

Gresham-Barlow SD 10

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Confidentiality in Counseling**

The professional responsibility of school counselors is to respect the right to privacy of those whom they enter counseling relationships. Professional school counselors must keep abreast of and adhere to all laws, policies and ethical standards pertaining to confidentiality. The counselor must not abridge this confidentiality except when there is a clear and present danger to the student and/or other persons.

The professional school counselors' responsibilities include:

1. Notifying students, parent(s) and staff in developmentally appropriate terms of the limits of confidentiality;
2. Seeking consultation with appropriate professional (e.g., administrator, other counselors or legal counsel) when considering disclosure of confidential information;
3. Maintaining and securing records necessary for providing professional services as required by laws, district procedures and confidentiality guidelines. Student information stored and transmitted electronically is treated with the same care as traditional student records;
4. Making a reasonable effort to secure an appropriate physical space for delivery of services.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 40.245](#)
[ORS 326.565](#)
[ORS 326.575](#)

[ORS 336.187](#)

[OAR 581-022-1510](#)
[OAR 581-022-1660](#)

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2011); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2011).

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (2006); Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing, 34 C.F.R. Part 98 (2006).

Cross Reference(s):

IJ - Guidance Program
JO/IGBAB - Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities
JOA - Directory Information