

***Confidentiality of Communications***

The Board of Education recognizes that students retain some legitimate expectation of privacy regarding their communications with District professional and administrative personnel. In order to provide an atmosphere of trust that will encourage students with problems to seek appropriate aid from qualified District personnel, communications of a confidential nature between students and professional and administrative staff regarding sensitive issues such as alcohol or drug use, pregnancy, abortion, etc. shall be kept confidential.

If the professional staff member believes that a student's life or physical well being may be in danger, the building principal or his/her designee shall be immediately consulted. The student's parents and appropriate agencies will be immediately notified if there is reason to believe that the student is in danger or that a crime has been or may have been committed.

Reasonable attempts shall be made to encourage the student to communicate with his/her parents or other appropriate individual regarding the situation. However, except as provided above, the confidentiality of the student shall be respected and the professional staff member shall not communicate with the student's parents with respect to such matters.