

Van Buren County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in May	Descriptor Term: Confidential Communication of Students	Descriptor Code: 6.4061	Issued Date: 06/17/99
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 The main purpose of confidentiality is to offer students a relationship in which they will be able to
2 deal with what concerns them without fear of disclosure. Therefore, it is the professional responsibility
3 of school personnel to respect fully the right of privacy of students.

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

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8 Use of student's confidential communications to school personnel in legal proceedings is governed
9 by statutes and regulations appropriate to the proceedings.

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11 In qualifying circumstances, a staff member may reveal confidential information to the building princi-
12 pal and other appropriate authorities who may reveal confidential information to a student's parents/
13 legal guardians and other appropriate authorities, including law enforcement personnel.

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