

REEDSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: CONFIDENTIALITY IN COUNSELING

CODE: IJA

The main purpose of confidentiality is to offer students a relationship in which they will be able to deal with what concerns them without fear of disclosure. Therefore, it will be the professional responsibility of school counselors to respect fully the right of privacy of those with whom they enter counseling relationships.

Confidentiality must not be abridged by the counselor except:

1. Where there is a clear and present danger to the client or to other persons;
2. To consult with other professionally competent persons when this is in the client's interests;
3. When the client waives this privilege in writing;
4. At the earliest time possible, as determined by the counselor, parents will be informed that their child is in counseling. When students are referred to an outside agency, the laws dealing with that agency's rights will then be enacted.

END OF POLICY

Legal References:	ORS 40.245	OAR 581-22-606
	ORS 336.185 - 336.215	OAR 581-22-610
		OAR 581-022-1510

General Education Provisions Act, as amended, 20 U.S.C., Section 1232 (g) (West 1982) Family Educational and Privacy Rights

General Education Provisions Act, as amended, 20 U.S.C., Section 1232 (h) (West 1982) "Hatch Amendment"

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