other appropriate authorities.

- b. In qualifying circumstances, as listed in the guidelines above, the building principal may reveal confidential information to a student's parent or legal guardian and other appropriate authorities, including law enforcement personnel.
- c. Information revealed by the student concerning child abuse, neglect, or injury, which the recipient is under legal duty to report to the authorities.

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

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