

UPPER BUCKS COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: CONFIDENTIAL
COMMUNICATIONS OF
STUDENTS

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207. CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OF STUDENTS	
1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee recognizes that certain written and oral communications between students and school personnel must be confidential.
2. Authority SC 1850.1	The Joint Operating Committee directs personnel to comply with all federal and state laws and regulations and Joint Operating Committee 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 administrator 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 statutes and regulations appropriate to the proceedings.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	In qualifying circumstances, a staff member may reveal confidential information to the building administrator and other appropriate authorities. In qualifying circumstances, the building administrator may reveal confidential information to a student's parent/guardian and other appropriate authorities, including law enforcement personnel.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1850.1

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

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.12