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
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
- Information received in confidence from a student may be revealed by the staff member who received the information when the health, welfare or safety of the student or other persons clearly is in jeopardy.

- 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 Administrative Director or designee may reveal confidential information to a student's parent or legal guardian and other appropriate authorities, including law enforcement personnel.