

# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: 200 Pupils

TITLE: Confidential  
Communications About Student  
Information

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## 207 CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT STUDENT INFORMATION

### **Purpose**

The School Reform Commission recognizes that certain written and oral communications between students and school personnel must be confidential.

### **Authority**

The SRC directs school personnel to comply with all federal and state laws, including FERPA, regulations and SRC policy concerning confidential communications of students.

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.[\[1\]](#)

Use of a student's confidential communications to school personnel in legal proceedings is governed by laws and regulations appropriate to the proceedings.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)\_\_\_\_\_

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

In qualifying circumstances, a staff member may reveal confidential information to the building principal and other appropriate authorities.

In qualifying circumstances, when the student or another person's health, welfare or safety are in jeopardy, the building principal may reveal confidential information to a student's parent/guardian and other appropriate authorities, including law enforcement personnel.

### **Legal References:**

1. 22 PA Code 12.12
2. 42 Pa. C.S.A. 5945
3. 42 Pa. C.S.A. 8337