

# SOUTHERN FULTON 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	In qualifying circumstances, a staff member may reveal confidential information to the building principal and other appropriate authorities.
	The Administrative Team will be the designated agency officials who have responsibility for ensuring confidentiality.
	In qualifying circumstances, the building principal may reveal confidential information to a student's parent/guardian and other appropriate authorities, including law enforcement personnel.
20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g 34 CFR Part 99	If the agency reported a crime committed by a child with a disability, the agency will ensure that copies of the special education and disciplinary records of the child were transmitted properly and only to the extent that the transmission is permitted by the FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act).

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

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g

Family Educational Rights and Privacy, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Part 99