

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: CONFIDENTIAL
COMMUNICATIONS OF
STUDENTS

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<p>207. CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OF STUDENTS</p>	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board recognizes that certain written and oral communications between students and school personnel must be confidential.</p>
<p>2. Authority</p>	<p>The Board directs school personnel to comply with all federal and state laws, regulations and Board policy concerning confidential communications of students.</p>
<p>3. Guidelines Title 22 Sec. 12.12</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 12.12 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5945, 8337</p>	<p>Use of a student's confidential communications to school personnel in legal proceedings is governed by laws, regulations, and case law appropriate to the proceedings.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>In qualifying circumstances, a staff member may reveal confidential information to the building principal and other appropriate authorities.</p> <p>In qualifying circumstances, the building principal, Superintendent, designated administrator may reveal confidential information to a student's parent/guardian and other appropriate authorities, including law enforcement personnel.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.12</p> <p>Confidential Communications to School Personnel – 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5945</p> <p>PA Civil Immunity of School Officers/Employees Relating to Drug or Alcohol Abuse – 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8337</p>