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Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee recognizes that certain written and oral communications between students and school personnel must be confidential.

Authority

The Joint Operating Committee directs personnel to comply with all federal and state laws and regulations and Joint Operating Committee policy **and administrative regulations** concerning confidential communications of students.[\[1\]](#)

Guidelines

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.[\[2\]](#)

Use of a student's confidential communications to school personnel in legal proceedings is governed by **laws** and regulations appropriate to the proceedings.[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

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.