

NORTHERN LEHIGH 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 appropriated 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.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	In qualifying circumstances, a staff member may reveal confidential information to the building principal and other appropriate authorities. In qualifying circumstances, the building principal or designated administrator may reveal confidential information to a student's parent/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.S.A. Sec. 6945

PA Civil Immunity of School Officers/Employees Relating to Drug or Alcohol Abuse – 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8337