 **No. 205**

**SECTION: PUPILS**

**TITLE: CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OF STUDENTS**

**MEDICAL ACADEMY ADOPTED: 10/8/13**

**CHARTER SCHOOL REVISED:**

205. CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OF STUDENTS

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

The Board directs school personnel to comply with all federal and state laws, regulations and Board policy concerning confidential communications of students.

Information received in confidence from a student may be revealed to the student’s parent/guardian, administration 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.

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

In qualifying circumstances, a staff member may reveal confidential information to the administration and other appropriate authorities.

In qualifying circumstances, the administration may reveal confidential information to a student's parent/guardian and other appropriate authorities, including law enforcement personnel.

References:

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.12

Confidential Communications to School Personnel – 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5945

PA Civil Immunity of School Officers/Employees Relating to Drug or Alcohol Abuse – 42 Pa.

C.S.A. Sec. 8337