

## CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The board recognizes that school staff must exercise a delicate balance regarding the treatment of information that was revealed in confidence. A staff member may, in his/her professional judgment, treat information received from a student as confidential while at other times decide to disclose what was learned to the school administration, law enforcement officers (including child protective services), the county health department, or the student's parents. The staff member should advise the student regarding the limitations and restrictions regarding confidentiality. The student should be encouraged to reveal confidences to his/her parents. If the staff member intends to disclose the confidence, the student should be informed prior to such action.

Cross References:	Board Policy 2070	Substance Abuse Program
	3070	Student Records
	Procedures P4000-4	Public Access to District Records
	P5015-1	Confidential Communications Guidelines
Legal References:	RCW 26.44.030	Reports--Duty and authority to make
	WAC 246-100-071	Responsibility for reporting to and
		cooperating with the local health
		department

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